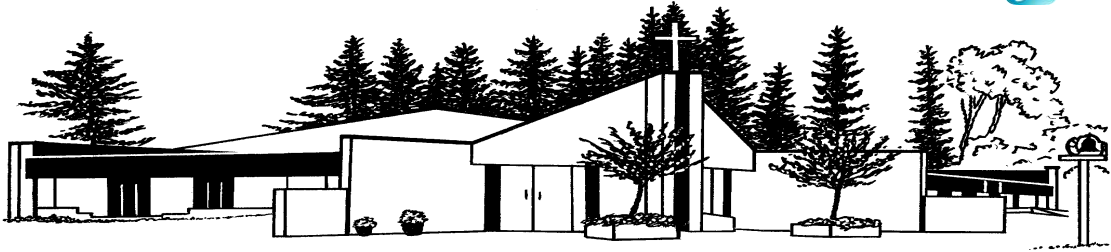


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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME..... February 23, 2020

Saturday, February 22, Mass for February Intentions 5:00 pm

Sunday, February 23, Mass for the Parish 9:30 am

Monday, Feb. 24, Mass for the Soul of Frank Bosworth, rb Tim & Diane Slobojan.. 8:45 am

Tuesday, Feb. 25, Mass for the Soul of Gen Zahller, rb Tim & Diane Slobojan.... 8:45 am

Ash Wed, Feb. 26, Mass for the Souls of Lyle & Andy Mclsaac, rb Kay Mclsaac 12:10 pm

Mass 6:00 pm

Thursday, February 27, Mass for the Soul of Patti Slack, rb John & Rhonda Dudis 9:00 am

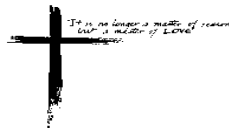
Friday, February 28 No Mass

Ministry Schedule, February

MINISTRY	Ash Wed. Feb. 26, 12:10 pm	Ash Wed. Feb. 26, 6:00 pm	Sat. Feb. 29, 5:00 pm	Sun. Mar 1, 9:30am
Plate Minister	Joe Riska	Linda Zimmerman	Suzanne Johnson	Jack Lavin
Cup Minister	Jamie Miller	Don Zimmerman	Don Zimmerman	Anita Lavin
		Deacon Floyd	Linda Zimmerman	Charlene Harman
				Connie McCubbins
				Deacon Floyd
Lector	Vicki Walbruch	Dixon Rice	Jackie Jensen	Jack Fallon
		Mike Santacroce	Maureen Neitzling	Sam Louden
Greeter		Connie McCubbins Sam Nease	Denny & Bev Falcon	Richard/Rosemary Brester
Server	Mike O'Neil	Miguel Gareis	SERVER NEEDED	Rick Nease

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb.	23	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
	24	Polish trip slide presentation	12:00 noon
	25	Choir	7:30 pm
	26	Ladies Scripture Study	10:15 – 11:45 am
		ASH WEDNESDAY, Mass	12:10 and 6:00 pm
		No Religious Formation, attend Mass with your family	
	27	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.....	12:00 noon – 5:00 pm
	28	Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm
	29	Chaplet of Divine Mercy	4:40 pm
	29	LEAP into the Decade Dinner	after Mass
March	1	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	
		Chaplet of Mercy	9:10 am
		Black & Indian Mission Collection	
		Coffee Hour	after Mass
		Evening Prayer	7:00 pm
	3	Choir	7:30 pm
	4	Ladies Scripture Study	10:15 – 11:45 am
		Religious Formation, Grades K-12.....	5:15 - 6:30 pm
	5	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.....	12:00 noon – 5:00 pm
		Soup and Bread Supper	5:30 pm
	6	Knights of Columbus Fish Fry	5:30 pm
		Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm
	7	Chaplet of Divine Mercy	4:40 pm
	8	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	
		Chaplet of Mercy	9:10 am



OUR LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

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

**Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
Prayed 20 minutes before each Mass beginning February 29**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Each Thursday from 12:00 PM until 5:00 PM**

**Stations of the Cross
Each Friday evening, 7:00 PM beginning February 28**

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

**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
March 6 at 5:30 PM and March 27 at 5:30 PM**

**Penance Service with Individual Confession
Date to be announced**

~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.

