
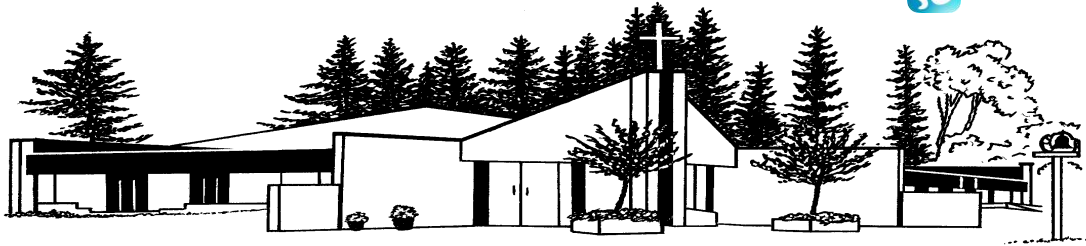


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MASS SCHEDULE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT **MARCH 31, 2019**
Saturday, March 30, Mass for Monthly Intentions **5:00 pm**
Sunday, March 31, Mass for the Parish **9:30 am**
Monday, April 1 Mass for the Soul of Aline Skinner, rb Mae Mitchell **8:45 am**
Tuesday, April 2, Mass for the Int. of Sean West, rb The Wests' **8:45 am**
Wednesday, April 3, Mass for the Int. of Tyson Hunter, rb The Wests' **12:10 pm**
Thursday, April 4, Mass for the Soul of Mick Hanley, rb Mitzi Rice **9:00 am**
Friday, April 5 **NO MASS**

Ministry Schedule, April 6 & 7

| MINISTRY | Sat. April 6, 5:00 pm | Sun. April 7, 9:30am |
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| Plate Minister | Maureen Neitzling | Tom Berquist |
| Cup Minister | Jackie Jensen | Julie Berquist |
| | | Leah McGraw |
| | | TJ Higgins |
| | | Deacon Floyd |
| Lector | Mike Santacroce | Anne Mahoney |
| | Carol Jellison | Dixon Rice |
| Greeter | Betty & Neil Heino | Ron & Ginia Hauf |
| Server | Bert Eickert | Graham McGraw |
| | Abby Mitchell | |

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| MAR | 31 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Catholic Relief Services Collection Chaplet of Divine Mercy 9:10 am Evening Prayer 7:00 pm |
| APR. | 1 | RCIA 6:30-8:00 pm |
| | 2 | Choir 7:00 pm |
| | 3 | Luke: My Spirit Rejoices! - RENEW Scripture Series for Women 10:15 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:45 - 2:00 pm Religious Formation Grades K-12 5:15-6:30 pm |
| | 4 | Soup & Bread Supper 5:30 pm Penance Service with Individual Confession 7:00 pm |
| | 5 | Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm |
| | 6 | Chaplet of Divine Mercy 4:40 pm Men's Catholic Conference, Cathedral of St. Helena 8:30 am-4:45 pm |
| | 7 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Chaplet of Divine Mercy 9:10 am Coffee Hour after Mass Evening Prayer 7:00 pm |
| | 8 | RCIA 6:30-8:00 pm |
| | 9 | KC Ladies, Perkins 6:00 pm Knights of Columbus 6:30 pm Choir 7:00 pm |
| | 10 | Luke: My Spirit Rejoices! - RENEW Scripture Series for Women 10:15 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:45 - 2:00 pm Religious Formation Grades K-12 5:15-6:30 pm |
| | 11 | Food & Fellowship, Famous Dave's 11:30 am Soup & Bread supper 5:30 pm Chrim Mass, Cathedral of St. Helena 5:00 pm |
| | 12-14 | CYRO Search |
| | 12 | Fish Fry, sponsored by Knights of Columbus 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm |
| | 13 | RCIA Retreat 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 4:40 pm |

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Donations for the Easter Egg Hunt are appreciated! Please bring plastic eggs and wrapped candies to the church by Wednesday, April 10.

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.

March 23 & 24, 2019

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| Sunday Envelopes | \$3669 |
| Mass & Stole gifts | 60 |
| Total | \$3729 |

MEN’S CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Attention Catholic Men!

Mark your calendars for this exciting conference in Helena!

8:30 am - 4:45 pm, Saturday, April 6 at the Cathedral of St. Helena, Brondel Center

For more information, go to www.mtcatholicmen.org We hope to see you there!

“Come to Me”

Catholic Women’s Conference SPA DAY FOR THE SOUL

Join women from Montana and beyond for prayer, speakers, music, fellowship and more!

Our “Spa Day” includes mass.

