
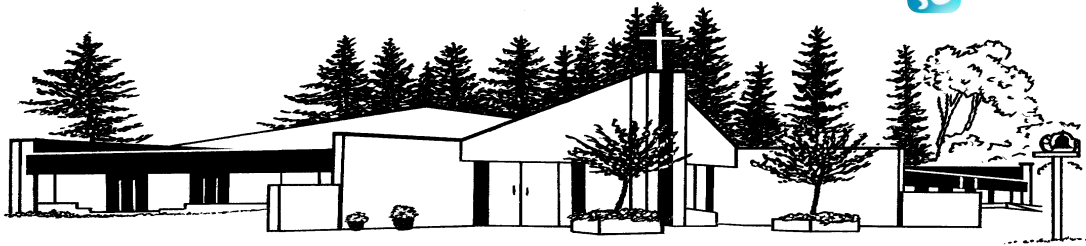


# RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** ..... **September 22, 2019**

**Saturday, Sept. 21**, Mass for Monthly Intentions..... **5:00 pm**

**Sunday, Sept. 22**, Mass for the Parish ..... **9:30 am**

**Monday, Sept. 23**, Mass..... **8:45 am**

**Tuesday, Sept. 24**, Mass ..... **8:45 am**

**Wednesday, Sept. 25**, Mass for the Soul of Michael Todd, rb Jean Larson ..... **12:10 pm**

**Thursday, Sept. 26**, Mass for the Soul of William Webb, rb Paula Swaim ..... **9:00 am**

**Friday, Sept. 27** ..... **No Mass**

### Ministry Schedule, September 28 & 29, 2019

Ministry	Sat. September 28th	Sun. September 29th
<b>Minister of the Plate</b>	Don Zimmerman	Roger Ackerly
<b>Minister of the Cup</b>	Joe Riska	Kathie Ackerly
	Bert Eickert	Neil Heino
		Jamie Miller
		Deacon Floyd
<b>Lector</b>	Vicki Walbruch	Sam Loudon
	Maureen Neitzling	Jack Fallon
<b>Greeter</b>	John & Toni Gunnerson	Mark & Susie Fredenberg
<b>Server</b>	Gary Hembd	Zachary Lapke
	Olivia McRae	Carter Lapke

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Sept. 22 **TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 Parish Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus ..... after Mass  
 OYYAM Kickball Tournament ..... Missoula
- 24 Choir ..... 7:30 pm
- 29 **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- Oct. 1 Choir ..... 7:30 pm
- 2 Religious Formation, K-12, Parent Meeting/Pizza Party ..... 5:15-6:30 pm
- 4 **Son Light Celebration** ..... Helena
- 4-6 CYC Board ..... Helena
- 6 **TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 Coffee Hour ..... After Mass
- 8 KC Ladies dinner, Perkins Restaurant ..... 6:30 pm  
 Knights of Columbus ..... 6:30 pm  
 Choir ..... 7:30 pm
- 9 Religious Formation, K-12 ..... 5:15-6:30 pm
- 10 Food & Fellowship, Wheat Montana ..... 11:30 am
- 12 ACA Kickoff Weekend  
 Ministry Fair ..... after Mass

**Sacrament of Baptism by appointment**

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

**Sign Up — October 5th & 6th — After Mass**



Mary, the mother of Jesus, is one of the most familiar figures in our Catholic faith. But how well do we know her, and how clearly do we see the connections between her life and our own? Get better acquainted with someone you already know and admire by participating in *At Prayer with Mary*, a faith-sharing opportunity from RENEW International.

**Ladies Scripture Study—Facilitated By Pati Heath  
Begins October 16 — 10:15 — 11:45 AM (9-10 Weeks)**

**2019 MULTI-DENOMINATION CHOIR FESTIVAL**

Please join us for the choir festival on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Choirs to be featured include:

Risen Christ, Saint John Paul II, St. Matthew's, Bethlehem Lutheran and Northridge Lutheran.

You won't want to miss this special concert. The concert is free and open to the public.

