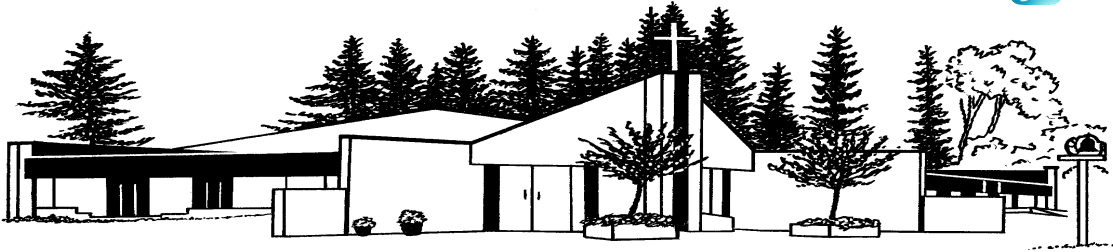

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	July 26, 2020
Saturday, July 25, Mass for July Intentions	5:00 pm
Sunday July 26, Mass for the Parish	9:30 am
Sunday July 26, Mass for the Souls of Alvin & Helen Krejci, rb Rose Hall ...	6:30 pm
Monday, July 27, Mass.....	8:45 am
Tuesday, July 28, Mass for the Soul of Dennis Tobiason, rb Helen Tobiason.	8:45 am
Wednesday, July 29, Mass	12:10 pm
Thursday, July 30, Mass	9:00 am
Friday, July 31	No Mass

FINANCE COUNCIL

Our Finance Council members are:

**Roger Ackerly, Peg Gebhardt, Christopher Gill,
John Gunnerson, Loren Vranish, and Wally Walbruch**

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, Jovita Kottraba, 212-8461,
Jamie Miller, 257-9636, Judy Stack, 752-4411, Vicki Walbruch, 758-0170,
Linda Zimmerman, 361-946-605, Ken Barrett, 755-0269**

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 26 **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 noon – 5:00 pm
 August 2 **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 6 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 noon – 5:00 pm
 9 **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 13 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 noon – 5:00 pm

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 10:00-12:00pm and 1:00-3:00pm

To be sure your announcement gets into the bulletin, please have your information in the Parish Office by noon, Wednesday.

The deadline for altar announcements is noon, Thursday.

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

Ministry Schedule, July, 2020

DATE	LECTOR	SAFETY AND SECURITY
July 25	Pati Heath	Rick Nease/Gary Hembd
July 26	Alan Ruby	Richard Frisk/Ken Barrett
August 1	Andrea Wright	Denny Falcon/Wally Walbruch
August 2	Mike Hanson	Mike Wright/Ron Bauer

SON LIGHT RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets for a 2020 Subaru Ascent Limited are available in the parish office for \$25.00 per ticket. Unbeatable odds of winning! Only 5,000 tickets will be sold!

All tickets sold by September 1st will qualify for the Early Bird Drawing. The parish designated on the ticket stub drawn will receive a Campership to offer one of their youth for the 2021 Legendary Lodge camp season. The pastor of the parish that sold the ticket and the ticket holder will each receive an early prize of \$100 and the ticket stub will be included in the final drawing for the grand prize!

PLEASE NOTE: CANCELLATIONS

The 2020 Sept. 5 Catholic Women’s Conference in Helena, Mt. has been **CANCELED** due to the speakers being unable to travel out of state and the Covid restrictions by Lewis and Clark County.

If you have any questions call Judy 406-594-1455, or Velma 406-677-7772

Out of concern for the safety of our patrons and staff, Bishop Vetter has made the difficult decision to cancel all retreats and events scheduled to be held at Legendary Lodge for the remainder of 2020. This decision is based on up-to-date data and in consideration of the preparedness needed to mitigate the risk of a resurgence of the Coronavirus.

~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.

July 18 &19, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,992
Building	90
Total	\$4,082

~PLEASE REMEMBER RISEN CHRIST PARISH IN YOUR WILL~

PRAYER TO ST. MARTHA, FEAST DAY JULY 29th

Saint Martha, pray for us that we might serve Jesus better.
Help us to overcome our distractions and worries to listen to his words and be present to him this day. Amen.

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 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



RISEN CHRIST GIFT SHOP

We have 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.



**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 2020**

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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
Andy H. & Constance M. Visocan, rb Larry & Betty Visocan
Jason Falcon, rb Denny & Bev Falcon
Nora O'Connor, rb Brockman Family
Bill Mulhollam, 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, Michael Arace, Arleen Hughes
Joe Riska, Sherry Miller, Bob Neitzling, Tim Slobojan
Larry Visocan, Mike Wright, Rose Sweetzer, Norma Coote
Dcn Jay Biedermann
Fr. Stan's Immigration Status,

FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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

RETRouvaille OF MONTANA

Retrouvaille of Montana, in conjunction with Retrouvaille International, is offering a "Virtual Weekend" starting on Thursday evening July 30. Retrouvaille is a Christian peer ministry that helps married couples regain the love and trust through learning safe communication skills. The Program will be Thursday and Friday evenings, all day Saturday, and end on Sunday afternoon using ZOOM. We would be remiss if we said this can replace a face-to-face meeting, as we know certain elements cannot be replicated virtually. We also know that when a marriage is "in trouble" a Virtual experience is much better than no experience at all, especially in these challenging times. To register, go to HelpOurMarriage.com and click Montana on the map. Don't delay—registration ends July 27, 2020. For more information, please call 406-761-4830.

