
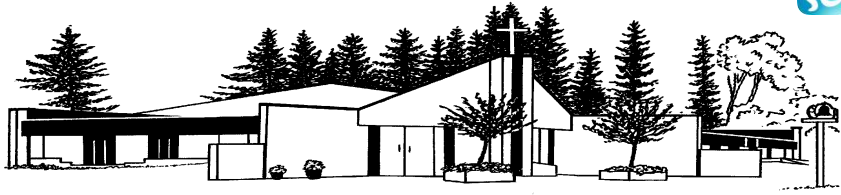

RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	DECEMBER 23, 2018
Saturday, December 22 , Mass for the December Intentions	5:00 pm
Sunday, December 23 , Mass for the Parish.....	9:30 am
CHRISTMAS EVE Mass for Deceased Parishioners	6:30 pm
Mass for Peace and Justice.....	11:00 pm
CHRISTMAS DAY Mass for the Parish	9:30 am
Wednesday-Friday December 26-28	NO MASS
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY	DECEMBER 30, 2018
Saturday, December 29 , Mass for the December Intentions	5:00 pm
Sunday, December 30 , Mass for the Parish.....	9:30 am
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	JANUARY 1, 2019
Monday, December 31 , Mass for Monthly Intentions.....	5:00 am
Tuesday, January 1 , Mass for the Parish.....	9:30 am
Wed. January 2 , Mass for the Soul of Catherine Callahan, rb The Brockmans	12:10 pm
Thursday, January 3 , Mass for the Int. of Kevin Fennelly, rb The Wests.....	9:00 am
Friday, January 4	NO MASS

LAST EVENING PRAYER

Please join us for the last Evening Prayer of Advent at 6:30 pm this Sunday, December 23rd. We will pray for all who are recovering from the sex abuse scandal.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to sing at the 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. If you would like to sing and missed practice or have questions, please call Maryruth at 752-1490.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec.	23	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
		Chaplet of Divine Mercy	9:10 am
		Choir practice.....	After Mass
		Evening Prayer	6:30 pm
	24	CHRISTMAS EVE	
	25	CHRISTMAS DAY	
	26-28	Parish Office Closed.....	No Mass
	30	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH SUNDAY	
Jan.	1	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD- Holy Day of	
		Obligation	
	2	Luke: My Spirit Rejoices! - RENEW Scripture Series for Women	10:15 am
		Religious Formation.....	NO CLASS
	6	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	
		Coffee Hour	After Mass
	7	RCIA	6:30 -8:00 pm
	8	Pastoral Council	5:00 pm
		KC Ladies Dinner @ Perkins.....	6:00 pm
		Knights of Columbus Meeting	6:30 pm
		Choir	7:30 pm
	9	Luke: My Spirit Rejoices! - RENEW Scripture Series for Women	10:15 am
		Religious Formation Grades K-12.....	5:15- 6:30 pm
	10	Food & Fellowship @ 4B's	11:30 am
	13	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	

END OF YEAR CHARITABLE GIVING, TO RISEN CHRIST PARISH

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.

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 15 & 16, 2018

Sunday Envelopes	\$5110
Building Envelopes	5
Holyday Envelopes	10
Christmas Envelopes	285
Total	\$5410

Ministry Schedule, December 29 & 30, 2018

Ministry	Sat., Dec. 29, 5:00 pm	Sun. Dec. 30, 9:30 am
Minister of the Plate	Jamie Miller	Jack Lavin
Minister of the Cup>	Maureen Neitzling	Anita Lavin
	JoAnn Karlin	EM Needed
		EM Needed
		Deacon Floyd
Lector	Carol Jellison	Sam Louden
	Vicki Walbruch	Joe Riska
Greeter	Don & Linda Zimmerman	Greeter Needed
		Greeter Needed
Server	Mike O’Neil	Server Needed
	Gary Hembd	Server Needed

Ministry Schedule, January 5 & 6, 2019

Ministry	Sat., Jan. 5, 5:00 pm	Sun. Jan. 6, 9:30 am
Minister of the Plate	JoAnn Karlin	Ron Boespflug
Minister of the Cup	Maureen Neitzling	Julie Berquist
	Deacon Floyd	Tom Berquist
		Leah McGraw
		Deacon Floyd
Lector	Suzanne Johnson	Jack Fallon
	Dixon Rice	Andrea Wright
Greeter	Kay McIsaac	Connie McCubbins
	Shannon Sommers	Pat Arnone
Server	Zachary Lapke	Graham McGraw
	Carter Lapke	

FOR OUR YOUTH
CYRO Weekly Bible Study
Thursday, 7:00 am @ Wheat Montana, Kalispell

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.