SAVE THE DATE

New this year: Friday, April 26 -6 PM, Rosary & Mass offered for Families-
Cathedral of St. Helena

Saturday April 27, 2019 7 AM- 6 PM

Delta Hotels-Marriott-Colonial, Helena Montana

Register online: ShowMyEvent.com

Be sure to visit helenacwc.com



ST. MATTHEW’S Pre-School/Kindergarten Round-Up

Thursday, April 11, 2019, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

St. Matthew’s Catholic School

602 South Main Street, Kalispell, MT. 59901

Phone: 406-752-6303

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2019

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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
Clarice Luther, rb Bruce & Carol Trimble-
Andy H. & Constance M. Visocan, rb Larry & Betty Visocan
Mike Geyer, rb Bruce & Carol Trimble
John Culliton, rb Larry & Betty Visocan

FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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Fr. Stan's Immigration Status, rb Risen Christ Parish
Dennis Tobiason, rb Risen Christ Parish
Sherry Miller, rb Risen Christ Parish
Joe Riska, rb Risen Christ Parish
John Gunnerson, rb Risen Christ Parish

REMEMBER OUR SEMINARIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS

Dillon Armstrong
Matthew Christiaens
Tyler Frohlich
Deacon Nathan Scheidecker
Kyle Tannehill

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 Anne Mahoney, 257-2731

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 LENT

Isaiah 43:16-21

See, I am doing something new!

Philippians 3:8-14

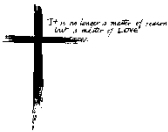
The justice I possess is that which comes through faith in Christ.

John 8:1-11

Let the one among you who has no sin be the first to cast a stone at her.

Jesus came to make all things new. His attitude toward women was an important indication of the profound social challenge of his gospel message. In a society in which women were powerless, at the mercy of a patriarchal system, our Lord showed mercy and forgiveness to the adulterous woman, exposed the double standard of the times, and, perhaps most incredibly, bid her to do what he demanded of men: "Go. . . avoid this sin."

Many women suffer discrimination in wages, salaries, job classifications, promotions, and other areas. As a result, they find themselves in jobs that have low status, little security, weak unionization, and few fringe benefits. Such discrimination is immoral and efforts must be made to overcome the effects of sexism in our society. ♦Economic Justice for All, 180



OUR LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

**Evening Prayer—Vespers
Sundays During Lent — 7:00 PM**

**Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
Prayed 20 minutes before each Mass beginning March 9
Saturday Mass at 4:40 PM and Sunday Mass at 9:10 AM**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Beginning Ash Wednesday and each Wednesday from 12:45 PM until 2 PM**

**Stations of the Cross
Each Friday evening, 7:00 PM beginning March 8**

**Soup and Bread Supper
Each Thursday, 5:30 PM beginning March 14**

**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
April 12 at 5:30 PM**

**Penance Service with Individual Confession
April 4, 7:00 pm**

40 Days for Life Spring Campaign

The 2019 Whitefish 40 Days for Life Campaign will take place through Palm Sunday, **April 14th**. Please join us in the effort to end abortion in our area. **There are three ways to participate – prayer, fasting and vigil. Prayer and fasting can be done anywhere, anytime. Daily** devotionals and prayers may be found on the website, <http://www.40daysforlife.com>.

The prayer vigil takes place at the public right-of-way outside All Families Healthcare, 737 Spokane Avenue, Whitefish. Each day is sponsored by a local church. You may sign up online at <http://www.40daysforlife.com/whitefish>. For those who do not have internet, sign up sheets are on a table in the Church social area, along with Statements of Peace that must be signed by participants.

For more information, contact Mike Hanson at mikester55@hotmail.com or call (410)-336-6826.



ENCOUNTER KUMBA

We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good?

Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

“Our Citizenship in Heaven”

Where do you live? I live in North Carolina. There I pay taxes, own a home and belong to a parish. North Carolina is in the United States, so I also abide by federal laws, pay taxes and vote for candidates in all sorts of elections. I identify as an American and try my best to meet certain expectations placed on me by the government, state and fellow Americans. I do certain things because of my identity.

Paul wrote to the Philippians, “Our citizenship is in heaven.” Being a U.S. citizen living in North Carolina places certain requirements on me. How many of us “citizens of heaven” take seriously the expectations and requirements of that citizenship? Sometimes we act as if nothing is truly required of us.

Stewardship as a way of life requires us to take seriously what it means to be a citizen of heaven. We are called to follow the laws of the land we live in on this earth, but we are called to adhere to an even greater authority. Whether it be our call to act with charity and love or to follow the precepts of the Church, we must take seriously our status as citizen.

Unfortunately many don’t take seriously their citizenship on this earth either. People have given their very lives so that we may have freedom to be citizens of our country and our state. Of course many people have died for the citizenship of heaven as well. So it comes down to the question, who are you and to whom do you belong? –

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism

Our Council #8329 Evergreen has joined Knights of Columbus Councils in the vicinity of the Highway 93 corridor to partner with Hope Pregnancy of Kalispell & Care Net of Missoula to purchase a mobile medical unit to provide outreach to areas along that corridor in Western Montana.

