
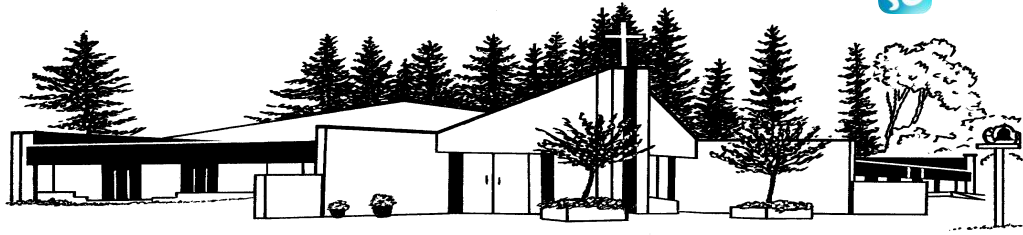

RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT **December 22, 2019**
Saturday, Dec. 21, Mass for December Intentions **5:00 pm**
Sunday, Dec. 22, Mass for the Parish **9:30 am**
Monday, Dec. 23, Mass for the Souls of George & Frances Cavanagh, rb Fran Cavanagh **8:45 am**

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

CHRISTMAS EVE **Tuesday, December 24, 2019**
Vigil Music **6:00pm**
Mass for the Souls of Deceased Parishioners and Friends **6:30pm**
Christmas Music **10:30pm**
Mass for Peace and Justice **11:00pm**

CHRISTMAS DAY **Wednesday, December 25, 2019**
Christmas Music **9:00am**
Mass for the Parish **9:30am**

December 26, 27, 30, **NO MASS**

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH **December 29, 2019**
Saturday, December 28, Mass for December Intentions **5:00pm**
Sunday, December 29, Mass for the Parish **9:30am**

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation **January 1, 2020**
Tuesday, December 31, Mass for January Intentions **5:00 pm**
Wednesday, January 1, Mass for the Parish **9:30 am**

Thursday, Jan 2, Mass **9:00 am**

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD **January 5, 2020**
Saturday, Jan 4, Mass for the January Intentions **5:00pm**
Sunday, Jan 5, Mass for the Parish **9:30am**

Ministry Schedule, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, December 24, 25, 2019

Ministry	Vigil of Christmas Tuesday, 6:30pm	Christmas Eve Tuesday, 11:00pm	Christmas Day Wednesday, 9:30am
Minister of the Plate	Suzanne Johnson	Don Zimmerman	Dean VanDeHey
Minister of the Cup	Tom Berquist	Minister Needed	Brenda VanDeHey
	Julie Berquist	Matthew Brockman	Roger Ackerly
	Jovita Kottraba	Connie McCubbins	Kathie Ackerly
	Deacon Floyd	Deacon Floyd	Deacon Floyd
Lector	Jackie Jensen	Paul Heath	Mike Santacroce
	Alan Ruby	Pati Heath	Jim Galvin
Greeter	Arleen Hughes	Rich/Rosie Brester	Kay McIsaac
	Kathleen Cotner		Fresa Tobiason
Server	Senior Server Needed	Mike Wright	Miguel Gareis
	Kellen Mouat	Gary Hembd	Server Needed

Ministry Schedule, The Holy Family, December 28 & 29, 2019

Ministry	Saturday, 5:00 pm	Sunday, 9:30 am
Minister of the Plate	Brenda VanDeHey	Leah McGraw
Minister of the Cup	Dean VanDeHey	Charlene Harmon
	Deacon Floyd	Mike Hanson
		Lilia Hattel
		Deacon Floyd
Lector	Carol Jellison	Jim Galvin
	Jennifer Hescher	Pati Heath
Greeter	Rose Hall/JeNeil Grace	John & Toni Gunnerson
Server	Zachary & Carter Lapke	Mike Wright
		Kellen Mouat

Ministry Schedule, Mary, Mother of God, December 31, 2019 & January 1, 2020

Ministry	Tuesday, 5:00 pm	Wednesday, 9:30 am
Minister of the Plate	Linda Zimmerman	Joe Riska
Minister of the Cup	Don Zimmerman	Neil Heino
	Deacon Floyd	JeNeil Grace
		Connie McCubbins
		Deacon Floyd
Lector	Suzanne Johnson	Alan Ruby
	Paul Heath	Mike Santacroce
Greeter	Dave & Mary Jacobs	Denny & Bev Falcon
Server	Leah & Graham McGraw	Ron Boespflug
		Jessica Nease