**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.

**September 14th & 15th, 2019**

Sunday Envelopes	\$6,016
Kitchen Project	65
Holy Day Envelopes	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,131</b>

**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, 212-8461 and Anne Mahoney, 257-2731**

**CATHOLIC WOMEN’S RETREAT**

**HDCCW Sponsored – October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> – Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp**

**Speaker: LINDA DORRINGTON** will discuss several women saints, their gifts and examples they left for us to follow along with their own weaknesses and failings. We will look at our own special gifts, the graces God gives each one of us and how we may be able to more readily hear God’s calling & choose to follow His Holy will. Linda has a Master’s Degree Certificate in spiritual Direction/Retreat Director and speaks at different Catholic retreats.

**Speaker: FLOYD MCCUBBINS:** “Mary and our World Today”, Deacon McCubbins is the spiritual advisor for all women’s organizations in the Helena Diocese as assigned by Bishop Thomas. Ministries are: Marriage Counseling; Spiritual Direction; Men’s Bible Study; Advisor to Widows, Widowers, Single persons and Divorced persons within Risen Christ Parish; Ministry to those who have left the Church but seek burial within the Catholic Church especially in their final days.

Registration: \$100 per person to include: meals, coffee, snacks, overnight accommodations, 2 dynamic speakers and fellowship. Check in is 5:00 pm Friday.

Bring your own sleeping bag and/or bedding, towels, and bath items. Please RSVP by 9/20/19 to Monica Mordja at 406-260-3850 or email: [monicamordja@centurylink.net](mailto:monicamordja@centurylink.net)  
Please inform of any special needs.

## **MARRIAGE MATTERS**

### The Little Way of Marriage

One of the most popular saints of the past 150 years is St. Therese of Lisieux. Therese's spirituality made holiness accessible to all because she emphasized doing little things for Jesus. Jesus remarks to this wisdom in this week's Gospel when he says, "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones."

In marriage, we build trust for the mission of marriage through small daily acts of love like:

- Validating our spouse's feelings instead of trying to "fix" them.
- Keeping the overall culture of the home light and romantic instead of surrendering to the heaviness of stress.
- Cleaning the kitchen counter and loading the dishwasher before you are asked.
- Praying with your spouse before you head your separate ways for the day.

### **A scripture opportunity in October**

### **Three evenings to examine themes from the Wisdom books of the Bible**

DATES *October 14, 17, 21*. at 7:00 pm, Risen Christ Parish

Presenter Paul Heath, MA

Many themes in these biblical books resonate in Jesus' teachings

The early Church relied on them in understanding the role of the Holy Spirit

Prayerfully consider the Bible's suggestion of what makes for true "Skill in Living."

***JOB—Proverbs—Ecclesiastes—Wisdom—Canticle of Canticles—Sirach***



### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)**

We are currently seeking candidates for our RCIA program which will begin in October. If interested, contact Fr. Stan.

### **Parish Office Hours:**

**Monday through Thursday, 10:00-12:00pm and 1:00-3:00pm**

To be sure your announcement gets into the bulletin, please have your information in the Parish Office by noon, Wednesday.

The deadline for altar announcements is noon, Thursday.

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

**FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 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  
Andy H. & Constance M. Visocan, rb Larry & Betty Visocan  
John & Michael Culliton, rb Larry & Betty Visocan  
Jami Hoagland, rb Pete & Ann Hoagland  
John Kestell, rb Paula Kestell  
Helen Kautzer, rb Paula Kestell  
Ron Anderson, rb Andre Anderson  
Margaret Smith, rb John & Connie Babb  
Scott Sorenson, rb Rayne Beach  
Catherine Alger, rb The Family  
Sharon Rank, rb Rayne Beach  
Frank Stule, rb Deacon Floyd & Connie McCubbins

**FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

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**RISEN CHRIST PARISH MASS REQUESTS  
FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

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Shelley Hembd, Lavine Heuscher, Harry McAllister  
Sherri Miller, Bob Neitzling, Tim Slobojan  
Larry Visocan. Mike Santacroce  
Audrey Turner, Marge Keith, Eilleen Erie  
Fr. Stan's Immigration Status

**FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

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Eduardo Terez rb Sylvia Garcia  
Robert C. Collins, rb Rayne Beach

**FOR OUR SEMINARIANS**

Dillon Armstrong, Matthew Christiaens, Tyler Frohlich  
Kaleb Mitchell, Kyle Tannehill

## READINGS FOR THE TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 29, 2019

Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**“How can I convince friends who go to church once or twice a month or just on holidays why they need to go regularly?”**

It sounds as if they do not realize what the heart of their professed faith is – a relationship of love with Jesus Christ (Gal 2:20; Eph 3:17-19; CCC 2666). Perhaps you should work on that. You can evangelize your friends by pointing them to Christ (1 Cor 2:2). The best way to do this is not simply by what you say but also by what you do (Mt 5:14-15). Your love for Christ should be evident by how you live. If you are a hypocrite, your friends may see this as proof that going to Mass makes no difference.

As to why they should go to Mass regularly, tell them they should do this as an expression of their love for Christ. This love of Christ means (1) we want to receive Him in the Eucharist (Lk 22:19; CCC 1324 and (2) we will obey Him (1Jn 3:24). Jesus wants us to gather for corporate worship on Sundays. That is how Christians fulfill the commandment, “Keep holy the Lord’s Day” (Heb 10:25).

Jesus says if we love Him, we will keep His commandments (Jn 14:15). Conversely, if we do not keep His commandments, can we really say we love Him (1 Jn 5:18; CCC 2180)?

Remind your friend that God gives us twenty-four hours each day. He gives seven days each week. That’s 168 hours a week. We spend about fifty-six hours sleeping and fifty-six hours working or in school. That leaves fifty-six hours for enjoyment and leisure. If we cannot give God one or two hours out of that fifty-six, how serious are we when we say we love Him? And, if we do not love or serve Him in this life, we seriously risk not being with Him in the next (Jn 3:36; CCC 161).

### ROSARY



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary and was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. During the month of October the Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes prior to Saturday and Sunday Mass. This is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus but everyone can participate and lead.

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

### **FOR OUR YOUTH**

***CYRO Weekly Bible Study, Thursdays 7:00 am Wheat Montana, Kalispell***

Religious Formation, grades K-12 will begin October 2 from 5:15 – 6:30 pm  
With a Parent Meeting/Pizza Party.

If you have not already done so, you can register your child for Religious formation when you bring them to class or at any time in the parish office.



### **NEIGHBORS IN NEED**

Please plan on supporting the annual Neighbors in Need Chili Luncheon on Friday, October 4, 2019. The cost is \$10 per lunch. Have your lunches delivered directly to your business or join us at the Northridge Lutheran Church. For more information call 752-7266

### **SPARROW'S NEST OF NW MT**

With the conclusion of the Great Fish Community Challenge, Sparrow's Nest of NW MT exceeded our goal and raised over \$71,000 from over 220 individual donors. We would like to thank the countless community members who donated, volunteered, and participated in the wonderful events in this years Great Fish Community Challenge. Thank you to the Whitefish Community Foundation for inviting Sparrow's Nest back for it's 4<sup>th</sup> year to benefit local nonprofits through community giving. Most importantly, thank YOU for your support of our organization in working to provide stable housing to unaccompanied homeless high-school students in the Flathead Valley.



### **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.

### **LENDING LIBRARY**

In the Social Area, you will find a shelf with Catholic books available to you. Feel free to borrow them to increase your knowledge of the Catholic faith. After you are done reading it, bring it back for others to use. If you have a book worthy of sharing, just place it on the shelf. We are grateful for our parishioner's generosity to make these books available to all our parish community.



### **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.

### **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

St. Matthew's school does collect box tops but not Campbell's soup labels. Please put them in the basket in the entryway to be taken to the school.

