
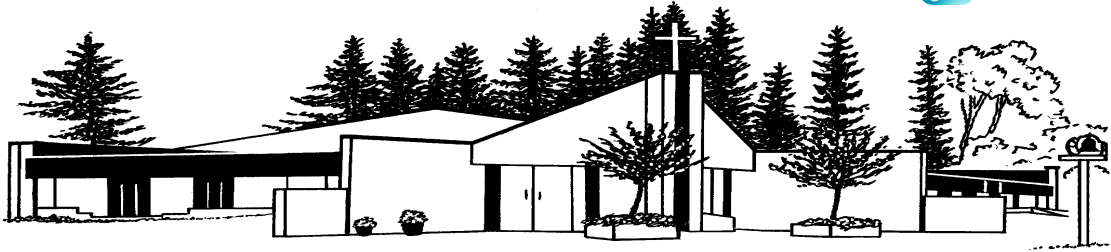


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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **January 19, 2020**
Saturday, Jan. 18, Mass for January Intentions..... **5:00 pm**
Sunday, Jan. 19, Mass for the Parish **9:30 am**
Monday, Jan. 20, Mass for the Soul of Jade Green, rb Tim & Diane Slobojan ... **8:45 am**
Tues, Jan. 21, Mass for the Soul of Deanna Strosnider, rb Jackie/Mike Strosnider **8:45 am**
Wednesday, Jan. 22, Mass for the Soul of Rachel Blake, rb Rose Hall **12:10 pm**
Thursday, Jan. 23, Mass for the Soul of Tom Stack, rb Judy Stack **9:00 am**
Friday, Jan. 24 **No Mass**

Ministry Schedule, January 25 & 26, 2020

Ministry	Saturday, 5:00 pm	Sunday, 9:30 am
Minister of the Plate	Vicki Walbruch	Anita Lavin
Minister of the Cup	Jovita Kottraba	Jack Lavin
	Jamie Miller	Leah McGraw
		TJ Higgins
		Deacon Floyd
Lector	Suzanne Johnson	Mike Hanson
	Jackie Jensen	Kim Wakefield
Greeter	Don & Linda Zimmerman	Dixon & Mitzi Rice/Pat Arnone
Server	Gary Hembd	Ron Boespflug

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan.	19	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
	21	Choir 7:30 pm
	22	Religious Formation, Grades K-12..... 5:15-6:30 pm
	23	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 noon – 6:00 pm
	25	Parish Pot Luck Supper after Mass
	26	SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD
	28	Choir 7:30 pm
	29	Religious Formation, Grades K-12..... 5:15-6:30 pm
	30	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 noon – 6:00 pm
Jan 31–Feb 1	1	CYRO Jr. High Retreat
Feb.	2	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
		Coffee Hour after Mass
	4	Choir 7:30 pm
	5	Religious Formation, Grades K-12..... 5:15-6:30 pm
	6	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 noon – 6:00 pm
	9	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MARRIAGE MATTERS

To honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, many people give a day of service. Whether you are able to give the third Monday of January, or you serve all year at your parish, consider serving together with your spouse. Serving as a couple has many benefits:

- It is meaningful time spent with your spouse
- Those you are serving benefit from your example of married love
- As a sacrament of the Church, you always bring Christ’s love with you!

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.

ST. MATTHEW 45TH ANNUAL BLUE & GOLD AUCTION

February 15, 2020 at 5:00 pm

Snowline Acres, 3315 Hwy 93 South, Kalispell

Tickets on sale for \$75.

Visit school office or www.stmattsaints.org

Live & Silent Auctions, food, drinks, music & more!

Come support Catholic Education in the Flathead Valley

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~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 11 & 12, 2019

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,125
Holy Day	\$80
Building	\$100
Mass & Stole Gifts	\$81
Total	\$4,386

PARKING SPACES FOR SENIORS

Please leave the parking spaces bordering the building and the row just west of that for seniors or others who have trouble navigating our icy parking lot.

SAVE THE DATE – “JESUS IS IN THE HEALING BUSINESS”

Please put this event on your calendars: Catholic Women’s Conference, “Spa Day for the Soul” to be held on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at the Civic Center in Helena Montana. Our mission is to foster an appreciation for the personal dignity of women in Christ, to encourage women to know and love God, and to inspire women to use their feminine gifts to transform the family and society. Join women from Montana and beyond for prayer, speakers, music, fellowship, and more! Be sure to visit helenacwc.com for more information.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note and posted it on the apple tray, “Take only one. God is watching.” Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. One child whispered to another, “Take all you want. God is watching the apples.”

QUOTES

“I believe that life is valuable, even when it is unwanted, even when it is physically imperfect. I believe our society has a responsibility to defend the vulnerable and the weak. And I believe our nation should set a goal that unborn children should be welcomed in life and protected in law.”

President George W. Bush, at the signing ceremony for Texas’ Parental Notification Law (June 7, 1999)

“The primary moral judgment on candidates and their positions is to be made in the light of their concern for protecting human life from conception to natural death.”

