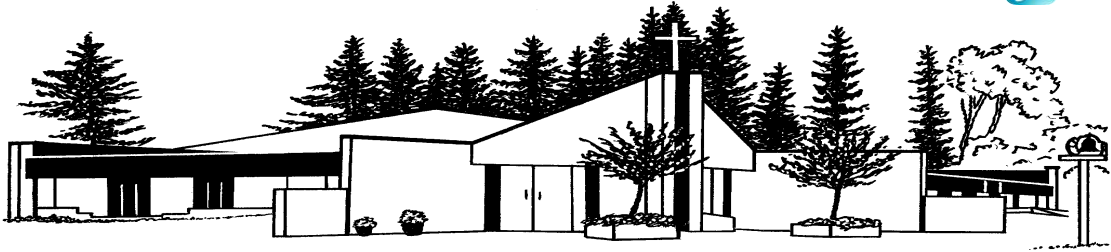

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| FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | May 3, 2020 |
| Saturday, May 2 , Mass for May Intentions..... | 5:00 pm |
| Sunday, May 3 , Mass for the Parish | 9:30 am |
| Monday, May 4 , Mass for the Int of Chris & Cas Moritz..... | 8:45 am |
| Tuesday, May 5 , Mass for the Soul of Patti Slack, rb Rosco Keller | 8:45 am |
| Wednesday, May 6 | 12:10 pm |
| Thursday, May 7 | 9:00 am |
| Friday, May 8 | No Mass |

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

BULLETIN QUOTES

“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”

USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis’ “Day for Life Greeting”

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| May | 2 | Rosary..... | 4:40 pm |
| | 3 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | |
| | | Rosary..... | 9:10 am |
| | 5 | Choir | 7:00 pm |
| | 7 | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament..... | 12:00 noon – 5:00 pm |
| | 9 | Rosary..... | 4:40 pm |
| | 10 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | |
| | | MOTHER’S DAY | |
| | | Rosary..... | 9:10 am |
| | 12 | Choir | 7:00 pm |
| | 14 | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament..... | 12:00 noon – 5:00 pm |
| | 16 | Rosary..... | 4:40 pm |
| | 17 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | |
| | | Rosary..... | 9:10 am |
| | 19 | Choir | 7:00 pm |
| | 21 | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament..... | 12:00 noon – 5:00 pm |
| | 23 | Rosary..... | 4:40 pm |
| | 24 | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD | |
| | | Rosary..... | 9:10 am |
| | 26 | Choir | 7:00 pm |
| | 28 | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament..... | 12:00 noon – 5:00 pm |
| | 30 | Rosary | 4:40 pm |
| | 31 | PENTECOST SUNDAY | |
| | | Rosary..... | 9:10 am |

~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.

March 15 through April 26, 2020

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| Sunday Envelopes | \$17,500 |
| Building | 467 |
| Easter Envelopes | 2647 |
| Mass & Stole Gifts | 90 |

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| Total | \$20,704 |
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MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2020

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FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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**Howard and Lorraine Carter, rb Kimberly Carter
Pete & Jami Hoagland, rb Ann Hoagland
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
Andy H. & Constance M. Visocan, rb Larry & Betty Visocan
Daniel & Catherine Callahan, rb Dan & Rosemary Brockman
Jim Jensen, rb Jackie Jensen
Doris Sloan, rb Risen Christ Parish
Pete Hoagla, rb Risen Christ Parish**

SPECIAL INTENTION

Rose Stopp, rb Charlotte Boyland

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

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

FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today's gospel Jesus tries to describe the trust relationship between himself and his followers using the images of a shepherd and a gate for the sheep. In both cases, it is about who or what the sheep can trust, whether shepherd or path, leading the Lord's followers into a bountiful pasture. As the good shepherd, the sheep hear, follow, flee false shepherds, and are able to discern whom to trust. Good stewards understand that, no matter how much they are confronted by fear and anxiety, the Lord will not abandon those who follow him. Hearing Jesus' voice does not always happen easily, though, even for those who are closest to him. In what ways do we dispose ourselves to listen to the shepherd's voice? What obstacles keep us from hearing the Lord?

READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 10, 2020

Acts 6: 1-7
1 Peter 2: 4-9
John 14: 1-12

Seven deacons are appointed.
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.
I am the way and truth and the life.

~ QUESTION OF THE WEEK ~

“Why does God make us suffer from abuse and diseases like cancer or Corona virus?”

God does not create abuse and disease, but He sometimes *permits* them.

Evil is a mystery; we can never understand it completely. But this does not mean we cannot understand anything about it (CCC 309, 314).

To begin to think about evil, we need to first think about God and what he has revealed. God has one ultimate will, but this will is expressed in two ways: His *positive* will and His *permissive* will. His positive will is what brings about all the good we see.

God's permissive will *allows* evil to happen but only because He intends to bring about a greater good from it (CCC 312). Often, evil is a result of man's free choices (Prv 1:29-30; CCC 1732). God simply allows the natural consequences that inevitably flow from these choices. Even so, God can always bring greater good from this (Rom 8:28).

Much good can come from suffering if we embrace it when it comes our way (Rom 8:18; CCC 1501, 1502). Let's say a man has lived a very selfish life that includes heavy drinking and abuse of his wife. God may allow this man to lose his health because He knows that if the man stays healthy, he will continue to sin. If the man is incapacitated, however, he may come to see the true beauty of his wife and then reconcile himself to God and his wife.

One final point: God understands our suffering through the suffering of Christ on the cross (Heb 2:18). We can link our sufferings with the sufferings of Jesus on the cross and, thus, offer them up as gifts to the Father (2 Cor 1:5; Col 1:24; CCC 1508).

