#### RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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#### Father Stanislaw Rog, Parish Administrator

Deacon Floyd McCubbins, 270-2632, deaconfloydmc@yahoo.com Heidi Durbin, Religious Formation Coordinator, Grades K-6 Maryruth Fallon, Music Director Sandy Carter, Office Manager ~ Rose Hall, Office Assistant

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	September 13, 2020
Sat., Sept. 12, Mass for September Intentions	5:00 pm
Sun., Sept. 13, Mass for the Parish	9:30 am
Mon., Sept. 14, Mass for the Intention of Seminarian, Dillon Armstr	ong <b>8:45 am</b>
Tues., Sept. 15, Mass	8:45 am
Wed., Sept. 16, Mass for the Int. of Farrington Family, rb Strosnide	r Family <b>12:10 pm</b>
Thurs., Sept. 17, Mass	9:00 am
Fri., Sept. 18	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, 361-946-6055, Ken Barrett, 755-0269

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Sept.	13	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
	16	Men's Prayer Group8:00 am		
	17	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 noon – 5:00 pm		
	20	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
		Catechetical Sunday		
	24	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 noon – 5:00 pm		
	27	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
	30	Religious Formation, Grades K-125:15 – 6:30 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, September, 2020

DATE	LECTOR	SAFETY AND SECURITY
September 19	Jackie Jensen	Wally Walbruch/Ken Barrett
September 20	Mike Hanson	BJ Hattel/Jamie Miller
September 26	Jennifer Hescher	Mike O'Neil/Jerry Bristow
September 27	Paul Heath	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!

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! Drawing which will be held on October 2, 2020.



#### **SEEKING PEOPLE WHO LOVE TO DECORATE!**

We are seeking people who would like to be on our decorating committee. We need a coordinator and a team to work under the coordinator. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Stan or the parish office.

#### ~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.

#### September 5 & 6, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,428
Building Envelopes	177
Mass & Stole Gifts	\$10
Total	\$5,615

#### YOUTH MINISTER JOB OPENING

We have a position opening for a part-time Youth Minister, for grades 7-12, beginning in September. For more information, Please contact Fr. Stan or the parish office for more information.

#### HANDYMAN-MAINTENANCE JOB OPENING

We are also looking for a part-time Handyman/Maintenance worker which would include maintenance of buildings and grounds. This position would be about 12 hours per week. Please contact Fr. Stan or the parish office for more information.

#### **RETROUVAILLE**

A **VIRTUAL, ONLINE RETROUVAILLE** marriage help program starts Thursday evening, September 17<sup>th</sup>. This program is **not** group therapy and you will not be asked to share your problems with anyone else. The program (weekend and post weekend sessions) is led by people who have been through the program themselves. They share their own stories of struggles and how they applied the program's concepts, values, and tools to begin overcoming those issues. These experienced people, who have been there themselves, will lead you on your own journey of healing and growth. For information please contact us at 406-761-4830 or register at <a href="www.helpourmarriage.org">www.helpourmarriage.org</a>.

#### LETTERS TO GOD FROM 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADERS

Dear God: How come you didn't invent any new animals lately? We still just have all the old ones?

Dear God: Who draws the lines around the countries?

Dear God: I bet it is hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are

only 4 people in our family, and I can never do it.

Dear God: I think the stapler is one of your greatest inventions.

Dear God: How did you know you were God?

#### MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 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
Andy H. & Constance M. Visocan, rb Larry & Betty Visocan
Vernon Babb, rb John & Connie Babb
Wil Griswold, rb John & Connie Babb
Howard McMillan, rb Risen Christ Parish
Jerry Turner, rb Risen Christ Parish

#### 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, Mike Wright, Rose Sweetzer, Norma Coote Audrey Turner, Deacon Jay Biedermann, Curtis Gomes Fr. Stan's Immigration Status

#### FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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Dillon Armstrong, Matthew Christiaens, John Cooney, Tyler Frohlich, Riley Helgoe, Kaleb Mitchell, Brett Rotz, Kyle Tannehill

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY AT RISEN CHRIST

Father Stan would like to remind everyone that it's time to register your children and grandchildren for RE classes. Registration forms can be obtained in the Parish office. We plan to have in person classes starting September 30<sup>th</sup> with all safety precautions, sanitation, and social distancing in place. We plan to follow the Diocese of Helena safety guidelines as well as the local government directives.

#### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and in receiving the Sacraments of the Catholic Church or do you know somebody else who is? We are currently seeking candidates for our RCIA program which will begin in October. If interested, contact Fr. Stan. This first meeting will be introductory, and we will have the opportunity at that time to answer all your questions about what to expect and what happens next.

#### READINGS FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 20, 2020

Isaiah 55:6-9 Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a...... Matthew 20:1-16a

#### PRACTICE OF HOPE

Jealousy and envy are often based on "zero-sum" thinking, an understanding that if one has more, then another has less. These feelings emerge in us when facing limit, whether real or perceived. These emotions make no sense, however, when that which we seek has no limit. The parable in today's Gospel points to an understanding and appreciation that God's generosity and mercy are infinite. ◆Even within the limits of our humanity, we are given the opportunity to act as agents of God's mercy in the love, time, and care we give to others. Be generous in sharing these gifts that lead others to know the infinite love and mercy of God. ◆In chapter 5 of *Revelations of Divine Love*, mystic Julian of Norwich tells of how, while holding a hazelnut, she understood that God's love for us is revealed in little things. This week consider which small things in your life portray God's love for you. ◆Take time in prayer to rest in the assurance of God's infinite mercy. You may wish to pray with a hymn, such as "There's a Wideness In God's Mercy." ~ At Home With the Word 2020



#### Join the Knights of Columbus Council 8329 And Make a Difference!

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

Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism

#### A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 12/13, 2020

Today's Gospel reading continues Jesus' instructions on being good stewards of others – the direction that if we love Jesus Christ, we must forgive an individual 77 times. The reading compels us to consider one of the most difficult practices of Christian discipleship. Forgiveness is the way of Jesus, the way of the cross. Vengeance, bitterness and hatred seem so much easier and certainly more desirable. Forgiveness is a hard road to travel, but it is the only road that leads to life in Christ. Consider this week who you need to forgive.

#### PRAYING THE ROSARY

Father Stan and the Knights of Columbus are seeking volunteers to lead the Rosary in October. We will be venerating our Blessed Mother in October before each Mass. The prayer book will be at the small podium before each Mass. The prayer book contains all four mysteries of the Holy Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. It is easy to lead even if you have not lead the Rosary in the past. The leaders should start the Rosary 20 minutes before the start of Mass. The sign-up sheet will be on a table in the social area.

#### ST JANUARIUS, BISHOP & MARTYR - FEAST DAY, SEPTEMBER 19

An early Christian bishop, Januarius was martyred near Naples during the persecution of the Roman Emperor Diocletian. According to legend, as bishop of Benevento, he was visiting some imprisoned Christians in Pozzuli when he was arrested. The bishop and his Christian companions were condemned to death in an arena containing wild beasts possibly bears or lions—but the animals wouldn't touch them. According to one tradition, Bishop Januarius blessed a lion, after which it knelt at the bishops' feet. Januarius and his companions were thereafter beheaded. This Italian saint is famous for the relic of his blood, which is kept at the Naples cathedral. It is believed that a woman, Eusebia, saved Januarius' blood after his martyrdom; it was an ancient Christian practice to preserve a vial of the blood of a martyr, often placed by his or her burial place in the catacombs. A phial of the dark, solid blood, believed to belong to St. Januarius, liquefies annually on three different feasts: the date commemorating his martyrdom (September 19); the date when his relics were transferred to Naples (the Saturday before the first Sunday of May); and the anniversary of a liquefaction that allegedly halted the eruption of nearby Mount Vesuvius in 1631 (December 16). The liquification is considered by many faithful as a sign that the year will be protected from disasters. Januarius, the patron saint of Naples, is also invoked against volcanic eruptions. He is also the patron saint of blood banks. St. Januarius', bishop & martyr Pope Francis visited the Naples cathedral in 2015. While there, the St. Januarius' blood partially liquified. After venerating the relic of St Januarius' blood, Pope Francis said: "The Archbishop said that the blood has liquefied partially: so the Saint loves us partially. Everyone needs a little more conversion so that he loves us more" (March 21, 2015).