WORD OF LIFE

"To couples who cannot have children of their own, you are no less loved by God; your love for each other is complete and fruitful when it is open to others."

Pope Saint John Paul II, February 13, 1982 Homily.

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MARRIAGE MATTERS

Win the New Year!

This weekend, we not only take time to honor the Holy Family of Nazareth, but reflect on how our own families may become more like them. If you are married, the best way to increase the holiness of your family is to grow closer to your spouse! Here are four simple steps for the New Year:

- * PRAYER: Even a "Hail Mary" together before work is powerful.
- * PRIORITIZE: Plan an event this year to grow your marriage, such as regular date nights.
- * STORM-PROOF: Attend a retreat like Living in Love.
- * SERVICE: How can your marriage bless others?

Stay tuned for concrete tips and more information on upcoming events.

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2018

FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

Mike Geyer, rb Carol & Bruce Trimble

FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Fr. Stan's Immigration Status, rb Risen Christ Parish

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2019

FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Howard and Lorraine Carter, rb Kimberly Carter

Jim Thomas, rb Bobbie Thomas

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Have you contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) yet? It is not too late, so go on-line at: <https://diocesehelena.org/aca-online-giving-2018-19/> and help

Risen Christ Parish increase our 2018 ACA participation percentage.

Thank you for your participation!

Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

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

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:

Jovita Kottraba, 752-6694 and Anne Mahoney, 257-2731



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.



Online K of C Membership

This initiative is an important step for our Order, and presents a tremendous opportunity for membership growth and engagement. The initiative allows for:

A Faster Way to Join – One of the most common objections to joining the Knights of Columbus is “I don’t have time.” Through Online Membership, a join process that can take as many as two months now takes five minutes.

A Digital Experience –This initiative provides a new membership experience that is tailored to younger men and busier men who may not yet be ready for council-based membership. This low-pressure, low-commitment and digital experience meets men where they are, helps to form them as Catholic men, and enables us to bring more men into the fold.

Consider Joining the Knights of Columbus Council #8329. Check it out:

[http://kofc.org/en/members/online-membership/index.html#/#/](http://kofc.org/en/members/online-membership/index.html#/)

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

EPIPHANY

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Nations shall walk by your light..

the gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews.

We observed the star at its rising.

Christians forming their consciences must look to the "signs of our times, "just as the magi looked for the sign in the heavens. They followed the sign and the Lord was revealed to them. If we heed the signs today, we will discover our tasks as Disciples of Christ.

The preeminent role of the United States in an increasingly interdependent global economy is a central sign of our times. The United States is still the world's economic giant. Decisions made here have immediate effects in other countries; decisions made abroad have immediate consequences for steel workers in Pittsburgh, oil company employees in Houston, and farmers in Iowa. U.S. economic growth is vitally dependent on resources from other countries and on their purchases of our goods and services. Many jobs in U.S. industry and agriculture depend on our ability to export manufactured goods and food.

◆Economic Justice, 10.

Flathead Valley Catholic Young Adult Ministry presents...

Divinity on Draft (formerly Theology on Tap):

"Freedom, Truth, and the Moral Law:

A Presentation on Virtue Based Ethics in the Catholic Tradition"

Presentation features seminarian **Joe Dalimata**, parishioner of St. Richard's Parish in Columbia Falls, and member of the Order of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter.

Friday, January 4th, 2019 at Brannigan's Irish Pub,

Kalispell (meet in "Library" room downstairs)

7:00PM (come around 6-6:30 PM if you wish to order dinner)

This event is for all young adults in their 20's and 30's.