READINGS FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 2, 2020

Isaiah 55:1-3 -- Romans 8:35, 37-39 -- Matthew 14:13-21

PRACTICE OF FAITH

Themes of hunger, satisfaction, and abundance pervade today's readings. As God provides food in abundance to satisfy physical hunger, so too does God provide abundant grace in Christ, grace that more than satisfies our spiritual hungers. God's grace is so abundant that it overflows, working in us and through us to provide for the needs of others. The Eucharist we receive is the source of this abundant grace and commits us to lives of service.

Through the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, we share God's abundant grace with those in need. Let one or more of these Works of Mercy guide your response to the needs of those you encounter this week. During a homily on this Gospel, Pope Francis explained that those who receive the Eucharist need to be compassionate, just as Jesus is in sharing himself with us. "One who goes to the Eucharist without having compassion for the needy and without sharing is not at ease with Jesus," Pope Francis said. Consider how Christ unites himself with us in the Eucharist and how the sacrament calls us to solidarity with the poor. In prayer, request an increase in compassion for the needs of others and the strength to respond in faith.

~ At Home With the Word 2020

PRAYER FOR AN INCREASE IN COMPASSION

Lord, I pray that my heart will become an instrument of Your own merciful Heart. In any way that I lack the empathy and compassion flowing from Your Heart, bring me healing. And in every way that I have been blessed to experience the struggles and joys of others on account of sharing in Your Mercy, I thank You. Lord, my deep desire is to share in Your life and love so that my heart may become like unto Yours. Jesus, I trust in You.

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS - EDWARD J. GALLAGHER DIVISION FATHER MICHAEL J. O'NEILL and DAVID ASTLE SCHOLARSHIP

This is a request by the Edward J. Gallagher Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians to all Flathead Valley Catholic Parishes for the promotion of application to each of its two scholarships.

At this time, applications are being accepted for the awarding of both the Father Mike O'Neill Scholarship and David Astle Scholarship. The scholarships are awarded to graduating Flathead Valley high school students of Irish Catholic descent planning on attending Carroll College, or a current Carroll College student of Irish Catholic descent from the Flathead Valley.

The amount of the David Astle Scholarship is \$1,000.00 for one year and the amount of the Father Mike O'Neill Scholarship is \$1,000.00 for four consecutive years. Deadline for applications is August 14, 2020. Interested students may get applications by calling Mike Kelly at 250-9895.

FORMED
PICK OF THE WEEK



Extraordinary Stories for Children

The film features eleven different stories that introduce children to Blessed Solanus Casey's spirituality and ministry. Each segment features a child who tells a fascinating and true story about Blessed Solanus.

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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
July 26, 2020 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 13:44-52

I begin this reflection by quoting the first lines of today's gospel where Jesus gives one of his many images of what the Kingdom of God is like. It is a passage many will be familiar with. It's one of those "images" that can stick in one's memory. Not so much because it's meaning is clear. In fact, the opposite. It's like a puzzle that defies an easy explanation.

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." (Mt. 13:44)

The passage starts with the "treasure" that's buried in a field. Someone discovers it, reburies it and then buys the whole field. Then leaves the treasure buried. On one level this does not make sense. If one acquires a treasure, doesn't it make sense to use it and enjoy it? That's what most of us would do. I would.

Here's my take. The field is our lives, your life and mine. "Buried" in us is the hidden meaning of our lives, God's love for each of us. We did not create ourselves. We are brought into existence and life by God who loves us even before we existed, while we are now here on earth and forever with God after we die.

God is in us, around us and above us. And we can also say that we are in God. But God's presence is always hidden or "buried," to use the image given us by Jesus. God is the great treasure buried within all that God has created, including you and me.

How do we acquire this great treasure? Get rid of anything that blocks you from attending to the good that continually comes your way. What exactly that is will be different for each of us. Your field is yours and my field is mine. No two fields are alike. What's common is the treasure.

What's so amazing about God's creation is its variety. Millions of galaxies and stars and planets with no two exactly alike. The same with us on earth – lots of wonderful diversity. We are beginning to see the need to explicitly celebrate that diversity while at the same time affirming our commonality. After all, the same treasure is hidden within all.

~David M. Thomas, PhD

BULLETIN QUOTES

“Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions.” Read more at www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing”

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

A profound stewardship prayer is offered by the young King Solomon in today’s first reading. He asks the Lord to give him an understanding heart, compassion towards God’s people and the insight to distinguish right from wrong. An understanding heart, or wisdom, is a gift from God. It is a gift that enables us to make good decisions and prudent choices. Cultivating and sharing this gift is essential, especially when poor decisions and lack of compassion have consequences that affect the lives of others. During these disquieting times, are we asking God for an understanding heart? Are we exercising good stewardship over the gift of wisdom? Are we sharing our compassionate hearts with others?

THE WINDOW STORY - A BIBLE ILLUSTRATION

A young couple moved into a new neighborhood. The next morning while they are eating breakfast, the young woman saw her neighbor hanging the wash outside. "That laundry is not very clean," she said. "She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap." Her husband looked on, but remained silent. Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry, the young woman would make the same comments.

About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, "Look, she has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this?"

The husband said, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows. And so it is with life. What we see when watching others depends on the purity of the window through which we look.

"Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?"

Matthew 7:3