#### 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.

#### **DE LASALLE RAFFLE TICKETS**

We have raffle tickets for the De La Salle Blackfoot School located in Browning, Montana for sale. If you wish to purchase tickets, they are available in the parish office. Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. Please support this important educational ministry.

#### **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.

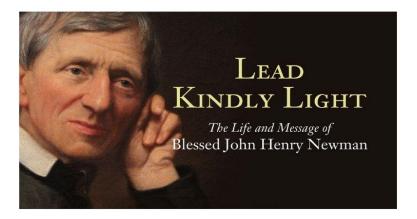
Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 2:12

#### 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.







#### **Lead Kindly Light**

An influential teacher, a distinguished theologian, a man who endured many trials, a father of souls—Saint John Henry Newman (1801 - 1890) remains as fresh and relevant today as he was during his lifetime. In this engaging film, Fr. Nicholas Schofield and Fr. Marcus Holden, hosts of several other Ignatius films, present the inspiring story of Newman's life and visit the places in England where he lived and worked.

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Fr. Stan

### The Nazareth Page A gospel meditation for your home September 13, 2020 – Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 18:21-35

Today's gospel is about forgiveness and math. A popular saying in the time of Jesus was that we should forgive others up to seven times. (I wonder if people kept a record of this.) When Jesus was asked about this practice, he said that the number had changed. We need to multiply that seven times by seventy. Even with my limited math skills I can see that totals 490. Biblical scholars suggest that number implies that there should be *no limit* to our forgiving. Just keep doing it. Clearly, that's far from easy.

Respected spiritual writer Father Ronald Rohheiser writes in his wonderful book, *Sacred Fire: A Vision for a Deeper Human and Christian Maturity,* that forgiveness is the most important spiritual act that we can do. He writes that "we need to forgive those who have hurt us, forgive ourselves for our own failings, forgive life for not being fully fair, and forgive God for seemingly being so indifferent to our wounds." Forgiving frees us to find the peace of heart that God intends us to have.

In the gospel we are told the story of a man who, after having his own debt forgiven by someone he owed, turns around and fails to cancel a debt owed to him. So, despite having personally been forgiven, he will not forgive others. The deeper meaning here is that God forgives us our sins and failings repeatedly. We should do the same to others.

One of the most difficult places to forgive fully is in family life. Living close to each other in a family, we easily hurt each other's feelings and ignore each other needs. Often, it's just little things, but they can add up. And when we're hurt by people we're close to and care about, it can be very painful.

At Mass we request God's forgiveness of us for what we have done and for what we have failed to do. In other words, sins of commission and sins of omission. This latter group of sins are all too common. And often unrecognized.

We all carry expectation of others in terms of what we would like them to do for us. Often, they fail to deliver. We can easily feel ignored or forgotten. It's those people that we especially need to forgive. Forgiving others creates in us what the gospels called "a clean heart." I would add, a happier and more peaceful heart.

David M. Thomas, PhD

So much has changed in the last months and yet our faith-filled commitment to the youth and young adults of our many parishes and campuses remains a priority and a cause for hope.

With that in mind we'll gather for this year's Son Light Celebration from the comfort of our homes and parishes.

## l invite you to:

- Visit diocesehelena.org to register at no cost;
- Send along your photo for the "Be Our Guest" red carpet portion of the evening. Email to sonlight@diocesehelena. org by Wednesday, October 7";
- Prepare a fabulous dessert or your favorite after dinner treat and join me at 7 pm for the Livestream;
- Hang in there until the raffle drawing for the 2020 Subaru Ascent Limited at approximately 7:25 pm.

# SUPPORT THE SON LIGHT CELEBRATION BY:

**Gathering in small groups:** enjoy dessert and offer your prayers for our youth and young adults.

**Purchasing raffle tickets:** available in parishes through October 4<sup>th</sup>, online at diocesehelena org through October 8<sup>th</sup> and at the Chancery

Helping with the remodel work at Legendary Lodge: Hear all about it during the Livestream event!

Donate at diocesehelena.org. No gift is too small!

In Christ, I am **Bishop Austin Vetter** 

# 2020 SON LIGHT CELEBRATION: HOME EDITION

LET'S GATHER TOGETHER FROM NEAR
AND FAR IN SUPPORT OF OUR
YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS AND
LEGENDARY LODGE!

ALL ARE WELCOME!



FRIDAY
OCTOBER 9
7:00 PM

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