
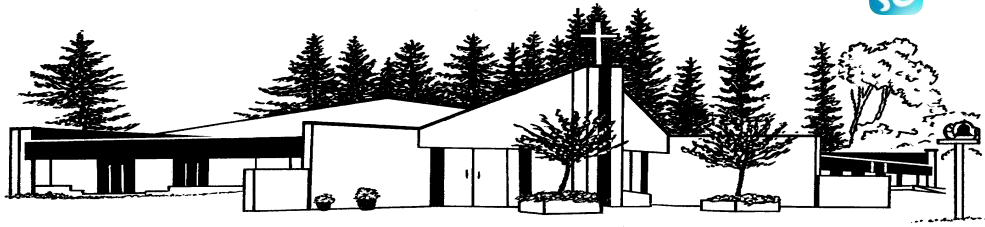


RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, dispensed December 8, 2018
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 9, 2018
Saturday, December 8, Mass for the December Monthly Intentions 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 9, Mass for the Parish 9:30 am
Monday, December 10, Mass 8:45 am
Tuesday, December 11, Mass 8:45 am
Wednesday, December 12, Mass 12:10 pm
Thursday, December 13, Mass for the Int. of Richie Carter, rb Carter Family 9:00 am
Friday, December 14 NO MASS

Ministry Schedule, December 15 & 16, 2018

Ministry	Sat., Dec. 15, 5:00 pm	Sun. Dec. 16, 9:30 am
Minister of the Plate	Brenda Van De Hey	Kathie Ackerly
Minister of the Cup>	Dean Van De Hey	Roger Ackerly
	Neil Heino	Connie McCubbins
		Mary Grace Galvin
		Deacon Floyd
Lector	Betty Heino	Jim Galvin
	Jackie Jensen	Sam Loudon
Greeter	Dave & Mary Jacobs	Ron & Ginia Hauf
Server	Ron Boespflug	Zachary Lapke
		Carter Lapke

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec.	9	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
		Chaplet of Divine Mercy	9:10 am
		Religious Retirement Collection	
		Valley Voices Concert	3:00 pm
		Evening Prayer.....	6:30 pm
	10	RCIA.....	6:30- 8 pm
	11	KC Ladies Dinner @ Perkins	6:00 pm
		Knights of Columbus Meeting	6:30 pm
		Choir.....	7:00 pm
	12	Luke: My Spirit Rejoices! - RENEW Scripture Series for Women	10:15 am
		Religious Formation Grades K-12.....	5:15-6:30 pm
	13	Food & Fellowship, Evergreen Applebee's	11:30 am
		Advent Penance Service with individual confession.....	7:00 pm
	14	CYRO Advent Evening Prayer	
	15	Chaplet of Divine Mercy	4:40 pm
	16	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
		Chaplet of Divine Mercy	9:10 am
		Piano Recital	1:00 pm
		Evening Prayer.....	6:30 pm
		Christmas Concert with Wai Mizutani and Friends, JPil Parish.....	3:00 pm
	17-20	No daily Mass	
	17	RCIA.....	6:30- 8 pm
	18	Morning Prayer followed by Adoration	8:45 am
		Choir.....	7:00 pm

SPECIAL MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

On Tuesday, December 18 at 8:45 am, there will be **Morning Prayer** followed by **Adoration** to pray for the successful resolution for Fr. Stan's immigration status.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to sing at the 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. There will be one rehearsal on Wednesday, December 19th at 7:30 pm: If you would like to sing and can't make that practice, or have questions, please call Maryruth at 752-1490.

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

There will be Evening Prayer at 6:30 pm on Sunday evenings during Advent - no incense

1st Week – Dec. 2	Prayer for the Selection of Our New Bishop
2nd Week – Dec. 9	Prayer for Vocations
3rd Week – Dec. 16	Prayer for the Successful Resolution to Fr. Stan's Immigration Status
4th Week – Dec. 23	Prayer for All Who Are Recovering From the Sex Abuse Scandal

Advent Penance Service—With Individual Confession, December 13, 7:00 pm

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 1 & 2, 2018

Sunday Envelopes	\$5096
Building Envelopes	620
Thanksgiving Envelopes	50
Christmas Envelopes	100
Holyday Envelopes	95
Total	\$5956

CHARITABLE GIVING, End of Year Charitable Giving

In order for charitable gifts to be credited for the current calendar year, 2018, please note the following: **IRS regulations require checks received by the church after January 1st, to be accompanied by a postmarked envelope dated no later than December 31.** Transfers of stocks or securities must take place on or prior to December 31st.



