
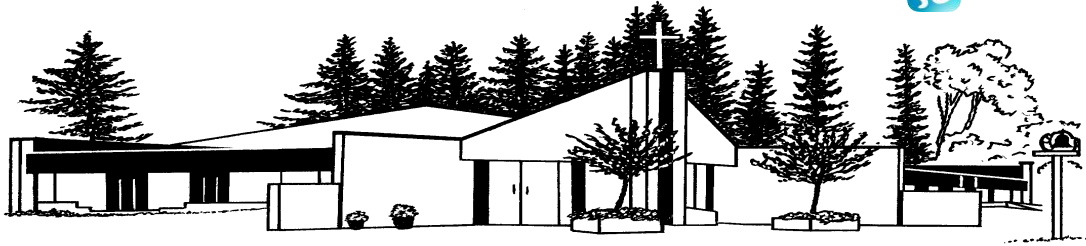


# RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

65 West Evergreen Drive • Kalispell MT 59901 • 752-4219 • fax: 752-4226

E-Mail: [rparish@montanasky.us](mailto:rparish@montanasky.us) and My Parish App 



Website: [www.risenchristkalispell.org](http://www.risenchristkalispell.org)

Formed Catechetical Resources: [www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org](http://www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org)

## 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 Director

Sandy Carter, Office Manager, Rose Hall, Office Assistant

Mike O'Neil, Maintenance, 253-1464

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT..... December 1, 2019**  
**Saturday, Nov. 30**, Mass for Monthly Intentions ..... **5:00 pm**  
**Sunday, Dec. 1**, Mass for the Parish..... **9:30 am**  
**Monday, Dec. 2**, Mass ..... **8:45 am**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 3**, Mass ..... **8:45 am**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 4**, Mass for the soul of Herman Nieskens, rb Arleen Hughes **12:10 pm**  
**Thursday, Dec. 5**, Mass for the Souls of Herb & Florence Russell, rb Camille Scott . **9:00 am**  
**Friday, Dec. 6** ..... **No Mass**

### Ministry Schedule, December 7 & December 8, 2019

Ministry	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Minister of the Plate</b>	Ron Boespflug	Tom Berquist
<b>Minister of the Cup</b>	Brenda VanDeHey	Julie Berquist
	Dean VanDeHey	Matthew Brockman
		Charlene Harmon
		Deacon Floyd
<b>Lector</b>	Vicki Walbruch	Kim Wakefield
	Kathy Shanahan	Andrea Wright
<b>Greeter</b>	Bob & Barbara Vine	Arleen Hughes & Kathleen Cotner
<b>Server</b>	Gary Hembd	JeNeal Grace
		Kaitlyn Brockman

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov	30	Chaplet of Divine Mercy .....	4:40 pm
Dec.	1	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
		Chaplet of Divine Mercy .....	9:10 am
		Coffee Hour .....	after Mass
		Evening Prayer, <b>Thanksgiving for Our New Bishop</b>	6:30pm
	1,2,3	Unwrapped Advent Mission Series, <b>St. Matthew Parish</b> .....	7:00 pm
	3	Choir .....	7:00 pm
	4	At Prayer with Mary, Ladies' Scripture Study .....	10:15 – 11:45 am
		Religious Formation, Grades K – 12 .....	5:15 – 6:30 pm
	6	Fertility Care Workshop, <b>Hope Church</b> , 436 Birch Grove.....	7:00 pm
	6-8	CYC Board, Missoula .....	
	7	Chaplet of Divine Mercy .....	4:40 pm
	8	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
		<b>Retirement Fund for Religious</b>	
		Chaplet of Divine Mercy .....	9:10 am
		Valley Voices Benefit Concert for Kensley Tobiason .....	3:00 pm
		Evening Prayer, <b>Vocations</b>	
	10	Pastoral Council .....	5:00 pm
		Knights of Columbus Ladies dinner, Perkins Restaurant .....	6:00 pm
		Knights of Columbus .....	6:30 pm
		Choir .....	7:00 pm
	11	At Prayer with Mary, Ladies' Scripture Study .....	10:15 – 11:45 am
		Religious Formation, Grades K – 12 .....	5:15 – 6:30 pm
	12	Advent Penance Service with individual confession.....	7:00 pm
	14	Chaplet of Divine Mercy .....	4:40 pm
	15	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
		Chaplet of Divine Mercy .....	9:10 am
		Parish Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus .....	after Mass
		Evening Prayer, <b>Fr. Stan's Immigration Resolution Success</b> ....	6:30 pm
	17	Choir .....	7:00 pm
	18	Religious Formation, Grades K – 12 .....	5:15 – 6:30 pm
	21	Chaplet of Divine Mercy .....	4:40 pm