***PLEASE REMEMBER RISEN CHRIST PARISH IN YOUR WILL!***

**Job Openings for St. Matthew's Early Learning Center**

**After School Care Position**

**Work Day:**

3:00-5:30 pm and an early out once a month (when school is in session) Monday-Friday

**Pay Range:**

\$9.50-\$10.00 per hour

**Qualifications:**

Must be at least 16 years of age, must be able to relate well to children and be willing to fulfill responsibilities in accordance with St. Matthew's program & philosophy

**Responsibilities:**

- Supervise children ages 5-12 and ensure safety at all times
- Assist children with homework and plan fun activities for the children
- Prepare a light snack
- Help with the general housekeeping tasks
- Maintain a professional attitude to children and their parents
- Must be reliable, patient, kind and work well with other staff members to form a positive, supportive team atmosphere
- Participates in recommended trainings such as First Aid/CPR and 16 hours of training a year

**2 -3 Year Old Classroom Teacher's Aide**

**Work Day:**

8:30-1:30 Monday - Friday

**Pay Range:**

\$9.75 per hour

**Qualifications:**

Must be 16 years of age, must be able to relate well to children and be willing to fulfill responsibilities in accordance with St. Matthew's program and philosophy

**Responsibilities:**

- Supervise children ages 2-5 and ensure safety at all times
- Must be reliable, patient, kind and work well with other staff members to form a positive, supportive team atmosphere
- Must be able to play on the floor with children and be able to lift 40 lbs
- Must be willing to change diapers and assist children in the potty training process
- Help with the general housekeeping tasks
- Maintain a professional attitude to children and their parents
- Participates in recommended trainings such as First Aid/CPR and 16 hours of training a year

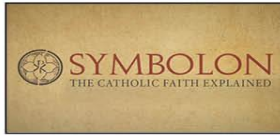
**We are looking to start the interview process right away.**

**Please call Roseann at 756-6807 for more information.**



# Symbolon: Knowing the Faith

Episode 3: The Bible



*"I finally realized that the most important book to learn is the Bible."*

—Loida T., Sugarland, TX

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## Be Set on Fire to Read God's Word

Is the Bible more than just a collection of ancient writings? If God reveals his truth to us through Sacred Scripture, what does that really mean for our faith?



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Fr. Stan

*The Nazareth Page*  
*A gospel meditation for your home*  
*September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Luke 16:1-13*

Today's gospel is about people who had to change their lives because of new circumstances. We learn about a fellow who was given a pink slip by his employer, but before he cleaned out his desk, he made some deals with people who owed his master (the boss) some money. Since he still had the key to the employee's bathroom, he still had some clout so he decided he would befriend those who owed money to his company, so he lowered their debt. He might need them later. He wanted to make the best of the change he was about to experience, namely unemployment.

While I would not advise doing what this so-called wise steward did, I have to admire his desire to make the best out of his new situation. He wasn't going to move ahead by just sitting around. He looked in the mirror, admitted to what was ahead and make the appropriate moves to survive. For him, times were changing.

Jesus used this story to remind his followers, then and now, that each new day brings on new possibilities. The wise person does not live in the past, but more in the present and the future. We might call this approach "Christian realism."

To be personal for a bit, for many decades I lived a very full life as a husband and parent, a teacher and writer and I travelled the world giving presentations mostly to church people about the spiritual richness of ordinary family life. For more than four decades I was fully active in all these roles. But then the circumstances of my life changed. Children left home to pursue new opportunities, I retired (mostly) from teaching and I no longer accumulated air miles giving presentations here and there. I still do some of those things but not nearly as much as I used to. For me circumstances changed.

So, I had to change and adjust. And it was not always easy. While there are benefits to aging (always ask for the senior discount), the satisfactions derived from a more active life and sometimes exciting work are now mostly in my past. Things that once gave me the feeling of being needed and valued are more memories than present-day experiences. I now must seek God's presence more in short walks, quiet evenings and writing this "Nazareth Page" which you are now reading. I am trying to adjust to new circumstances. That's something we all are invited to do by God. Finding a new world filled with God's presence and grace is still possible, but it might not be easy to do so.

David M. Thomas, PhD