Diocese of Helena End of Year Charitable Giving

Will you be making charitable contributions at the end of the year as part of your tax planning? There are ways to structure gifts that will help our parish and save you taxes at the same time - such as the Montana Endowment Tax Credit, charitable rollover from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), and transferring appreciated stocks/bonds/mutual funds.

These gifting options can provide you tax savings even if you no longer itemize under the new federal tax reform. Your gift can be designated to support our parish, the diocese, or even a specific ministry.

The Foundation for the Diocese of Helena, Inc. can help you navigate these tax-saving stewardship opportunities. Please contact Foundation Executive Director Jeanne Saarinen at (406) 389-7051 or jsaarinen@diocesehelena.org for assistance. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity

Matthew Kelly's latest book, *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity* has been anonymously donated to our RC parish community with the hopes each family will take the time to read it this holiday season. It is the season of giving and a time for much needed silent reflection so feel free to pick up one for your family to share. Books are located on the table in the back of the church.

**FOR OUR YOUTH
CYRO Weekly Bible Study**

Thursday, 7:00 am @ Wheat Montana, Kalispell

Christmas Concert with Wai Mizutani and Friends

Sunday, Dec. 16th, 3 pm @ St John Paul II, Bigfork

Enjoy an assortment of holiday music performed by talented musicians
with refreshments to follow!

Admission is free but a free will offering will be collected to support CYRO youth
program.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Christmas Food Baskets will be assembled and delivered on Sunday, December 16th
after Mass. We need help for assembly and delivery of the baskets. This year we are in need
of hams. We still have turkeys left from Thanksgiving. Call Julie Berquist, 253-4842 if you
can donate a ham or if you know of a family in need of a Christmas food basket.

CATHOLIC MUTUAL... "CARES"

Church Security suggestions

Catholic Mutual insures the parishes in the Diocese of Helena

"In the wake of many recent tragedies, mass shootings and other violent acts have
become all too familiar. Our churches are not immune from shootings and other violent
attacks. Yet the data suggests churches are not any more or less likely to be sites of
violence in the U.S. What we should not do, is let these acts of terror cause us to be
fearful of gathering with our fellow worshippers. The Church can develop and implement
plans to keep your property and, more importantly, all of God's children safe from harm.
Among your other ministries, your parish could develop a Safety and Security
Committee to address potential violence."

Catholic Mutual Insurance

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

SAFETY PRECAUTION

Due to safety concerns, we invite you always to come to Mass on time because, the
entry door to the church will be locked 5 minutes after Mass begins and remain locked
during Mass. When the door is locked, you can always get out but if you come late for
mass or have to leave and come back, a designated person will be at the door to let you
in.

VALLEY VOICES COMMUNITY CHOIR

Celebrate the Season with the joy of song as The Valley Voices Community Choir,
under the direction of our own Allyson Kuechmann, Five Risen Christ parishioners and
its special ensemble, Evensong, are joined by Wai Mizutani and the FVCC orchestra.

There will be two free performances! Saturday, December 8th/7 pm at
Glacier High School and **Sunday, December 9th/3 pm here at Risen Christ.**

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2018

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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

Jim Jensen, rb Jackie Jensen

Karel, David & Terry Barrett, rb Ken Barrett

Gary Luther, rb Bruce & Carol Trimble

Tracy Iano, rb John & Connie Babb

Clarice Luther, rb Bruce & Carol Trimble

Andy H. & Constance M. Visocan, rb Larry & Betty Visocan

Ron Anderson, rb Andre Anderson

Jim Hamill, rb The Hutchens' Family

Billy Conko Camel, rb George & Colleen Hutchens

Special Intention for Fr. Stan's Immigration Status, 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:

Jamie Miller, 257-9636 and Judy Stack, 752-4411

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.



