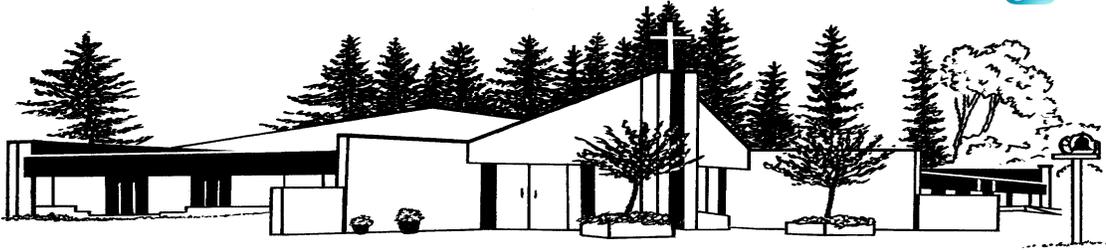

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	May 17, 2020
Saturday, May 16 , Mass for May Intentions.....	5:00 pm
Sunday, May 17 , Mass for the Parish	9:30 am
Mon, May 18 , Mass for the Souls of Daniel & Catherine Callahan, rb Brockman's ..	8:45 am
Tuesday, May 19 , Mass for the Soul of Patti Slack, rb Rosco Keller.....	8:45 am
Wed, May 20 , Mass for the Soul of Louis H. Adler, rb Mike & Jackie Strosnider	12:10 pm
Thursday, May 21	9:00 am
Friday, May 22	No Mass

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

BULLETIN QUOTES

“As Americans, as Catholics and as pastors of our people, we write therefore today to call our fellow citizens back to our country’s founding principles, and most especially to renew our national respect for the rights of those who are unborn, weak, disabled and terminally ill. Real freedom rests on the inviolability of every person as a child of God.”

USCCB, “Living the Gospel of Life,” 1998 USCC

DATES TO REMEMBER

May	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
	25	Memorial Day, Parish Office closed.....	NO MASS
	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
June	2	Choir.....	7:00 pm
	4	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	12:00 noon – 5:00 pm
	7	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	

~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.

May 9 & 10, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$8,363
Building Maintenance Envelopes	\$270
Easter Envelopes	\$430
Mass & Stole Gifts	\$50
Holy Day Envelopes	\$105
Total	\$9,218

Samaritan House is in need of laundry soap

You can either bring it to Samaritan House or to the church and we will deliver.

**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 Hoagland, rb Risen Christ Parish
Robert Schweigert, rb Risen Christ Parish

SPECIAL INTENTION

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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, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Philip understood very well Jesus' words: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." We learn of Philip's devotion to prayer, evangelizing and healing in the region of Samaria; made up of communities that would not be very receptive to the followers of Jesus. Philip is a model steward, living his discipleship day by day in the Lord without counting the cost. Good stewards summon the courage to proclaim the Lord no matter where they are, and to serve Him by ministering to others even under the most adverse of circumstances. As an Easter people, eager to rejoice in the Lord, let us reflect this week on how we are living out our own commitment to discipleship in Christ Jesus.

READINGS FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD SUNDAY

May 24, 2020

Acts 1: 1-11

As they were looking on, He was lifted up.

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened.

Matthew 28: 16-20

"I am with you always until the end of the age."

~ QUESTION OF THE WEEK ~

"Why are Catholics the only ones who say the 'Hail Mary' and who pray to saints?"

Catholics are not the only ones. The Eastern Orthodox Churches and some Anglicans also pray the Hail Mary and invoke the saints.

Why do most Protestants avoid this practice? After the Protestant Reformation of the sixteenth century, some Protestants began to object to what seemed to them to be an unjustified emphasis on Mary and the saints. They thought this emphasis on Mary and the saints caused devotion to Christ to seem less important.

To be fair, there may well have been Catholics who did not understand their faith well and who consequently did have wrong ideas about the Blessed Mother and the other saints. But that was an abuse, and we should not "throw the baby out with the bath water."

The proper response to *wrong* devotion to Mary and the saints is *right* devotion, not no devotion at all. The Blessed Mother and the saints are powerful members of Christ's mystical body, the Church (CCC 2683). As such, they can help us grow closer to Jesus (Heb 12:1; CCC 2683).

Matthew J Pinto, Did Adam & Eve Have Belly Buttons

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:

Mark Fredenberg, 756-6142 and Jovita Kottraba, 212-8461

THANK YOU

Thank you to Risen Christ for your \$100 donation. This gift helps us provide shelter and the basic needs to individuals and families that are in crisis, especially in these surreal times of pandemic. During the month of February we were able to serve 58 people who were staying in the shelter.

Sincerely, Chris Krager, Executive Director



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Consider Joining the Knights of Columbus Council #8329 on-line. Check it out:
<https://www.kofc.org/en/members/online-membership/index.html#/>
or call Wally: 406-758-0170 for more details.

CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY & PATRIOTISM

HOLY MARY

Holy Mary, mother fair, filled with love for God, pray for us in all our needs.
Pray for us today.