Ministry Schedule, The Epiphany of the Lord, January 4 & January 5, 2020

Ministry	Saturday, 5:00 pm	Sunday, 9:30 am
Minister of the Plate	Jovita Kottraba	Mike Hanson
Minister of the Cup	Maureen Neitzling	Matthew Brockman
	Jamie Miller	Julie Berquist
		Tom Berquist
		Deacon Floyd
Lector	Andrea Wright	Kathy Shanahan
	Jim Galvin	Sam Loudon
Greeter	Mary Grace Galvin/Rose Hall	Betty & Neil Heino
Server	Mike Wright	Graham McGraw
		Kellen Mouat

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec. 22 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy 9:10 am
 Christmas food baskets assembly and delivery after Mass
 Evening Prayer, **Recovery from Sex Abuse Scandal**..... 6:30 pm
 Choir rehearsal for the 11:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve 7:00 pm
- 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE** Mass 6:30 pm and 11:00 pm
- 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY** Mass 9:30 am
- 26 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **CANCELLED**
- Dec. 24-Jan 1 Parish Office Closed
- 29 **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**
- 31 Vigil Mass for Mary, Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation Mass 5:00 pm
- Jan. 1 **MARY, MOTHER OF GOD-** Holy Day of Obligation..... Mass 9:30 am
- 2 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament..... 12 noon – 6:00 pm
- 5 **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
 Coffee Hour after Mass
- 7 Choir 7:30 pm
- 9 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon – 6:00 pm
 Food & Fellowship, Wheat Montana 11:30 am
- 12 **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
 Fundraiser Concert Wai Mizutani and Lauren Welch 3:00 pm

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING

Christmas decorating will begin right after Mass on Sunday, Dec.22. Decorating will stop for Evening Prayer and if more work is needed, it will continue after Evening Prayer. Hope many of you can help—making many hands completing the project.

~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 14 & 15, 2019

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,029
Holy Day Envelopes	115
Mass & Stole Gifts	10
Total	5,154

MASS INTENTIONS

**FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2019
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
Jeff Krautbauer, rb Risen Christ Parish
Timothy Mann, rb Risen Christ Parish
Janet Kiltz, rb Risen Christ Parish**

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

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**Shelley Hembd, Lavine Heuscher, Harry McAllister, Joe Riska, Sherry Miller,
Bob Neitzling Tim Slobojan, Larry Visocan, Mike Santacroce, Carol Trimble,
Audrey and Jerry Turner, Mary Reckin, Mike O'Neil, Ron Frazier**

FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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

**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
John & Michael Culliton, rb Larry & Betty Visocan
Ron Anderson, rb Andre Anderson**

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 29, 2019

Reading I, *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*
Reading II, *Colossians 3:12-21*
Gospel, *Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23*

READINGS FOR JANUARY 5, 2020

Reading I, *Isaiah 60:1-6*
Reading II, *Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*
Gospel, *Matthew 2:1-12*

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.

ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed 20 minutes prior to Saturday and Sunday Masses during advent.

4th Week – Dec. 22

Prayer for All Who Are Recovering From the Sex Abuse Scandal

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

END OF YEAR CHARITABLE GIVING TO RISEN CHRIST PARISH

In order for charitable gifts to be credited for the current calendar year, 2019, please note the following: **IRS regulations require checks received by the church after January 1st, to be accompanied by a postmarked envelope dated no later than December 31.** Transfers of stocks or securities must take place on or prior to December 31st.

RISEN CHRIST ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Our annual rummage sale will be on Saturday, January 18 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Items can be brought to the church on Friday, January 17 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
January 17 is the day we set up and any and all help is needed and appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE

You are invited to attend a violin concert performed by Wai Mizutani and Lauren Welch on Sunday, January 12, 2020, 3:00 pm at Risen Christ Parish. The concert will benefit F.A.C.E. (Flathead Association for Catholic Education). Please join us and support Catholic Education.



RISEN CHRIST PRAYER LINE


Call Jackie Jensen 756-1178, 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.

Christmas Mass Times for Surrounding Parishes

St. Charles Parish, Whitefish

Christmas Eve, 5:00pm and 7:30 pm
Christmas Day, 9:00am

St. Richard Parish, Columbia Falls

Christmas Eve, 7:00 pm
Christmas Day Extraordinary Form Latin 8:00 am
Ordinary Mass 10:00 am

St Matthew Parish, Kalispell

Christmas Eve, 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 9:00pm
Christmas Day, 10:00am

Saint John Paul II Parish, Bigfork

Christmas Eve: 4:00, 6:00 and 9:00 pm
Christmas Day: 10:30 am

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

We warmly welcome
all who have come today
to celebrate this glorious feast.



O Holy Night

We welcome the stranger,
the traveler and guest!

We welcome the students
home from college
for a good winter's rest!

We welcome parishioners
who moved away but join us today
as old friends and guests!