Western Montana Knights Councils have agreed to raise money towards that goal by selling raffle tickets. The goal is to raise \$50,000 by May 1, 2019. \$7,000 will go towards prizes; \$43,000 towards the purchase of the mobile medical unit.

Prizes: 1st-\$5,000; 2nd \$2,000; 3rd-6th One week stay at Lake Pend Oreille Resort.

Tickets are \$50 each and will be on sale in the social area after Mass until May.

FORTY CANS FOR LENT

The Knights of Columbus are once again asking parishioners to contribute one can of food for each of the 40 days of Lent. Please bring your canned goods and leave them in the social area.

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.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR THE AGING

Agency on Aging Services Mission Statement: The mission of the Area IX Agency on Aging is to serve people by enabling persons 60 years of age and older to lead independent, meaningful and dignified lives. All of our services to accomplish these goals are on a donation basis. In other words, you pay what you can afford toward the cost of services. Information on the community resources are available in the parish office.



UNPLANNED

There is a timely new movie coming out this weekend (March 28-31) about Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood director, called "Unplanned." It is a powerful real life account of transformation. It opens nationwide and will play in cities throughout Montana. You can find a theater near you by visiting: <https://unplannedtickets.com/>

Unplanned is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation.

All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in—until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days for Life, she became one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America. Please visit www.unplannedfilm.com to find out more about the film.

Unplanned "Behind the Scenes" can be viewed on Formed. It is a 27 minute insight into the movie. See insert on how to register for Formed.

"Breakthrough"

The movie "Breakthrough" is coming to Kalispell's Cinemark Signature Stadium 14 Theater on April 17th. Based on a true story, a 14-year old boy drowns and is declared dead for almost an hour. His devastated mother begins praying for a miracle, and gets one when her son suddenly comes back to life. Grateful for this odds-defying miracle, her steadfast faith inspire those around her to continue to believe

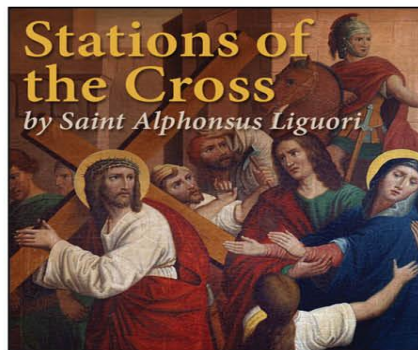
Stations of the Cross

By Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Journey with Christ to Calvary

Personally follow Christ and His Sorrowful Mother on their journey to Calvary with the Stations of the Cross. Moving meditations by Saint Alphonsus Liguori accompanied by the beautiful Latin hymn, *Stabat Mater*, draw you into a more intimate experience of the Church's powerful Lenten prayer.

Listen on formed.org



"Holding a crucifix while meditating on the Stations of the Cross... so moving. Thank you, Jesus, for the Cross."

—Marcia R, St Teresa's Church



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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
March 31, 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Lent
Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Today's gospel is easily recalled because it describes a family scene that many will recognize. Maybe some will connect this story directly to their own lives or with the life of a family that they personally know. All one has to do is mention the first lines of this story: "There was a father who had two sons," and most will know what follows. This remarkable story that Jesus created is known by two titles: "The Prodigal Son" or "The Forgiving Father." Today we will focus on the father and his attitude about his family, especially his sons. Most see the father in the story as being a "stand-in" for God.

As the story goes, his younger son was a bit of a scoundrel. He took his inheritance even before his father died. He overlooked the possibility that his father might need that money for his old age. But the son didn't care. He was quite self-centered. After pocketing his dad's money, he left home and wasted every cent on selfish spending. Not surprisingly, he eventually ran out of money and was in desperate straits. The only option he felt he had was to sneak back home, get a job from his father and work as a hired hand. No one would have blamed the father if he agreed to this new arrangement.

But, as we all know, the father would not take that option. After all, he loved his son (actually both sons) and in seeing his son returning home from a distance, he ran to greet his wayward boy. At that time, listeners to this story would have been doubly shocked by the actions of the father. Fathers didn't run to their sons. Sons were to do the running. Also given his son's history, a father's rejection of his son would bring no surprise. The "bad" son deserved no special treatment from his dad.

Instead the father was compassionate, forgiving and arranged for a party to celebrate the return of his son. We can assume that everyone was surprised at this response, and some, the older son for sure, were even angry with the father. He was violating about a hundred accepted norms for proper parental behavior given the circumstances.

Some might have said that the father was simply "crazy." Of course, they would not have taken into consideration one important detail. The father *loved* his son and that made all the difference. Now, connect this story with your idea of God. Can you imagine God running to you, even after you had made a mess of things? Would God do such a thing? According to the teaching of Jesus, God would! In fact, God does. Time after time. Without any hesitation. A firm belief in God's personal compassionate and forgiving love for all of us is at the center of our Christian faith.

David M. Thomas, PhD