

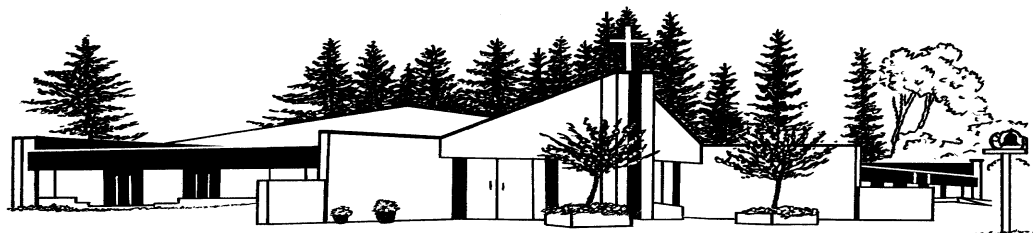
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## **RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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### **Father Stanislaw Rog, Parish Administrator**

**Deacon Floyd McCubbins, 270-2632, [deaconfloydmc@yahoo.com](mailto:deaconfloydmc@yahoo.com)**

Heidi Durbin, Religious Formation Coordinator, Grades K-6

Katie Loudon, Youth Minister, Grades 7-12

Maryruth Fallon, Music Coordinator....Diane Slobojan, Pastoral Care Minister

Sandy Carter, Office Manager, Kelli Gillingham, Office Assistant

Mike O'Neil, Maintenance, 253-1464

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT .....DECEMBER 17, 2017**

**Saturday, December 16**, Mass for the December Intentions ..... **5:00 pm**

**Sunday, December 17**, Mass for the Parish ..... **9:30 am**

**Monday, December 18**, Mass for the Int. of President Trump, rb The Moritz Family... **8:45 am**

**Tuesday, December 19** Mass for the Soul of Fr. Robert West, rb The West Family .... **8:45 am**

**Wednesday, December 20** Mass for the Soul of Elmer Alger, rb The Alger Family .. **12:10 pm**

**Thursday, December 21** Mass for the Soul of Kacey Scott, rb The Scott Family ..... **9:00 am**

**Friday, December 22** ..... **NO MASS**

### **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.

### Ministry Schedule, December 23 & 24, 2017

MINISTRY	Saturday, 5:00 pm	Sunday, 9:30am
<b>Plate Minister</b>	Linda Zimmerman	Roger Ackerly
<b>Cup Minister</b>	Don Zimmerman	Kathie Ackerly
	Vicki Walbruch	<b>Eucharistic Ministers needed</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Suzanne Johnson	Mike Hanson
	Diane Slobojan	Alan Ruby
<b>Greeter</b>	Lee & Vicki Walbruch	<b>Greeters Needed</b>
<b>Server</b>	Joe Riska	<b>Servers Needed</b>

### Ministry Schedule, December 24 and 25, 2017

Ministry	Christmas Eve, 6:30 pm	Christmas Eve, 11:00pm	Christmas Day, 9:30 am
<b>Minister of the Plate</b>	Roger Ackerly	Connie McCubbins	
<b>Minister of the Cup</b>	Kathie Ackerly	Deacon Floyd	Dean Van de Hey
	Vicki Walbruch	Linda Zimmerman	Brenda Van de Hey
	Pati Heath	Don Zimmerman	
	Suzanne Johnson		
	Maureen Neitzling		
	Jovita Kottraba		
<b>Lector</b>	Dixon Rice	Mike Santacroce	Jack Fallon
	Kim Wakefield	Andrea Wright	Sam Loudon
<b>Greeter</b>	Robins Family	<b>Greeters Needed</b>	<b>Greeters Needed</b>
<b>Server</b>	<b>Servers Needed</b>	Mike Wright	<b>Servers Needed</b>
		Gary Hembd	
		Mike O'Neil	

### DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Dec.</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
		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
	<b>19</b>	Choir .....	7:00 pm
	<b>20</b>	Religious Formation, grades K-6.....	4:00 – 5:15 pm
		Youth Ministry, grades 7-12 .....	6:30 – 8:30 pm
	<b>23</b>	Chaplet of Divine Mercy .....	4:40 pm
	<b>24</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
		Chaplet of Divine Mercy .....	9:10 am

### **~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	\$3137
Building Envelopes	5
Holyday Envelopes	569
Christmas Envelopes	72
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3783</b>

### **MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

I would like to thank everyone for your generosity during our recent ACA campaign. You helped our parish reach the ACA financial goal. I am very grateful to all of you.