### BISHOP VETTER VISIT & PRAYER SERVICE DETAILS

On Wednesday, **December 11** at 7:00 pm, Bishop Vetter will visit the Kalispell Deanery. He will be at St. Richard Parish in Columbia Falls. His visit will consist of a prayer service followed by a reception. This event is open to all parishioners from our Deanery.

Please join us to welcome our Bishop, Austin Vetter.

**Sacrament of Baptism by appointment**

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

**~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.

**November 16th & 17th, 2019**

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,826
Thanksgiving Envelopes	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,861</b>

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

To be sure your announcement gets into the bulletin, please have your information in to the Parish office by noon, Wednesday. The deadline for altar announcements is noon, Thursday.

**CHRISTMAS FOR KENSLEY BENEFIT CONCERT**

Five year old Kensley has cancer. The Valley Voices Community Choir is performing a concert to benefit Kensley and her family in their brave fight against this disease. The concert will be December 8, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at Risen Christ Catholic Church. All are welcome, admission is free. Donations accepted for Kensley.

**FROM YOUR CATHOLIC FOUNDATION**

Are you beginning to think about year-end charitable giving for the Catholic Church? Your Foundation can help. Our goal is to help Catholics like you through the maze of gifting options available to support your Catholic faith. Contact Jeanne Saarinen, Executive Director of The Foundation for the Diocese of Helena, Inc. Inc., (406) 389-7051 or [jsaarinen@diocesehelena.org](mailto:jsaarinen@diocesehelena.org) through the end of the year for help with:

- Qualifying a gift for the 40% Montana Charitable Endowment Tax Credit
- Making a gift from your IRA
- Transferring appreciated stocks to the Church
- Catholic Charitable Gift Annuity –make a gift and you receive income for life, and much more!

If you want to claim a gift on your 2019 taxes, don’t wait until the end of December to do IRA and stock gifts as they take a little longer to process. If giving by check through the mail, be sure it’s postmarked on or before December 31. If giving online by credit or debit card, it needs to be charged on or before December 31.

*Your Catholic Foundation’s mission is to serve and strengthen the people, parishes, ministries, and apostolic mission of the Diocese of Helena. Learn more at [www.fdoh.org](http://www.fdoh.org).*

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

**FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2019**

**+++++**

**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  
John & Michael Culliton, rb Larry & Betty Visocan  
Dennis Tobiason, rb Helen Tobiason  
Ron Anderson, rb Andre Anderson  
Elmer Alger, rb Hutchens' Family  
Jon Jensen, rb Risen Christ Parish**

**FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

**+++++**

**Robert C. Collins, rb Rayne Beach  
Dennis Mason Tobiason, Garrett & Cecilia Dostal, rb Helen Tobiason**

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

**+++++**

**Shelley Hembd, Lavine Heuscher, Jeff Krautbauer, Harry McAllister,  
Joe Riska, Sherry Miller, Bob Neitzling, Tim Slobojan,  
Larry Visocan, Mike Santacroce, Jerry and Audrey Turner,  
Mary Reckin, Mike O'Neil, Ron Frazier,  
Fr. Stan's Immigration Status**

**FOR OUR SEMINARIANS**

**+++++**

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

**~ QUESTION OF THE WEEK ~**

**READINGS FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 8, 2019**

Isaiah 11:1-10	A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse.
Romans 15:4-9	Accept one another.
Matthew 3:1-12	Reform your lives.

**“Why is religion so important in our lives?”**

It depends on what you mean by “religion”. Not all religions are true or equally true, so religion as such is not really the issue. If by “religion” you mean the truths about God and man’s relation to Him, that is important simply because it is true. It is the way things are. So the Catholic faith is important because it is true and helps us to know the Ultimate Reality, God.

Our religion is also important because it helps us fulfill our purpose, to become the human beings God most deeply desires we become, both as individuals and as a society (CCC 2105). God made us for a purpose, and unless we consult what He has revealed about that purpose and live accordingly, we will be failed creatures, as useless as a screen door on a submarine or a bathing suit in a snowstorm (2 Cor. 5:1-5; Sir 17:1-13; Is 43:21).