February 15 &16, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$3085
Building	\$50
Mass & Stole Gifts	\$77
Ash Wednesday	\$5
Total	\$3217

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Is there someone outside your marriage who causes trouble between you and your spouse? Most of us have a friend, sibling, parent or coworker who hurts us through their criticism, controlling behavior or thoughtlessness. We often hesitate to “turn the other cheek” with these people because it sounds like we are just letting them get away with bad behavior. The opposite is true! Here are some simple steps to deal with difficult people:

- Describe the hurt to your spouse.
- With your spouse, pray to forgive the person.
- Choose to love the person without expecting anything in return.
- Decide together how to love the person appropriately (even if they won’t like it!)

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

Next week, our parish will take up the 136th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

GOING DOWN!

As the storm raged, the captain realized his ship was sinking fast. He called out, "Anyone here know how to pray?" One man stepped forward. "Aye, Captain, I know how to pray." "Good," said the captain, "you pray while the rest of us put on our life jackets - we're one short."

PLEASE REMEMBER RISEN CHRIST PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 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
Jami Hoagland, rb Pete & Ann Hoagland
Ray E. Tracy, rb the Hutchens family
Mike Eaton, rb the Hutchens family

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**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, Norma Coote
Carol Trimble, Audrey and Jerry Turner
Fr. Stan's Immigration Status

FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life will soon begin the Spring Campaign on Tuesday, February 25th from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. We will once again be standing in prayerful, peaceful witness in front of All Families Healthcare on Spokane Ave. in Whitefish. Risen Christ's days will be February 28th and March 28th. Vigil hours will be from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm. Sign up for hours at 40daysforlife.com/whitefish or contact Mike Hanson at 410-336-6826.

THANK YOU

Dear Risen Christ Parish!

Your continual prayers, cards, concern and funeral lunch for the family and friends of Harry McAllister are all so appreciated. You've all been so wonderful in helping our family through this time.

Francy McAllister and Family

READINGS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 1, 2020

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Man and woman are created and sin against God.
Romans 5:12-19 The gift of one person, Jesus Christ, outweighs the sin of all others.
Matthew 4:1-11 The temptation in the desert.

~ QUESTION OF THE WEEK ~

“Why is it so important to go to Mass?”

The Eucharist is the supreme act of worshipping God because it is Christ offering Himself to the Father on our behalf (Lk. 22:19—20; 1 Cor 10:16; CCC 1324, 1365). It is the sacrifice of Calvary made present here and now. By participating at Mass we make Christ’s sacrifice our own and receive the grace of salvation anew. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive Jesus Himself (Jn. 6: 51-59, CCC 1372, 1392).

We have an obligation to worship the Creator (Ps. 22:23, Rv 5:13). It would be an insult to receive all the gifts we have received from God (our eyesight, our health, nice home, and so on) and then give Him nothing in return.

Here is an analogy: Let’s say God gave a man \$168 to live on each week. The man had to pay \$56 in rent and \$56 for food and living expenses. The remaining \$56 would be his to spend in any way. Then let’s say that God asked for just \$1 of the remaining \$56. Wouldn’t it be really selfish if the man said “no” to giving God the \$1 He requested?

Well, God gives us 168 hours of life each week. We have to go to school or work for approximately fifty-six hours each week, and we have to sleep another fifty-six hours. But then we have fifty-six hours to do whatever we want! Is it not selfish if we do not give Him at least one hour of worship each week (Ex. 20:8-11; Heb. 10:23-25; CCC 2177-78)?

Matthew J Pinto, Did Adam & Eve Have Belly Buttons

MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND AND SICK

There will be a special Mass with the Sacrament of the sick (anointing) for the homebound and people who are ill. Mass and the Sacrament will be at 12:10 pm on Wednesday, March 18th. Father Stan will anoint everyone who wishes to be anointed.

Please plan to attend this special event. Ask your caregiver or family member if you need a ride. Also, you may contact the parish office if you would like to attend, but don’t have a ride. Volunteers will be on hand for transportation.

FOR PARISH MEMBERS: Volunteers will be needed. Please contact the parish office at 752-4219 if you are available to help.