RISEN CHRIST GIFT SHOP



Your Risen Christ Gift Ministry has gifts available for Confirmation, Baptism and First Communion such as small scapulars, cross necklaces, rosaries, key chains, and holy water fonts. Check it out for yourself! Please see Andrea Wright or Connie McCubbins before or after weekend Masses, or the office during the week.

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

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!

Philippians 4:4-7

God's own peace will stand guard over your hearts.

Luke 3:10-18

What are we to do?

Peace and justice begins in the individual human heart and, once firmly established, grows to encompass our neighbors, our community, our nation and, ultimately, the world. Any policies for peace and justice at the local, national or world level begins with conversion of the heart.

The option for the poor also implies the need to evangelize the powerful and influential. If the gospel call to conversion can reach their hearts, they will help construct a new society.

◆To the Ends of the Earth, 50.



Are you seeking new opportunities for?

- Spiritual growth,
- Interactive community service,
- Personal growth and development and
- Family friendly programs and events

Consider Joining the Knights of Columbus, Council #8329.

For more information about membership please contact:

BJ Hattel 406-471-1805, Wally Walbruch 406-758-0170, or Mike O'Neil 406-253-1464



Celebrating the Joy of Discipleship

Jesus revealed His Glory at Cana by turning water into wine. Mary, Mother of God, encourages each one of us to "Do what every He tells you".

Our Risen Christ Parish Goal is to have all families participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal this year.

As of last week our Parish participation stands at 45% and we have reached 117% of our financial goal.

Our Catholic faith remains strong and vibrant because of your generosity to Risen Christ, the Diocese, and the Universal Church.

Please Support the Annual Catholic Appeal 2018

ADVENT MISSION, ST. MATTHEW PARISH

December 17 – 19, 7:30 – 9:30 pm

The Floriani Mission

Veni Emmanuel

**REDISCOVER THE ANCIENT BEAUTY OF CATHOLIC SACRED MUSIC
WITH THE FLORIANI MEN'S SCHOLA.**

Monday conference: The history of Sacred Music from Chant to Polyphony
Tuesday Conference: Sacred Music as a doorway to the Divine
Wednesday Conference: A concert of Sacred Hymns and Chants

WORD OF LIFE

“Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother. Not sure how to help or what to say?”, Learn ten tips at www.uscb.org/support-her.”

“10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Aging religious need your help.

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

THANK YOU LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Fr. Stan, the Liturgy Committee and the Pastoral Council have decided that we need more emphasis on our Liturgical Ministers. We will recognize a select ministry every few weeks. This week we recognize all **Greeters**. We are very grateful for your commitment and dedication to your ministry. Please accept a big THANK YOU from Fr. Stan, the Liturgy Committee, the Pastoral Council and members of Risen Christ Parish for your efforts in making our Mass celebration more reverent and beautiful.

Pat Arnone, Richard Brester, Rosemary Brester, Denny Falcon, Bev Falcon, Mark Fredenberg, Susie Fredenberg, John Gunnerson, Toni Gunnerson, Betty Heino, Neil Heino, Arleen Hughes, Kathleen Cotner, Dave Jacobs, Mary Jacobs, Connie McCubbins, Kay McIsaac, Dan Newton, Tammy Newton, Vicki Robins, Todd Robins, Ron Hauf, Ginia Hauf, Shannon Sommers, Judy Stack, Fresa Tobiason, Bob Vine, Barb Vine, Lee Walbruch, Vicki Walbruch, Linda Zimmerman, and Don Zimmerman.

Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

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

1531: A Story That Is Not Finished Yet

Our Lady of Guadalupe Came to Change the World

1531 shares the history of why millions of Aztecs converted to the Catholic Faith and the little known truth that this incredible story is not finished yet.

Watch on formed.org



"This is a powerful story. Amazing."

—Constance A., Euclid, OH



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Fr. Stan

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