
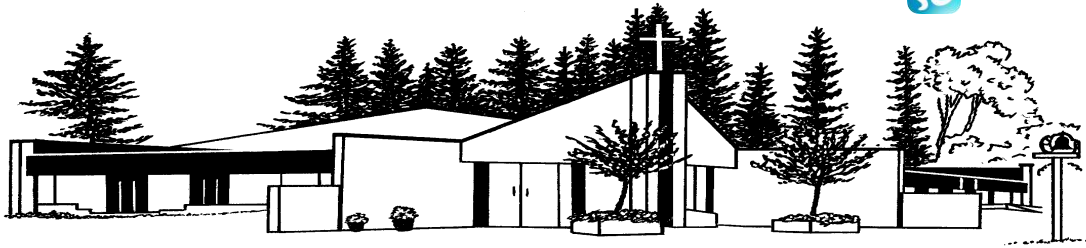


RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT **December 8, 2019**
Saturday, Dec. 7, Mass for Monthly Intentions **5:00 pm**
Sunday, Dec. 8, Mass for the Parish..... **9:30 am**
Monday, Dec. 9, Mass for the Soul of Kacey Scott, rb Ron & Camille Scott **8:45 am**
Tuesday, Dec. 10, Mass for the Soul of Robert Lundin, rb Charlotte Boyland **8:45 am**
Wed, Dec. 11, Mass for the Soul of Patti Slack, rb Ron & Margarite Bauer **12:10 pm**
Thursday, Dec. 12, Mass for the Soul of Jerad Avery **9:00 am**
Friday, Dec. 13 **No Mass**

Ministry Schedule, December 14 & 15, 2019

Ministry	Saturday	Sunday
Minister of the Plate	Don Zimmerman	Neil Heino
Minister of the Cup	Linda Zimmerman	Leah McGraw
	Joe Riska	TJ Higgins
		Mike Hanson
		Deacon Floyd
Lector	Carol Jellison	Sam Loudon
	Jennifer Hescher	Mille Mitchke
Greeter	Pat Arnone & JeNeal Grace	Mary Grace Galvin & Kelsey Hattel
Server	Zachary Lapke	Rick Nease
	Carter Lapke	Kellen Mouat

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec.	7	Chaplet of Divine Mercy	4:40 pm
	8	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
		Retirement Fund for Religious	
		Chaplet of Divine Mercy	9:10 am
		Valley Voices Benefit Concert for Kensley Tobiason	3:00 pm
		Evening Prayer, Vocations	6:30 pm
	10	Pastoral Council	5:00 pm
		Knights of Columbus Ladies dinner, Perkins Restaurant	6:00 pm
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		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
		Welcoming of Bishop Vetter, St. Richard Parish, Columbia Falls...	7:00 pm
	12	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	12 noon – 6:00 pm
		Advent Penance Service with individual confession.....	7:00 pm
	14	Chaplet of Divine Mercy	4:40 pm
	15	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
		Chaplet of Divine Mercy	9:10 am
		Piano Recital	3:00 pm
		Evening Prayer, Fr. Stan's Immigration Resolution Success	6:30 pm
	17	Choir	7:00 pm
	18	Men's Prayer Group	8:00 am
		At Prayer with Mary, Ladies' Scripture Study, final class	10:15 – 11:45 am
		Religious Formation, Grades K – 12	5:15 – 6:30 pm
	19	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	12 noon – 6:00 pm
	20	Morning Prayer, Fr. Stan's Immigration Status	9:30 am
	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.

CHOIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, 11:00 PM MASS

We are looking for volunteers to sing at the 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. There will be one rehearsal date on December 22nd at 7:00 pm immediately following Evening Prayer. If you would like to sing and can't make that practice, or if you have questions, please call Maryruth at 752-1490.

SPECIAL MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

On Friday, December 20 at 9:30 am, there will be **Morning Prayer** to pray for the successful resolution for Fr. Stan's immigration status.

~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 23th & 24th, 2019

Sunday Envelopes	\$12,538
Thanksgiving Envelopes	558
Christmas Envelopes	50
Building Envelopes	656
Total	\$13,802

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.

2019 CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE

In order for contributions to be credited to 2019, they need to be in the parish by December 31. If mailing contribution they must be postmarked on or before December 31.

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 jkaarinen@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.fдох.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 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
John & Michael Culliton, rb Larry & Betty Visocan
Tracy Iano, rb John & Connie Babb
Eileen Babb, rb John & Connie Babb
Dennis Tobiason, rb Helen Tobiason
Ron Anderson, rb Andre Anderson
Elmer Alger, rb Hutchens' family
Jason Falcon, rb Denny & Bev Falcon**

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

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

FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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

PARENTS OF YOUNG VOICES

This Christmas, all young children are invited to process forward with Father Stan to carry the "Baby Jesus" to the manger at the 6:30 pm Mass.