FOR OUR YOUTH

CYRO Weekly Bible Study, Thursday, 7:00 am @ Wheat Montana, Kalispell

CYC Convention (Carroll College) March 27-29, 2020

Registration is now open for Legendary Lodge 2020

Register at <https://legendarylodge.org>

SEE POLAND THROUGH PICTURES!

"In the Fall of 2018, my friend, Maryruth Fallon, introduced me to Father Stan. With his help and encouragement, we wrote a letter to my family parish church in Poland, hoping to connect with some of my family. As a result, I did make contact with my family and was warmly invited to visit my cousins there. Last June, my 2 brothers and I had the privilege of making a trip to Poland. We were hosted by both our grandfather and grandmother's families who live in southeast Poland, probably a one-hour drive from where Father Stan is from. Most of our 2 1/2 week stay was spent in this area of Poland which is Lublin province. Some of the places we visited are places Father Stan is very familiar with - the city of Lublin being one. We also visited Sandomierz and Kazimierz Dolny, old historic towns along the Vistula River. However, at the end of our stay, we also had a quick tour of Warsaw and Old Town in Warsaw. We learned so much about Poland and its rich history and did not want to come home!"

Please come and join us for an interesting presentation on Monday, Feb. 24th at noon, by Jackie VanDyke. She has many photos to share. Bring a sack lunch if you would like.

WORD OF LIFE

May every human person, from conception to natural death,
Be recognized as a temple of God, in whom the Spirit dwells,
We pray to the Lord.

FATHERS FORMING FAITHFUL SONS AND STRONG FAMILIES

With Saint Joseph in patience and humility.
Presented by Father Joe Paddock Parochial Vicar at Little Flower, Browning
March 5 - 7, 2020 at The Sycamore Tree.
For more information or to register, please call or email Michelle Jenkins
at 406-754-2429 or email@sycamoretreeretreat.org

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In another passage from his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus continues to turn his disciples' way of thinking upside-down. One of the lessons for the Christian steward in today's Gospel is that if we have a chance to help someone in need, we should be generous and give more than is expected of us. Jesus went "the extra mile" for us. Can we be more like Jesus and "go the extra mile" for others?

ENCOUNTER LENT

Join our faith community and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the social area. During the 40 days of Lent, we will encounter the needs of the world. And don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app!

BULLETIN QUOTES

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished."
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2018-19 Respect Life Reflection

~ LET GOD'S PROMISES SHINE ON YOUR PROBLEMS ~

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 Jovita Kottraba, 212-8461

SAMARITAN HOUSE

The Samaritan House is asking for warm coats and boots for people who are experiencing homelessness. If you have some items 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.



HOUSEKEEPING

We want everyone to feel welcome, especially those who are new to our parish, and any visitors.

- Enjoy singing and following along with the liturgy sheet that you received at the door.
- Please remember to silence your cell phones.
- If you have little ones who love to play and be active, and if you must leave Mass with your child, please go to the social area where you will be able to participate in the entire Mass and your children will be more comfortable.



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.

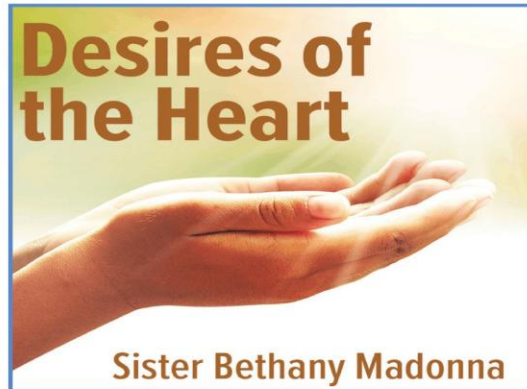


RISEN CHRIST GIFT SHOP

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

Desires of the Heart
by Sister Bethany Madonna



Sr. Bethany Madonna, vocations director for the Sisters of Life, shares how God not only wants us to know him, but also to give us the desires of our heart and gifts that bring purpose, meaning, and hope.

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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
February 23, 2020 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 5:38-48

Today's gospel contains what may be the most unpopular saying in the entire Bible. "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." It is difficult to water down these words to make them more palatable and acceptable. They are bold. They cut deeply. They make many of us a little uneasy.

In the US right now we are in the early stages of the next presidential election. Already potential candidates are in attack mode. At times they are caustic and condemning of their opponents.