Because the Catholic faith reveals why we are here, it shows us the meaning of life. It can keep us from despair and prepare us for the fulfillment of our existence in the next life (Phil 4:4-7; Rom 15:13). It also provides guidelines for human society (Rom 3:19-20). Imagine what things would be like without the moral laws and principles true religion provides. Everyone would do what he or she selfishly liked without any regard for others. This would lead to complete self-indulgence, which leads to all types of vice and sin (Rom 1:18-32; CCC 57, 401). True religious belief teaches us to get out of ourselves and turn to God and others (Mt 22:35-40).

Matthew J Pinto, Did Adam & Eve have Belly Buttons

**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:  
**Anne Mahoney, 257-2731 and Jamie Miller, 257-9636**

**GRATITUDE**

Gratitude... It fills us with a consciousness that God loves and cares for us, even to the least event and smallest need of life. Henry Edward Manning

### **ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed 20 minutes prior to Saturday and Sunday Masses during advent. This is 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 6:30 pm on Sunday evenings during Advent

1 <sup>st</sup> Week – Dec. 1	Prayer of Thanksgiving for Our New Bishop
2 <sup>nd</sup> Week – Dec. 8	Prayer for Vocations
3 <sup>rd</sup> Week – Dec. 15	Prayer for the Successful Resolution to Fr. Stan's Immigration Status
4 <sup>th</sup> Week – Dec. 22	Prayer for All Who Are Recovering From the Sex Abuse Scandal

**Advent Penance Service—With Individual Confession, December 12, 7:00 pm**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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

### **MARRIAGE MATTERS**

Are you "awake"?

When Jesus tells us this weekend to "stay awake," he isn't suggesting a strategy for getting all our extra holiday errands done! It is a call to lift our heads out of the present moment and remember what is really important, and your marriage is at the top of the list. This Advent, remind your spouse of his/her importance to you by:

- Offering an extended hug before leaving the house or when returning.
- Sending Notes, texts or emails that affirm a quality in your spouse you appreciate.
- Asking how you can help to ease their busyness.
- Praying for and with your spouse.
- Treating tasks like shopping or cleaning into a "working date."

For more joy in your marriage, go to [www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com](http://www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com)

### **SAMARITAN HOUSE**

The Samaritan House is asking for warm coats and boots for their homeless people. If you have some that are no longer used, they would be happy to receive them. If you are unable to take them to Samaritan House, you can bring them to the church.

### **CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections), and click on "How to give" on the left.

### **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

**Give in thanksgiving.** "The nuns left lasting impressions on me," writes a donor. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education". Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week's collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.



### **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.

**Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Philippians 4:6**

### **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.

### **RISEN CHRIST GIFT SHOP**



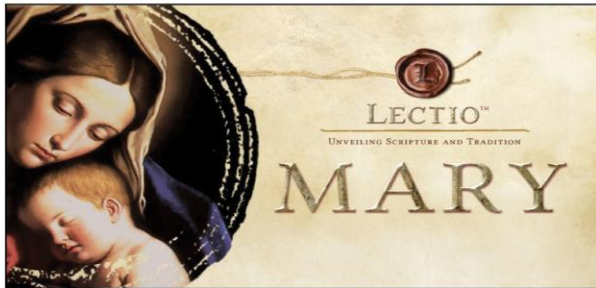
Risen Christ Gift Ministry wants to thank our parishioners and also the Knights of Columbus for your support these last three years. Advent will soon be upon us and we would like to "Keep Christ in Christmas". You can purchase a Keep Christ in Christmas yard sign for only \$15.00. One of our cabinets has Advent wreaths, candles, and Christmas cards. We also have Christmas ornaments, Rosaries, and small gifts. We will try to help fill your needs. Thanks again, Andrea Wright, Connie McCubbins, Sandy Carter, and Rose Hall.

### **POP TOP TABS**

You can help support the Ronald McDonald House in Missoula by collecting pop top tabs from aluminum cans, such as energy drinks, soup cans or anything with a metallic tab. Please put them in the basket in the entryway.

