
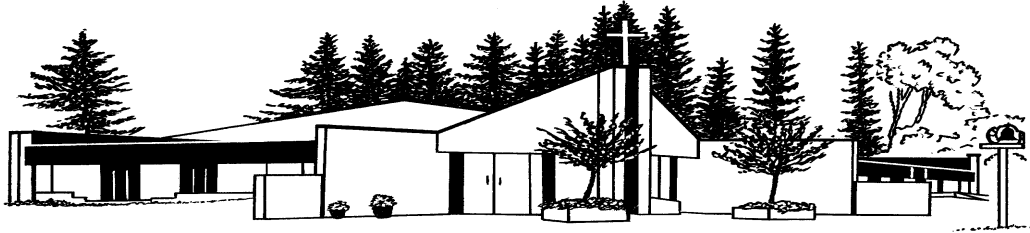


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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 10, 2017

Saturday, December 9, Mass for the December Intentions..... **5:00 pm**

Sunday, December 10, Mass for the Parish..... **9:30 am**

Monday, December 11, Mass for the Int. of Theresa West, rb Don West **8:45 am**

Tuesday, December 12 Mass for the Souls of Charlie & Ella West, rb West Family **8:45 am**

Wednesday, December 13 Mass for the Int. Richie Carter & Lucy Ghekiere, rb Carters'... **12:10 pm**

Thursday, December 14 Mass for the Souls of Florence & Herb Russell, rb Scott Family .. **9:00 am**

Friday, December 15 **NO MASS**

Ministry Schedule, December 16, &17, 2017

MINISTRY	Saturday, 5:00 pm	Sunday, 9:30am
Plate Minister	Sandi Waverek	TJ Higgins
Cup Minister	Brenda Van De Hey	Lois Zebro
	Dean Van De Hey	Jamie Miller
		Leah McGraw
		Deacon Floyd
Lector	Vicki Walbruch	Jack Fallon
	Peg Gebhardt	Andrea Wright
Greeter	Kay McIsaac/ Shannon Sommers	Kathy & Gabby LeDuc/ Fresa Tobiason
Server	Mike O'Neil	Zachary Lapke
	Olivia McRae	Carter Lapke

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec.	10	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
		Chaplet of Divine Mercy	9:10 am
		Religious Retirement Collection	
		Valley Voices Concert at Risen Christ	3:00 pm
		Evening Prayer	7:00 pm
	12	KC Ladies Dinner at Perkins	6:00 pm
		Knights of Columbus Meeting	6:30 pm
		Choir	7:00 pm
	13	Religious Formation, grades K-6.....	4:00 – 5:15 pm
		Youth Ministry, grades 7-12	6:30 – 8:30 pm
	14	Food and Fellowship, Evergreen Applebee's	11:30 am
		Advent Penance Service with individual confession.....	6:30 pm
	16	Chaplet of Divine Mercy	4:40 pm
	17	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
		Chaplet of Divine Mercy	9:10 am
		Christmas Food Baskets assembled and delivered.....	after Mass
		Light Parish Breakfast, sponsored by Knights of Columbus.....	after Mass
		Piano Recital by piano students of Maryruth Fallon at Risen Christ.....	1:00 pm
		Evening Prayer	7:00 pm
	19	Choir	7:00 pm
	20	Religious Formation, grades K-6.....	4:00 – 5:15 pm
		Youth Ministry, grades 7-12	6:30 – 8:30 pm
	23	Chaplet of Divine Mercy	4:40 pm
	24	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
		Chaplet of Divine Mercy	9:10 am

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

“Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry” writes a religious sister. Your gift to today’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Christmas Food Baskets will be assembled and delivered on Sunday, December 17th after Mass. We need help for assembly and delivery of the baskets. Call Julie Berquist, 253-4842 if you can donate a turkey or a ham. If you know of a family in need of a food basket for Christmas, please call Julie or the office.

RISEN CHRIST GIVING TREE

The Risen Christ Giving Tree will benefit the
Neighbors In Need Sleeping Bag and Tent Project.
 Cash donations are welcome and accepted through Advent!
 Please make checks payable to Risen Christ.



~OUR GIFT TO GOD ~

“Above all, let your love for one another be constant, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be mutually hospitable without complaining. As generous distributors of God’s manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another each in the measure he has received.”

(1 Peter 4:8-10)

Thanks to everyone who so generously supports our parish.
Your financial support enables us to continue the on-going work of our ministry.

December 2 & 3, 2017

Sunday Envelopes	\$7173
Building Envelopes	685
Holyday Envelopes	85
Christmas Envelopes	75
Mass & Stole Gifts	60
Total	\$8078

ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed 20 minutes prior to Saturday and Sunday
During advent sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Please sign up in the social area if you would like to lead the Chaplet.