Children should gather in the church social area prior to Mass to prepare for entry, by 6:20 pm on Christmas Eve.

We also invite all young children coming to the 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass to sing "Away in a Manger" for one of the preludes. Please arrive by 6:00 pm and gather in the entryway with Heidi Durbin, who will assist you. Following the song you are invited to join Fr. Stan for the entry procession.

READINGS FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 15, 2019

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10	Be strong, fear not!
James 5:7-10	You must be patient.
Matthew 11:2-11	Go back and report to John what you have seen.

~ QUESTION OF THE WEEK ~

“Why do we have to go to confession? Why can’t we just go to God for forgiveness?”

God has given us the awesome gift of confession because He wants to reach us through the Church, the community of believers (1 Thess 5:12-13). God wants us to be a family (1 Tm 3:15), so He gave us spiritual fathers in the priesthood. The priests have the authority to administer His forgiveness to us (CCC 1461). “Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven. Whose sins you retain, they are retained,” Jesus told the apostles (Jn 20:23). In short, confession is one of Christ’s gifts to us. It is a wonderful spiritual treasure, a great gift we should rejoice in.

Actually, we can go “directly” to God, but also through His Church. God sees the two as necessarily linked (Lk 10:16; CCC 858). Our sin, even if we suppose it is only “against God, “ robs our fellow believers of something – of our being in communion with God and them. Sin diminishes the power of the Church because it cuts us off from full communion together in the Holy Spirit (CCC 953). We become like a dead limb, just barely hanging on, and dead limbs can be harmful to the tree (Rom 11:20-22)

The Church is a body (Eph 5:23 CCC 817). When one member suffers, the whole body suffers. To be reconciled, we must not only repent before God; we must also have reconciliation with the Church. That is the way God wants it (CCC 1469).

Remember what Jesus said we must do if we are making an offering to God and we recall that someone has a grievance against us? He said we should be reconciled with our brother first, then make our offering to God (Mt 5:21-26). Why is that? Because reconciliation with God and reconciliation with His people are tied together.

Confession also helps us grow in the virtue of humility. Humility is the first step towards true repentance (Mt 23:12). Because pride is the root of all sin, an act of humility, such as confessing to a priest, will help push pride out of our lives (Ez 6:49-50). St. Theresa of Avila described humility as “honesty.” If we are humble, we are able to honestly focus on our faults.

A priest can keep us more objective about our sins. He can also give us a concrete “plan of action” to avoid sin in the future. If we go directly to God in the privacy of our own home, we can deceive ourselves. We can be either too harsh or too lenient.

Matthew J Pinto, Did Adam & Eve have Belly Buttons

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 st Week – Dec. 1	Prayer of Thanksgiving for Our New Bishop
2 nd Week – Dec. 8	Prayer for Vocations
3 rd Week – Dec. 15	Prayer for the Successful Resolution to Fr. Stan's Immigration Status
4 th 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

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Is Your Path Straight?

While most of us are knee-deep in Christmas preparations already, let's not miss one of the most important—repentance! Repentance "makes straight the paths," to both Jesus and our spouse:

- It humbles us, which opens us to deeper intimacy
- It reminds us that our relationship is more important than being "right"
- It fills us with compassion for our spouse
- It takes the focus off of ourselves and puts it onto our spouse

Advent is the perfect time to apologize to our spouse for any behaviors and attitudes that have hurt our spouse. Also make use of the sacrament of Reconciliation!

For more joy this Christmas in your marriage, go to www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com

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:

Judy Stack, 752-4411 and Vicki Walbruch, 758-0170

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.

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.

THANK YOU FROM KALISPELL SCHOOLS HEART LOCKER

The Heart Locker Program is extremely thankful for your continued support. You often send over food and various items which help to support the students we work with. You make a difference. Thank you.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Support aging religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Christmas Food Baskets will be assembled and delivered on Sunday, Dec. 22nd after Mass. We need help for assembly and delivery of the baskets. Call Julie Berquist at 253-4842 if you can donate a ham or if you know of a family in need of a Christmas food basket.



RISEN CHRIST PRAYER LINE

Call the Parish Office 752-4219, 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.