### **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.



## Lectio: Mary

Episode 1 - The New Eve

WATCH ON  
FORMED.ORG

### *The New Fulfills the Old*

The Book of Genesis begins with the story of Adam and Eve, whose sin of disobedience breaks their relationship with God.

God does not abandon his people, but gradually prepares them for the coming of his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus, the promised “seed” of Genesis 3:15 is the “New Adam,” and his mother, the promised “woman,” is the “New Eve.”

POWERED BY THE  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

**To register please go to: [www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org](http://www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org)** Click on register now and create your account. Be sure to follow the password requirements and check the square that you have read and understood the Terms of Service. After you have created your account, you'll have access to FORMED provided materials (like the one above) purchased for you by our parish. Please take advantage of this beautiful opportunity to learn more about your faith.

Fr. Stan



*The Nazareth Page*  
*A gospel meditation for your home*  
*December 1, 2019 – First Sunday of Advent*  
*Matthew 24:36-44*

When I was a youngster, I was beset with two giant fears. One related to what I had learned in my religion class. It was about “the end of the world.” Jesus as judge would come atop the clouds and pronounce a judgment on each one of us. Including me! That was scary enough for this eight-year-old. Second, like many others, I feared an attack by our primary enemy of that time, Communist Russia. I had even set up a small bomb shelter in the basement of our family home. These two possible events lived deep within me and if I thought about them, I was one scared little boy.

Today’s gospel reminds me of those early fears, although I now see things differently. As I hear about the coming of “the Son of Man” – a reference originally to the coming of the Messiah – I know that the Messiah has already come and remains with us to this day. As the gospel puts it in another place, “The Kingdom of God is at hand.” It has already begun with the coming of Christ. To use current language, “It’s now operational.” So, in hearing that important message in the gospel for today, we are to “stay awake” to the presence of God in our lives right now. No matter how busy we are, God is there, right next to us or within us, as our creator, support and friend.

But to be aware of this miracle is far from easy. There are so many other things to think about than the presence of God’s Spirit among us. It’s hard to remain aware that all the good that we do, however small, contributes our share to the New Creation.

After all, there’s all that’s happening these days in the world of politics and economics. There’s our favorite sports teams to follow. Christmas is coming. We need to “shop ‘til we drop.” And all those decorations waiting for our attention. And not least, there are often serious health concerns involving both ourselves, and those we love. And there never seems enough money. We can easily be filled with many worries and concerns. And fears.

In other words, we are perfect candidates who should listen to today’s gospel invitation, “Stay awake.” Be aware that we are in God’s hands and under God’s care. We are loved no matter what. If we stray from God’s path, God’s mercy will bring us back on track. We are invited to trust God more than Wall Street or Pennsylvania Avenue. We are called to be persons of peace rather than harried shoppers filled with the worries of the season. It’s called “the Advent season” which means that the God who loves each of us very much not only promised to come and be with us but has already done so. What’s needed is our awareness and gratitude for God’s faithful promise to be with us.

David M. Thomas, PhD

# ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH ADVENT MISSION

## UNWRAPPED

[www.unwrappedmission.com](http://www.unwrappedmission.com)

FROM THE MANGER  
TO THE MESS: AN  
ADVENT MISSION SERIES

Dive deep into unwrapping God's gift of the dignity of the human person and topics relevant to today's culture at our advent mission series. Confession will be offered 6-7pm each night followed by the mission program from 7-8pm. Reception to follow each evening. *Child care available at St. Matthew's Early Learning Center!*

DEC 1

Unwrapped: The Gift  
*What we were meant for*

DEC 2

Unwrapped: The Mess  
*How did we get here and what's the way out?*

DEC 3

Unwrapped: Hot button issues  
*Let's get real about...everything.*

DEC 6

Fertility Care workshop  
6pm at Hope Church  
*Led by Catholic nurse practitioner Meredith Krutar.*



### MEET THE SPEAKER: SAMANTHA KELLEY

Samantha Kelley is a former Division 1 soccer player for UConn. After college she worked with student athletes for five years through FOCUS and Varsity Catholic. Among her many certifications, Sam currently holds a Masters in Catholic Psychology from Divine Mercy University and is pursuing Theology of the Body teaching Certification through the Theology of the Body Institute. Sam is a certified strength and conditioning coach as well, using sports as a platform for sharing truth. Samantha speaks nationally on topics of Sport, Femininity, Theology of the Body and Prayer.