Cardinal Francis George

MASS INTENTIONS

**FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2020
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
Karel, David & Terry Barrett, rb Ken Barrett
Jim Jensen, rb Jackie Jensen
John & Michael Culliton, rb Larry & Betty Visocan
Ron Anderson, rb Andre Anderson
Joan Blair, rb Greg & Kelli Gillingham
Neil Geis, rb Greg & Kelli Gillingham
Harry McAllister, rb Risen Christ Parish
Nancy Doyle, rb Risen Christ Parish
Jeff Krautbauer, rb Risen Christ Parish
Adrienne Hattel, rb Risen Christ Parish
Jason Falcon, rb Denny & Bev Falcon**

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FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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Tim McNall, rb Greg & Kelli Gillingham

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

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**Shelley Hembd, Lavine Heuscher, Joe Riska, Sherry Miller, Michael Arace,
Bob Neitzling, Tim Slobojan, Larry Visocan, Mike Wright
Carol Trimble, Audrey and Jerry Turner, Mike O'Neil, Jenny St.John
Fr. Stan's Immigration Status**

FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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

Dear Risen Christ "Angels"

We can't thank you enough for your lovely luncheon you provided for our friends and family during the services of Nancy Doyle. What an overwhelming display of hospitality and love you showered upon us. You helped make a difficult day a little brighter. The food and service could not have been any better. We are eternally grateful and pray for blessings upon each one of you.

The Doyle Family

READINGS FOR SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD
January 26, 2020

Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3	The people who walked in darkness have seen a a great light.
1Corinthians 1:10-13, 17	Be united in mind and judgment.
Matthew 4:12-17	Reform your lives! The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

~ QUESTION OF THE WEEK ~

“How can I be less hypocritical? I know what Jesus says and what I believe but I often go against these beliefs.”?”

So does almost everyone in the world. Sts. Peter and Paul and every saint in history (with the exception of Mary), struggled with this very problem (Rom 7:15-25). Here are some practical tips that will help you in this struggle:

Knowledge is power. If you know your faith, you will know more about how to fight the devil and temptation to sin (1 PT 5:8-9; CCC 409).

Read the lives of the saints. These men and women have been where you are now, and their heroic example will inspire you (Phil 4:9).

Live a sacramental life. Go to Mass more than just on Sunday, pray the rosary, and go to confession frequently; especially if you have sinned seriously (Heb 10:25; 1 Thess 5:17; CCC 1127, 1129).

In prayer; ask Jesus for guidance. (Mt 7:7).

Matthew J Pinto, Did Adam & Eve have Belly Buttons

RETROUVAILLE

Matrimony: A calling to forgive! “Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope.”

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and, with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises. The next Retrouvaille weekend is on **February 21-23, 2020, at the Ursuline Centre, Great Falls** For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit our website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today’s Gospel, John the Baptist shows us how what we do and say reveals to others what we really believe. He has a clear sense of who he is and who he is not, and by his life’s work he gives testimony to God’s active presence in people’s lives. He challenges us to examine how our actions reveal our attitudes, testify to our beliefs, and show how those beliefs reveal our true selves to others. Good stewards of their faith are aware of the sort of God they reveal to the world by their words and actions. Do our acts witness to a God who takes away that which alienates people from God and each other? Do our actions truly reveal God’s presence in the world today?

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide praying the annual *9 Days for Life* novena January 21-29. Sign up today at www.9daysforlife.com!

BILLINGS CATHOLIC RADIO ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET

Attend a marvelous evening for the entire Catholic community and support Catholic radio! Billings Catholic Radio will host Johnnette Benkovic Williams and Jack Williams as keynote speakers of the annual fundraising banquet on **Thursday, March 19th**. Host a table of eight or reserve individual seats today! RSVP required: 406-294-5250 or kjcradio.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:

Linda Zimmerman, 361-946-6055 and Ken Barrett, 755-0269



RISEN CHRIST PRAYER LINE

Call Lavine Heuscher at 406-752-4007 should you or someone you know need prayer. The Risen Christ Prayer Line is in place to pray for the needs of our families, friends, or our community intentions. You are also invited to join us in this important ministry. Please call for more information.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 2:12

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.



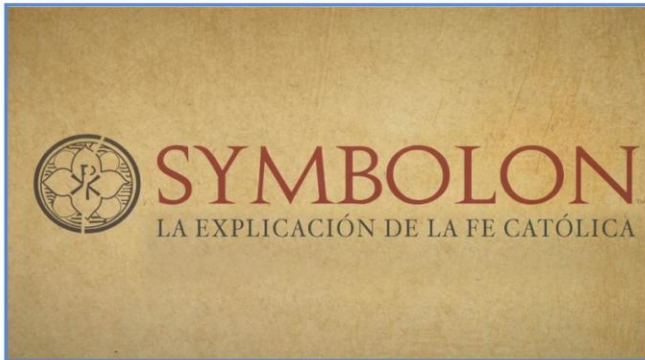
RISEN CHRIST GIFT SHOP

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.

PICK OF THE WEEK

Symbolon: Living the Faith

Protecting the Dignity of the Human Person



January 22 is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. In an age when life itself seems disposable, how can we follow God's call to protect and promote the dignity of the human person in all places and circumstances?