We welcome all
who have not been active of late in
their Catholic faith;
and hope they will find new hope and inspiration
this Christmas
to come back again and again!

We welcome our faithful parishioners, loyal and true,
may the Lord bless you for all that you do!

Welcome to all!
May our gathering this day
gladden our hearts and deepen our bonds.

May we walk by the Light
and live by the Light – together in love.

Many blessings to all members of the parish; to those who are visiting,
and to your families who are not able to join you this time. May the joy
of the Christmas season fill your hearts now and always.

Sincerely, Fr. Stan and the staff of Risen Christ Parish



The Story of the Nativity

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Understanding the Full Story of Jesus' Birth

The birth of Jesus is often misunderstood, but this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clarifies widespread misunderstandings of Jesus' origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus.

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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
December 22, 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
Matthew 1:18-24

Let's briefly turn our attention to St. Joseph. While we might not think of him as a major player in God's Plan for our salvation, we would do well to reconsider his role. The gospel for today, right before Christmas, describes what happened as God's preparation for that monumental day. And interestingly, Joseph is featured.

Joseph had been betrothed to Mary. Betrothal was much more important back then than engagement is today. According to the Jewish law and custom of the time, when he learned that Mary was pregnant and knowing that he was not the father, it was his religious duty to divorce her. The gospel implies that he decided to do exactly that and that out of love and respect for Mary, he would do so "quietly." Think about this. If he did this, something his religion required, we are left to wonder what would happen from then on.

But we know that he stayed with her and eventually (probably quite quickly) married her. Let's think about what caused him to make this unconventional response to the situation. Did he simply change his mind? Was he pressured by his family or close friends whom he might have confided in?

Well, Matthew gives us the answer. Joseph came to realize that it was God's will that he wed Mary. And he learned this through a dream. We are told by biblical scholars that it might now have been a dream during the night as we typically think of these matters. Or he might have simply discerned through prayer and meditation what was best for him to do. Or to put it another way, what Joseph believed that God desired him to do, to make a decision that can easily be thought of by us as the most difficult decision of his life!

I think this gospel illustrates one of many ways that you and I might be inspired by God to do this or that. Sometimes our decisions are simply based on rational calculation. This makes sense, so we do what is clear. Sometimes we think of doing what we call "the greater good." We place options side by side and chose the one that seems best. Sometimes we ask the advice of people we judge as wise and informed. Sometimes we "consult" our feelings. And like Joseph, sometimes we open ourselves to what God seems to be asking of us. Joseph "dreamed" what that was. Think back on your own life and ask yourselves how you made the important decisions of your life. You might be surprised in realizing that you made a major decision in ways similar to that of Joseph.

David M. Thomas, PhD

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
December 29, 2019 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Matthew's account of the flight into Egypt by the Holy Family may sound like it's taken from today's news. It describes a family on the run, seeking asylum because their lives were in danger. They had to travel to a place of safety.

The urgency of their departure was highlighted by the fact that they had to leave at night. They would be travelling on their own across territory that would be unfamiliar to them. They were from the north. They were told to head south. It is about 500 miles from Jerusalem to Cairo. They walked all the way. It might have taken them weeks, if not months to make this perilous journey. Hardly any details are given about how difficult this was for the Holy Family. But we can easily imagine the challenges they faced each day. Not only were their lives in danger from bandits and wild animals, but they had to find safe places to sleep and food and drink. Most of their journey was across desert land. But they had no choice. Life and death were in the balance.

It's important that all of us think about the survival challenges faced by Joseph, Mary and Jesus, not only at this clearly dangerous time of their lives, but everyday thereafter. Some artists and storytellers have created what I would judge as an overly romantic, even sentimental view of their lives. Statues of Mary and Joseph often present them as peaceful and calm, devout and untroubled, not to mention that they look more northern European than Jews from the Middle East. The problem is that the more we sanitize their history, the less they appear to us a model of holiness and worthy of our imitation.

A careful reading of the gospels along with some historical background of their times helps us to form a more realistic picture of their lives. Think of the actual situation that we were given last Sunday over the question surrounding Mary's pregnancy. Recall the scene of the birth of Jesus in less than ideal circumstances. Then today we are told about the hasty and dangerous escape to save the life of Jesus and perhaps that of their whole family. We are then told that they had to stay away from their homeland, perhaps for years. Once they returned to Nazareth, Joseph had to work with his hands, day after day, to put food on the table for his family. Reliable tradition tells us that Joseph was the first to die, leaving Mary a widow. The gospel's silence about their day-to-day life in Nazareth suggests that it was not easy. Nor was anyone's life back then under similar circumstances.

So, when we think about their holiness and trials, be assured that they had it no better than most of us. In fact, at times they had to struggle and face fear. Just like us.

David M. Thomas, PhD