I love this parish. I would like to see us reach our participation goal. It would mean everyone shares in the unified effort. There is still time for us to do it. We are currently at 51% participation and that is very good. Our parish is in the top 5 of all parishes. Wouldn't it be great if we could make it 100% participation?

It wouldn't take much. The amount of money given does not matter for the participation goal, only that each parishioner participates. If everyone who hasn't donated could give only \$1.00, we can make our participation goal happen.

Please help us if you have not responded yet.  
Thank you, Fr. Stan

### **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

### **PIANO RECITAL**

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

# **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  
Ron Anderson, rb Larry & Andre Anderson**

## **FOR THE SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

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**Luke Frampton, rb Risen Christ Parish**

### **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:

**Mark Fredenberg, 756-6142 and Judy Stack, 752-4411**

### **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

A religious sister writes, "When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless." Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

## **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

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-11,16

The kingdom of David will endure forever.

Romans 16: 25-27

The gospel reveals the mystery hidden for ages.

Luke 1:26-38

Let it be done to me as you say.

*Mary's "yes" conveyed a deep trust in God. Without that trust our Christian task of striving for peace and justice that is our gospel call would be inconceivable.*

Hope sustains one's capacity to live with danger without being overwhelmed by it; hope is the will to struggle against obstacles even when they appear insuperable. Ultimately our hope rests in the God who gave us life, sustains the world by his power, and has called us to revere the lives of every person and all peoples.

♦ The Challenge of Peace, 2

## **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 41<sup>st</sup> 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 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.



### **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 Table .....needs 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

### **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 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm: If you would like to sing and can't make that practice, or have questions, please call Maryruth at 752-1490.

## **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AROUND THE VALLEY 2017**

### **Risen Christ Parish**

#### **Christmas Eve**

Vigil Music 6:00 pm  
Mass 6:30 pm  
Christmas Music 10:30 pm  
Mass 11:00 pm

#### **Christmas Day**

Christmas Music 9:00 am  
Mass for the Parish 9:30 am

### **St. Charles Parish**

Christmas Eve: 5:00pm and 7:30 pm  
Christmas Day: 9:00 am

### **St. John Paul II**

Christmas Eve: 4:30 pm; 9:00 pm  
Christmas Day: 10:30 am

### **St. Matthew Parish**

Christmas Eve: 4:30 pm; 9:00 pm  
Christmas Day: 10:00 am

### **St. Richard Parish**

#### **Mass Schedule**

Christmas Eve: 7:00 pm,  
Christmas Day

Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite (Traditional Latin Mass): 8:00 am

Christmas Day Mass: 10:00 am

## **ROSARIES**



We have available for sale rosaries of fine quality hand made by one of our parishioners. They are available in the parish office for a suggested donation of \$7.00-\$10.00.

**All proceeds will go to Sparrow's Nest of Northwest Montana.**

### **HOUSEKEEPING**

We want everyone to feel welcome, especially those who are new to our parish, and any visitors.

- Enjoy singing and following along with the liturgy sheet that you received at the door.
- Please remember to silence your cell phones.
- If you have little ones who love to play and be active, there is a social area in the back where they can be more free to express themselves. From there you will be able to participate in the entire Mass.

### **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.

### **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



### **PARKING SPACES FOR SENIORS**

Please leave the parking spaces bordering the building and the row just west of that, for seniors or others who have trouble navigating our icy parking lot.

**The deadline for bulletin announcements is noon on Wednesdays and the deadline for altar announcements is noon on Thursdays.**

**Sacrament of Baptism by appointment**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday, 3:45-4:30pm, or by appointment.**