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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
January 19, 2020 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
John 1:29-34

This Sunday the Church has slipped in a second account of the baptism of Jesus. This time we hear from John's gospel. Biblical scholars tell us that this was the last of the gospels to be written down. There is general agreement that it comes from near the end of the first century. It shows how the church came to an ever clearer understanding of who Jesus was.

From Matthew's gospel (written maybe 30 years earlier) we hear Jesus being identified as "the beloved son." This week John states that Jesus is "God's Son." What this suggests is that the first Christians gradually (not all at once) came to realize and believe in the full identity of Jesus as both human and divine. How these two aspects of Jesus are connected remains a great mystery of Faith. That God, creator of all that is (and from recent science we know that this is a lot - as in billions and billions of galaxies and stars) came to our small planet to be one of us, live with us, speak to us and eventually die for us ... well, that is no small matter. In fact, if we list all possible events that we might call "incredible," the incarnation of God in Jesus has to be at the top of that list.

Jesus lived among us and major moments in his life are described in the gospels. That's almost a miracle in itself. We know more about Jesus as an historical figure than any other person living at his time. We not only know generalities, but very specific events of his life, like his baptism. We also have a reliable record of many of his actions, particularly when he helped others in need, like the lame, the blind, the sick, the confused, the poor. As is said, he went about "doing good."

Further we are blessed with an extensive record of what he said and taught as a rabbi. We have a wide assortment of parables and stories, like two of my favorites, "The Prodigal Son" and "The Good Samaritan." We have lengthy accounts of his teachings like "The Sermon on the Mount" and "The Final Discourse at the Last Supper." We have detailed descriptions of his painful passion and death. And certainly, last and not least, the various accounts of his life after the Resurrection.

We do well to think of all this as actions of God and not merely deeds and words of a good man. They are all God's word to us. They are of singular importance in the history of humanity on Earth. God's words through Jesus deserve not only our respect, but our serious thought because they are directed to us. Another way to think about the Incarnation of Jesus is that God went to great trouble to help us to be as good as we might be. Should we not want the same?

David M. Thomas, PhD



National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

In a proclamation issued in December, President Trump designated *January 2020* as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. This is an excellent opportunity to increase awareness about human trafficking and trafficking prevention. In the upcoming weeks, we encourage you to undertake efforts to educate communities on human trafficking. In doing so, you can also promote best practices to help advance anti-trafficking initiatives.

Day of Prayer

February 8th has been designated by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the International Union of Superiors General as an annual day of prayer and awareness against human trafficking. February 8th is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. She learned from Canossian nuns that she was created in the image of God and possessed human dignity. Once she asserted herself and refused to be enslaved, Josephine became a Canossian sister and dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering. She was declared a Saint in 2000.

On February 8th, Catholics all over the world are encouraged to host or attend prayer services to generate greater awareness about human trafficking. Through prayer, we not only reflect on the experiences of those that have suffered through this affront to human dignity but also comfort, strengthen, and help empower survivors. As Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, former Chairman of the Committee on Migration, has stated: "On [February 8th], we will lift our voices loudly in prayer, hope, and love for trafficking victims and survivors. If just one person realizes from this day that they or someone they know is being trafficked, we will have made a difference."

Human Trafficking Background and Overview

Facts about Human Trafficking:

- There are an estimated 40.3 million victims of modern-day slavery worldwide. Of these, 25 million are victims of labor or sex trafficking and 15 million are people trapped in forced marriages.
- Nearly 30% of all victims are men and boys; increasing to 46% for victims of forced labor
- Unfortunately, stakeholders have increasingly found that individuals in situations of forced migration, such as refugees and unaccompanied children, are particularly vulnerable to labor and sex traffickers.
- Victim identification remains a significant challenge to U.S. efforts to prevent trafficking, prosecute perpetrators, and protect victims.
- Calculated as a 150-billion-dollar industry, modern day slavery has become the fastest growing source of illicit profit for criminals worldwide.

The Church's Position on Human Trafficking:

- The elimination of human trafficking is a priority issue for the Catholic Church. Because every life is a gift from God and is sacred, it deserves to be protected and nurtured; we each have a responsibility to fight against the violation and degradation of our brothers and sisters.
- The Catechism of the Church forbids acts that cause the enslavement of humans. During the Second Vatican Council in 1965, the Church further stated "slavery, prostitution, the selling of women, and children, and disgraceful working conditions where people are treated as mere tools for profits rather than free and responsible persons are infamies and supreme dishonor to the creator." (Gaudium et Spes, 1965).
- In 2014, Pope Francis stated during his Declaration on the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery: "[M]odern slavery, in terms of human trafficking, forced labor and prostitution, and organ trafficking, is a crime against humanity. Its victims are from all walks of life, but are most frequently among the poorest and most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters."
- Men and women religious have also played an integral part of in the battle against human trafficking. In 2001, nearly 800 women leaders of the International Union of Superiors General (UISG) passed a resolution dedicating over one million members "to work in solidarity with one another within our own religious communities and in the countries in which we are located to address insistently at every level the abuse and sexual exploitation of women and children . . ." The U.S. Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking is the domestic response to this call.