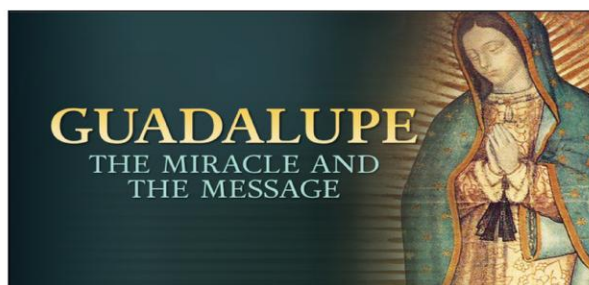
RISEN CHRIST GIFT SHOP



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.



Guadalupe

The Miracle and the Message

WATCH ON
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The Heart of the Evangelization of the Americas

The most important event in the evangelization of the New World occurred in December of 1531. Over the course of four days, the Virgin Mary, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego. As a result of this encounter, the image miraculously imprinted on Juan Diego's tilma (cloak). This gripping film explores both the inexplicable mysteries behind the image and the continued relevance of this Marian apparition to the modern world.

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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
December 8, 2019 – Second Sunday of Advent
Matthew 3:1-12

There are two major actors in the gospels. One, of course, is Jesus. And the other one is John the Baptist. One points more to the present and the future. That would be Jesus. The other, John the Baptist, calls attention to the past. Both are important in God's Plan. Both help us to understand ourselves.

John's message was one of repentance. His basic message was that we are all sinners. (No need to go into detail here. We each know the ways that we have failed to do what was right.) And we need to express sorrow for our past failings, especially to God who created us to do what is good. We might call what John was about Act One.

One way to admit to sinfulness and symbolically express this is by being washed by the water. John set up shop next to the Jordan River, a primary source of water back then. His baptism, a kind of washing in the river, didn't take away one's sins. Only God could do that. But admitting our guilt allowed God's forgiveness to take hold and truly be a part of us. But more was needed.

Now comes Jesus who would become (and remains) the true creator of new life in us. (Act Two) The baptism brought by Jesus would bring God's Spirit into each of us. And that created a kind of life that would continue to be ours forever and ever because it was God's very life that was given to us. This transformation or elevation would be described as our participation in God's life. Later theologians would state this in a powerful way: God became human (in Jesus) so that humans would become divine.

To understand this a little more, the baptism of Jesus was described as being connected with fire. Much can be said about the symbolism of fire. We know that the fire of the sun is necessary for there to be life on earth. Back in the days of Jesus fire had a marked practical meaning. It warmed people when it was cold and provided light when it was dark. It allowed nourishment through the cooking of meat and the baking of bread. In other words, fire supported and sustained life.

So, once we are freed from the presence of evil through repentance (the first act), the fullness of God's intent for us could take place through the coming of Jesus (the second act.) Each Advent season we are reminding of this divine/human drama. Except it's not just a play on a stage. It's real. It's part of us right now. Just in case we forget.

David M Thomas, PhD

NEIGHBORS IN NEED
Serving Those In Need In The Name of Christ

The Neighbors In Need Program began in 1984 when requests for assistance coming into the Help Net - First Call For Help Information and Referral line were not able to be met. The Help Net Board of Directors turned to the Kalispell Ministerial Association for assistance. The KMA called together community leaders, clergy and interested volunteers and from that initial meeting the Neighbors In Need program was created.

Neighbors In Need is a fund of last resort that is supported by the churches of the Flathead Valley, Faith Based organizations, individual contributors and special events coordinated by the Congregational Representatives from member churches. The mission of Neighbors In Need is to meet the needs of those individuals in our valley who are falling through the cracks of other social service programs by providing a single point of access that assists in ensuring the services provided to individuals are not duplicated.

Here's how it works.... Individuals in need contact the Help Net - Information & Referral line. If the caller has no other resources and has exhausted other social service programs Help Net may be able to provide assistance through the Neighbors In Need fund.

Requests from callers determine how Neighbors In Need can best assist each individual in need. Neighbors In Need utilizes a voucher system so no cash is distributed directly to those in need. Typical types of service delivery categories include gasoline, partial rental and utility assistance, transportation assistance, laundry, first time doctor visits, medication, and other basic needs. The member churches also provide personal care bags filled with essential items for daily living - soap, shampoo, toilet tissue and much more!

Neighbors In Need volunteers host an annual Valentines Day luncheon, a Father's Day Brunch, and a fall Chili Delivery Luncheon. Neighbors In Need does not accept any government or federal assistance and is funded entirely through local gifts. 100% of each contribution stays in the Flathead Valley. More than 99% of the people served are our local neighbors and friends.

During 2018, Neighbors In Need provided assistance to more than 1200 individuals in the Flathead Valley. Extra funds have been dedicated to providing sleeping bag and tents to those in need. More than 51% of the Neighbors In Need funds were used to provide temporary emergency shelter to people in need in our community.

Neighbors In Need
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Thank You For Your Support!!