There will be Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm on Sunday evenings during advent

Advent Penance Service—With Individual Confession, Thursday, December 14, 6:30 pm

PARENTS OF YOUNG VOICES

This Christmas, all young children are invited to process forward with Father Stan
to carry the “Baby Jesus” to the manger at the 6:30 pm Mass.

Children should gather in the church social area prior to Mass to prepare for entry, by
6:20 pm on Christmas Eve. We also invite all young children coming to the 6:30 pm
Christmas Eve Mass to sing “Away in a Manger” for one of the preludes. Please arrive
by 6:00 pm and gather in the entryway with Heidi Durbin, who will assist you. Following
the song you can walk back to prepare for processing with Father Stan.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers (teens, college students, or anyone that is young at heart)
to sing at the 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. There will be one rehearsal on
Wednesday, December 20th at 7 pm: If you would like to sing and can’t make that
practice, or have questions, please call Maryruth at 752-1490.

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE MONTH OF December, 2017

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FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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Howard and Lorraine Carter, rb Kimberly Carter

Jim Thomas, rb Bobbie Thomas

Poat & Roberts Family, rb Chris Beyer

Tracy Iano, rb John & Connie Babb

Ron Anderson, rb Larry & Betty Visocan

Jim Jensen, rb Jackie Jensen

Karel Barrett, rb Ken Barrett

Gary Luther, rb Bruce & Carol Trimble

Judy Carr, rb Reta Sweeney

FOR THE SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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Luke Frampton, rb Risen Christ Parish

VALLEY VOICES COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Valley Voices Community Choir, under the direction of our own Allyson Kuechmann, proudly presents: "Jingle All the Way". There will be two free performances!

Saturday, December 9th/7 pm at Flathead High School and

Sunday, December 10th/3 pm here at Risen Christ Church!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS

December 12, 6:00 pm there will be a Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Richard Parish, followed by dinner and celebration in the Pearce Center.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Our Finance Council members are:

Roger Ackerly, Peg Gebhardt, Christopher Gill, Loren Vranish

Wally Walbruch and John Gunnerson

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Your Pastoral Council is always interested in your concerns. Take your questions about the future of the parish, your hopes and needs, to a

Pastoral Council member:

Anne Mahoney, 257-2731 and Jamie Miller, 257-9636

THE PASTORALS ON SUNDAY

A week-by-week resource from the Pastoral Letters of the Bishops' of Rome, of the Second Vatican Council, and of the Bishops' Conference of the United States

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 The spirit of the Lord is upon me.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Do not stifle the spirit.
John: 1:6-8, 19-28 John was sent to testify to the light.

The questions put to John about his identity invite us to puzzle over our identity as individuals and as members of the body of Christ. Why am I here in this place and time? Who am I in relation to today's societal problems? What is the role of the parish to which I belong? What are we doing to "make straight the way of the Lord"?

The truth is that only in the mystery of the incarnate word does the mystery of humanity take on light. For Adam, the first person was a figure of him who was to come, namely Christ the Lord. Christ, the final Adam, by the revelation of the mystery of the father and his love, fully reveals humanity to humanity itself and makes its supreme calling clear. It is not surprising, then, that in him all the aforementioned truths find their root and attain their crown.

◆ Gaudium et Spes, 22

ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER

"Three to Get Married"

An overnight retreat for engaged couples will be held at Saint John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork on Friday, January 26th, 2018. Registration deadline is Monday, January 8th, 2018. Online registration is available at: <https://www.showmyevent.com> under the name "Three to Get Married". For more information please call the Parish Office at 837-4846.

RETROUVAILLE

Ursuline Centre – Great Falls, Montana - February 2-4, 2018

Not willing to let go of your marriage? Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope.

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit our website: www.retrouvailleMT.org or www.HelpOurMarriage.com

THANK YOU

Dear Friends from Risen Christ Catholic Church, Thank you so much for your generous donation of food to us. May God bless you all!
Samaritan House

FOR OUR YOUTH

CYRO WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY, Start your day in an unbelievable way! For all High School Youth, Grades 9-12 **Tuesdays**, 7:00 am at Wheat Montana, Kalispell

SAVE THE DATE-

The 41st Annual Diocesan CYC Convention, March 9-11, 2018!

HEART LOCKER

The Heart Locker takes in clothing for our homeless teens. Risen Christ parishioners have been very generous in delivering good, clean used clothing. If you have items to deliver, the location is 514 E. Washington St. right behind Taco Bell (use the door to the far left). The hours that donations are accepted are: Mondays and Tuesdays from 8 A.M. to 10 A.M. and Wednesdays from 3 P.M. to 6 P.M. The Heart Locker is not open on school holidays. If you have difficulty delivering your items, please bring them to church and let the secretaries know, and the clothing will be delivered. Risen Christ Parish's donations have been greatly appreciated through the years.