Have Questions? Please call or text 479-841-1509 or email fvycatholic@gmail.com

CARROLL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Carroll College is pleased to offer a prospective student from our parish a scholarship, named in memory of the deceased priests of the Diocese of Helena and the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings. This \$1000 scholarship is funded by Carroll College, but the recipient is chosen by our parish. Carroll requires that the recipient be a student planning to attend Carroll for the first time in the fall of 2019. Risen Christ Parish will match this amount which will go to a prospective applicant. The completed application must be in to the parish no later than March 1, 2019. Applications may be obtained in the parish office or online at

www.carroll.edu/scholarships-aid/scholarships-new-students.

For questions contact the Carroll College Financial Aid Office by phone at 406-447-5425 or via email at: fao@carroll.edu.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING

Christmas decorating will begin right after Mass on Sunday, Dec.23. Decorating will stop for Evening Prayer and if more work is needed, it will continue after Evening Prayer. Hope many of you can help—making many hands completing the project.

December 24



Risen Christ (Evergreen)
6:30 p.m.: 11:00 p.m.

St. Charles Borromeo (Whitefish)
5:00 p.m.: 7:30 p.m.

St. John Paul II (Bigfork)
4:30 p.m.: 10:30 p.m.

St. Matthew (Kalispell)
4:30 p.m.: 9:00 p.m.

St. Richard (Columbia Falls)
4:30 p.m.

December 25

Risen Christ (Evergreen)
9:30 a.m.

St. Charles Borromeo (Whitefish)
9:00 a.m.

St. John Paul II (Bigfork)
10:30 a.m.

St. Matthew (Kalispell)
12:00 a.m. (Midnight): 10:00 a.m.

St. Richard (Columbia Falls)
Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite (Traditional Latin Mass): 8:00 am
Christmas Day Mass: 10:00 am



The Story of the Nativity

Explore the Birth of Christ

This fast-paced look at the true story of the Nativity clears away misunderstandings about Jesus's origin and is invaluable for learning more about the truth of Christmas.

Watch on formed.org



"I LOVE the biblical referencing tying the Old and New Testaments together...it shows the fullness and perfection of God's plan unfolding!"

—Sandy S., Eustis, FL



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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
December 23, 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
Luke 1:39-45

Here is a trivia question. How many prayers are there in the gospels? Many would answer that there is one original prayer in the gospels. It was composed by Jesus himself. It's called, "The Our Father." Wrong! There are actually two prayers in the gospels. The second one was said by Mary, the mother of Jesus. And when did she say that prayer? During her pregnancy while she was visiting her cousin, Elizabeth.

We hear it proclaimed in this Sunday's gospel. Here are the first words of Mary's powerful prayer "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my saviour." I invite us to reflect on the meaning of the very first part of the prayer: My soul magnifies the Lord. Our attention will focus on the word, "magnify."

Magnification is a very important part of science in today's world. We use the process of magnification to see better, to perceive what's beyond our normal sight. We have a daughter who is a scientist. The object of her study is the molecular structure of living cells. When using her electronic microscope, we can see well beyond the capability of the human eye. In fact, she can see things that the unaided eye cannot see at all.

At the other extreme, we can think of today's telescopes that can see parts of the universe that are totally invisible to ordinary eyes. I have a telescope that magnifies 50X what is visible to me when I simply look up into the night sky on a clear night. When I point my telescope to parts of the sky where there seems to be no stars, through it I can see hundreds, maybe thousands of stars.

Now back to Mary's prayer. She is giving us information about God. When she states that her soul, her very being, magnifies the Lord, she is telling us that when we look at her very carefully and completely, we will see something of God. I believe that Mary presents to us the feminine side of God. She magnifies a part of God that we might miss if we look at her or think about her in a superficial way. Deep down, with eyes empowered by faith, all the wonders of God's feminine side are there for our viewing. Isn't that a wonderful idea? Mary allows us to see a genuine dimension of God. I like to think of this as God's compassionate and caring side. God's kindness to all.

One of the unique aspects of Catholicism is our devotion to the Blessed Mother. She wants us to relate to her as our mother too. But I would guess that most important to her is not our attention to her, but to the God that she magnifies.

David M. Thomas, PhD