PRAYER OF SOLACE

May Christ support us all the day long, till the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then in his mercy may he give us a safe lodging, and holy rest and peace at the last. Amen.

“In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” 1Peter 1:6-7

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.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



SHADE: THE SERIES

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

This new acoustic series offers simple and uncut prayers from the heart to experience the Lord's accompanying presence and refreshment in the midst of your day-to-day journey.

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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
May 17, 2020 – Sixth Sunday of Easter
John 14: 15-21

The air was heavy with fear and distress. Recently Jesus has upset those who used temple worship for their own ends, that of making money for themselves. Jerusalem at the time was filled with pilgrims who had come to celebrate the Passover. The Roman authorities were thus on guard because they were worried about a local political uprising against their occupation. They were especially concerned that a local person might excite the people to rebellion. They had set up on a hill at the edge of Jerusalem a set of crosses that were being used to eradicate anyone they felt was dangerous. Like I said, there was fear in the air on all sides.

It was during this time that Jesus celebrated his Last Supper with his closest disciples. Given the circumstances, he carefully chose his words. In this Sunday's gospel we have a passage from what he said. His followers were worried of losing him. He wanted to assure them that separation would never happen. He would always be with them, but in a new way. The day will come, he said, when he would be with his Father, yet he would also remain with them and they would be with him. These words were said to clarify and describe a new kind of presence of Jesus in their midst. In other words, there would be no final separation. They would all remain together.

Two-thousand years later, these words are addressed to us. In a spiritual, yet very real way, Jesus remains with us and in us. In a sense we cannot see God's presence because God is too close to us. It's like when we place an object right next to our eyes, yet we can't really see it because our eyes will not focus on anything that close.

When I first heard about God's constant presence as a youngster in Catholic school, I was afraid because the nun said that this was because God wanted to see every bad thing I did. God even knew about any bad thoughts I had. I did not take this information in as good news.

But later – in times of fear and loneliness – this promise of Jesus to remain with us and in us gave me consolation and hope. Right now, in the midst of social distancing, it's a good time to recall this because Jesus, in God's Spirit, is always close by, or as Jesus said: "You are in me and I am in you." We are never alone. But like so many deep aspects of our lives, we sometimes forget. We forget that Jesus *promised* that his love for us would never end. He wants to be our companion wherever we are. The big question is: Do we want his companionship?

David M. Thomas, PhD

May 14, 2020

Dear Parishioners of Risen Christ,

Last weekend, May 9th & 10th we had a successful in-person Mass celebration with approximately forty people in attendance at each Mass.

As you know from our previous communication, we can accommodate up to sixty-five in our church and in the social area, combined.

I would like to invite you to consider to come this weekend, May 16th or 17th to increase our numbers. I would like to ensure you that we do everything possible to keep you safe. We follow the guidelines from the CDC and the Diocesan safety policy.

I would like to remind you that you are still dispensed from your Sunday obligation to attend Mass. You still can attend Mass via live stream by Bishop Vetter on the Diocesan website, or EWTN television Mass and you can receive Spiritual Communion during those Masses. You should not come to Mass if you don't feel safe and comfortable. If you are in the category of vulnerable people, you are excused from coming as well.

Vulnerable individuals are defined as people over 65 years of age; people with serious underlying conditions including: high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity and asthma and people whose immune system is compromised such as by chemotherapy, cancer or other conditions requiring such therapy.

I remind everyone that if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, you should remain at home. Symptoms are: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing or at least two of the following: chills, shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat and loss of taste or smell.

I would like you to feel welcome in our church and would like you to consider using your home restroom prior to coming to Mass. Ours will be disinfected after each use and should be used only for emergencies. Please remain quiet in the entrance and social area as we will be keeping the main church doors open. During the month of May, the rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before Mass begins.

After each Mass our newly formed cleaning team will ensure that all surfaces in the church and in the social area, including our chairs will be disinfected. If you would like to join our cleaning team, please remain after Mass.

Please continue to keep social distancing by using the rows marked with blue tape. Family units can sit together with 3 chairs between you and the next person or family. After Mass, please leave the church in silence with no socializing until you are outside.

.If you would like to wear a mask and don't have one with you, we have some available as you enter the church. Please take it home and keep it as your own.

When you come to Mass, a member of our security team will give you a Liturgy sheet, which you should dispose of in the container by the door as you leave, and they will usher you to appropriate seating if needed. We will keep the seat next to the center aisle vacant to social distance during Communion.

Please place your donation in the basket on the table at the back of the church.

During Communion, there will be a single line. Please stay six feet from the person in front of you – marked by tape on the floor. Fr. Stan will be the only person distributing communion.

Our daily Mass, celebrated on our regular schedule has not exceeded twenty people. If you would prefer to come for daily Mass, please consider to do so this coming week, May 17th – 21st. All the safety measures are observed for daily Mass as well. We also have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays from 12:00 noon until 5:00 pm, for private adoration and prayer.

I miss seeing all of you. It's been a long time. I look forward to the day when we can fill up the church and worship together again. I appreciate your patience and your willingness to comply with the safety guidelines. Please know that I pray for you. Please remember me in your prayers.

Fr. Stan