Commentators say these days that we live in a divided country. We are friends of those we agree with and enemies of those we don't. The descriptors, "right and left" or "conservative and liberal" or "pro-life and pro-choice," describes not only political positions, but also deeply divisive personal stances. They can divide one neighbor from another or family members from each other. Debated issues can even bring division within a church. Fully inclusive love and acceptance seems rare in our day of political and social conflict.

Still, we have the words of Jesus, "Love your enemy." Pray for them. And don't forget that God loves everyone, even your worst enemy. That idea would not be on any banners of a candidate running for public office these days. If they did run on that platform, I doubt they would win in November.

So how might we read these words of Jesus. Their surface meaning seems clear. We might ask: Is God serious about loving one's enemies? And even praying for them? That Jesus mentioned prayer connected with this "hard saying" might help us to work our way through what seems an impossible task. It's in his reminder that God is the God of all. That God allows the sun to shine and the rain to fall on everyone.

God does not have preferences that are politically determined. Or measured against anyone's personal beliefs or any other matter that might divide us. Again, God loves all. And that doesn't mean that God approves of all that anyone does. But that's another matter. Here we're focusing on what is deeper and more important. Let us think about the fact that God does not turn away from those who have hurt us, rejected us or caused us harm in any way. Or from us when we fail to love fully. We are all sinners and need God's merciful love. Starting with that belief, we might begin to move closer to our "enemies."

David M. Thomas, PhD

LENT

Our observance of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which falls on Feb. 26th this year, and is a day of fast and abstinence for Catholics. At Mass on Ash Wednesday, the imposition of ashes replicates an ancient penitential practice and symbolizes our dependence upon God's mercy and forgiveness.

The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The church asks us to surrender ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. The fasting we all do together on Fridays, is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and household fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms is some effort to share this world equally, not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.

The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not only to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

LENT REGULATIONS

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the traditional pillars of our Lenten observance. Lent encourages us to place special emphasis on prayer-both personal prayer and praying together as God's people. The time of Lent offers a heightened awareness of almsgiving works of justice and charity, and tending to those who are in need.

Fasting and abstinence challenge us to avoid attachments to the "things" of this world.

All between the ages of 18 and 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

All who are 14 and older observe abstinence on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent. All others are encouraged to fast and abstain in ways appropriate to their circumstances.

Fasting means one full meal each day with the other meals not equaling a full meal. Eating between meals is not allowed, but liquids are allowed.

Abstinence means that no meat is allowed. If health or ability to work would be seriously affected, fast and abstinence do not apply.

THE LENTEN CHALLENGE

Lent is a season of prayer and penance set apart by the church to prepare us for Easter and to recall Our Lord's fast in the desert. This season of preparation and sanctification can be fittingly accomplished through voluntary amendment of life, acts of penance, and works of charity. Lent is a time to learn to love our souls more than our bodies. This, every Christian should make a special effort to practice mortification and strive for holiness during the forty days of Lent.

Do Not Let This Time To Grow In Holiness Pass You By!

Consider the following categories on what you should do for Lent.

1. **Voluntary Amendment of Life:** Give up those things that you need to give up sooner or later, namely bad habits. Your goal here is to break a bad habit for ever and Lent is a good time to do it. Love your soul more than your body.

Examples: Gossiping, surfing the web without real need, watching TV, overeating, eating between meals, eating junk food, bad drinking habits, complaining, saying vulgar words, not getting up on time, using a snooze alarm, wasting time playing video games, going to movies, etc.

2. **Acts of Penance:** Perform some kind of penance: Your goal here is to train yourself to say "no" in little things so that you can say "NO" to big temptations later. You may resume doing the things you have given up here once Lent is over. Love your soul more than your body!

Examples: Avoid eating or drinking something that you enjoy, such as desserts. Give up eating out, taking hot showers, drinking alcoholic beverages, etc.

3. **Works of Charity:** Perform some good and holy actions. Your goal here is to strengthen your relationship with Christ and His Beloved Church. Ideally what you start here would continue in some way even after Lent is over. Love God more than yourself.

Examples Pray the rosary every day, attend daily Mass as much as possible, read the Sacred Scriptures, spend more time with Family, increase spiritual reading, make a daily visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament or some shrine of Our Lady.