Matthew J Pinto, Did Adam & Eve Have Belly Buttons



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HOW TO TELL THE WEATHER

To tell the weather, go to your back door and look for the dog.
If the dog is at the door and he is wet, it's probably raining. But if the dog is standing there really soaking wet, it is probably raining really hard.
If the dog has snow on his back, it's probably snowing.
Of course, to be able to tell the weather like this, you have to leave the dog outside all the time, especially if you expect bad weather.

Sincerely, The CAT.

STRENGTH AND GUIDANCE PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for your faithfulness throughout the generations. Your word says that, although people plan their course in their hearts, it is you who establishes our steps. Give me strength and guidance for everything that lies before me. Whatever I do today, your loving eye is on me and you have promised to guide me. Help me to fix my eyes on you as I run the race of life. Help me to walk by faith and not by sight. Strengthen me through your Holy Spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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. The Council represents the interests and needs of the entire Parish community. 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

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.

April 30, 2020

Dear Parishioners of Risen Christ,

Tuesday evening, April 28, we held a Pastoral Council/Liturgy Committee meeting with medical personnel in attendance, to discuss the possibility of opening our church for public Mass. Our Bishop, through his last statement on Covid-19 offered the opportunity for parishes in the Helena Diocese to allow public Masses to resume.

According to our Bishop's guidelines, the estimated numbers that we can have in the building at this point are 50 people in the church and 10 people in the social area. This will be monitored and ushered by our Safety and Security Team.

After much discussion at our meeting, we are willing to meet all the safety and security requirements and guidelines from our Governor and our Bishop Vetter. We decided that we need more time to organize and prepare for the church opening and we will not be ready until the weekend of May 9th and 10th. We want to make sure to provide a safe environment for our worship and for all the participants, therefore, we need to clean all surfaces that people come in contact with, before and after each Mass.

We will celebrate daily Mass, open to the public, beginning May 4 as a preparation for the formal opening. Weekday Mass attendance is usually smaller than weekend Masses. If you would feel safer in participating in the daily Mass, feel free to come. All of the safety measures will apply to these Masses as well.

We have to make sure that we keep social distancing of 6 feet apart during the celebration, communion, entering and exiting the church. We need to do some training and develop a protocol that we all will follow. If you would like to volunteer to help with cleaning, call the parish office, 752-4219.

If you are in possession of extra face masks, or if you would like to make some to be available for parishioners, let the office know or bring them when you come to Mass.

I would like to remind everyone that you are dispensed from attending Mass, and if you are 65 and older, or if you have underlying health issues, you are especially vulnerable and dispensed from attending Mass. Bishop Vetter will continue live streaming of his Masses and I encourage you to take part in it.

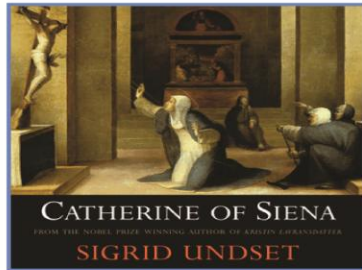
If you decide to come for Mass next weekend, May 9th and 10th, I encourage you to consider wearing a face mask (medical professional's recommendation). You can also consider wearing gloves and/or bringing your small hand sanitizer.

We're trying to limit the use of our restrooms. Use your restroom at home before you come to Mass. Ours will be available for emergencies.

I really appreciate your patience and your willingness to comply and I'll do my best to keep you updated on any changes. You will receive another letter next week with updates and the protocol that we need to follow.

I remember you in my prayers,
Fr. Stan

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



Catherine of Siena by Sigrid Undset

With sensitivity to the zealous love of God and man that permeated the life of Saint Catherine, Undset presents a most moving and memorable portrait of one of the greatest women of all time.

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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
May 3, 2020 – Fourth Sunday of Easter
John 10:1-10

We are living at a time of closed gates. Think about the magnificent stadiums and other gathering places where we enjoy exciting sports events and musical concerts. These venues are symbols of our times, often dwarfing other buildings in our cities. That's where our teams play. That's where we find so much excitement and entertainment. And diversion. But today the gates are closed. Which allows us to more fully appreciate this Sunday's gospel about open and closed gates.

Jesus used everyday examples to explain the deep truths he wants us to know. In his time the most common farm animals were sheep. It was usual for small villages to have a few sheepfolds, enclosures where sheep could be kept safe and secure. Every sheepfold had a gate, which allowed the sheep to enter or depart when needed. Never were these gates (or sheep) unattended. Should the gate accidentally open, the sheep could slip out and this could be catastrophic for their owners.

When Jesus was asked about his using the example of gates and enclosures by the local religious leaders (the Pharisees), he told them that he was the gate and he was the good shepherd. Further, a gate for Jesus was made not to keep us out, but to allow us entry into God's kingdom. And that gate was *always* open. And once we entered, we would be given the opportunity to have a more abundant life. No ticket required. People only needed to appear at the gate, and they will be welcomed inside. And all are invited to enter. God's love and generosity to all is being shown in today's wonderful gospel.

Because of the current pandemic, we are more aware of our environments. We live much more these days in a world of limits and restrictions. For very good reason, we can easily feel confined, *gated in* so to speak.

But it's also timely to think about our God, who is always (to use another image for our times) "open for business." While the doors to our churches may be closed, God's door (or gate) is always open to us. God is present wherever we are. Being confined to our homes and neighborhoods should not be taken as being distanced from God. Or from the invitation of Jesus to enter God's presence. Jesus is the open gate, inviting us to be close to God, to feel God's support, especially during these trying times. We are never alone.

David M. Thomas, PhD