RISEN CHRIST GIFT SHOP

The Risen Christ gift shop (located in the hutch in the social area) is now open. If you would like to purchase anything, please see Andrea Wright or Connie McCubbins before or after weekend masses or the office during the week.

Thank you,

Thank you for letting us help make the food baskets for all the hungry families at Thanksgiving. We had fun counting out cans of veggies and soup, and cereal. We took our box and turkey to Great Aunt Sue and her mom. We made them happy with the sharing.
Bart and Lily Tobiason

CAMPBELL SOUP AND GENERAL MILLS LABELS

Please continue to save your Campbell Soup and "Big G for Education" labels for the St Paul's Indian Mission School in Hays MT and leave them in the box in the entry. For all Campbell Soup Company products, submit proof of purchase only (UPC code). For General Mills products, submit the box tops for education label.



RISEN CHRIST PRAYER LINE

Call **Lavine Heuscher**, 752-4007, to ask the Risen Christ Prayer Line to pray for individuals or community intentions or to join this important ministry.

FORMING A COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY

If there is a birth, a sickness or a death in our parish community, or that of someone you know, please call **Mary Sonju**, 250-8610. She will send a card, or a card and flowers if they're in the hospital. But we can't do it, unless you let us know



A CHRISTMAS PLEA FOR HELP

We have a unique situation with Christmas décor this year because the Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve. Fr. Stan has given permission to set up some of the spots ahead of time.

I will be preparing as much as possible ahead. I am asking if anyone can claim one of the areas and maybe even help prep that and set in the church without lighting things up until Christmas Eve. Some things will need to wait to set up until after that last Advent Mass.

AREAS THAT NEED TO BE ADOPTED

1. Outside shrubs need lighting, maybe a star on the wall.
2. Greeter Table and Gift Tableneeds to be done after last Mass (I have photos from last year)
3. Windows...Need boughs with lighting and hang the already made wreaths above.
4. Brick wall behind altar...Need lights with "sticks".
5. Tall banners...Need swags attached with lighting, some sprucing up of swags.
6. Set up large Christmas Tree in altar area. Needs lights put on but not lit until Christmas Eve. Probably at least two or three guys or some strong gals (Girl Power).
7. Set up Nativity and place poinsettias around it and other spots (obviously this is a last minute thing after Mass).

If you are willing to take on any of these tasks, please contact Sandi Waverek, 249-0830.

Thank you

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

This year Christmas Eve falls on the Fourth Sunday of Advent which means that the weekend Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent are Saturday, December 23, 5:00 pm and Sunday, December 24, 9:30 am.

Masses for Christmas are: Sunday, December 24, 6:30 pm and again at 11:00 pm and Monday, December 25, 9:30 am This means that you will need to fulfill your Sunday obligation and also your Christmas obligation so you may need to go to Mass once for Sunday and once for Christmas.

If you have questions, please call the parish office, or talk to Fr. Stan.

PIANO RECITAL

The piano students of Maryruth Fallon will be having a recital at Risen Christ on Sunday, December 17th at 1:00pm. You all are invited to come and enjoy the wonderful Christmas music.

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for the home
December 10th, 2017 – Second Sunday of Advent
Mark 1:1-8

God wanted to help us understand our own lives by the way things were organized around the life of Jesus. In other words, pay attention to those who are immediately called to help in the Incarnation, when God became one of us.

First of all, God used Mary BIG TIME to bring about God becoming human. God didn't fall from the sky in some dramatic fashion that would amaze the world. No, God involved a young peasant woman who lived in a small village in a backwater part of the world. Nothing particularly dramatic about that.

Then there was Joseph (a favorite of mine and Pope Francis, I should add) who was a simple carpenter, who was honest and caring and was likely indistinguishable from neighbors and friends in Nazareth. Just an ordinary Joe.

And then we come to today's focus, John, cousin of Jesus, who was called by God to "prepare the way" for the public arrival of Jesus, Son of God, Creator of the Universe, Saviour of the World. John the Baptist got the call to be the one who would point the way to the grand entrance of God among us, the arrival of God in our midst.

So how does John do this? By inviting people to correct their sinful lives, to turn away from selfishness and greed, to admit their need for God. Repent and believe the Good News – a phrase sometimes used on Ash Wednesday. In other words, they were called to free themselves from what closed them off from receiving God into their lives. If we are filled with only our own interests and our own desires, there will be no space in our lives for God or neighbor.

This may not have been what many were hoping for. I once had a scripture professor who said that neither John the Baptist nor Jesus promised "two cars in every garage and a chicken in every pot." They did offer, however, a much better life of peace among us and justice for all. Although God would require our help to accomplish this. God uses ordinary people like Mary. Joseph and John (and you and me) to make God real in this world. John the Baptist reminds us that if we open ourselves to God, "clean up our act" as some say, God will definitely come to us.

David M. Thomas, PhD