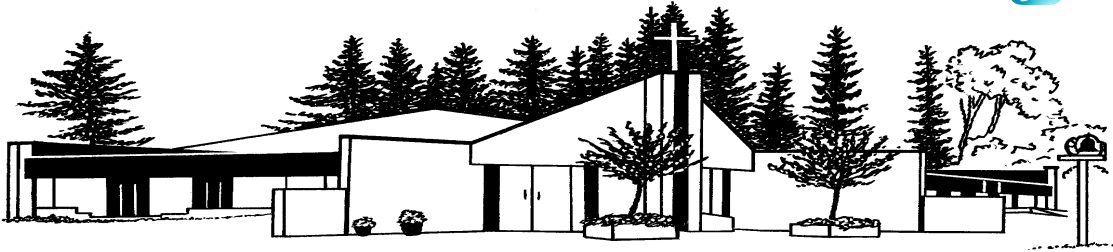

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Maintenance: Curtis Gomes

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT..... November 29, 2020
Sat., Nov 28, Mass for The Deceased listed in The Book of the Names of the Dead. **5:00 pm**
Sun., Nov. 29, Mass for the Parish **9:30 am**
Mon., Nov. 30, Mass for the Soul of Dennis Tobiason, rb Tobiason Family..... **8:45 am**
Tues., Dec. 1, Mass for the Soul of Diane Cox, rb Janet Rose **8:45 am**
Wed., Dec. 2, Mass for the Soul of Herman Nieskens, rb Arleen Hughes..... **12:10 pm**
Thurs., Dec. 3, Mass for the Soul of Patti Slack, rb Donna Carie **9:00 am**
Fri., Dec. 4 **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,
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov. 29 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
 Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.....9:15 am
- Dec. 2 Ladies' Scripture Study..... 10:15 – 11:45 am
 Religious Formation, K-6 4:30 – 5:45 pm
 Youth Group.....6:00 - 7:30pm
- 5 Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.....4:45pm
- 6 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
 Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.....9:15 am
- 8 **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
MASS TIMES8:45 am & 6:00 pm
- 9 Ladies' Scripture Study..... 10:15 – 11:45 am
 Religious Formation, K-6 4:30 – 5:45 pm
 Youth Group.....6:00 - 7:30pm
- 12 Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.....4:45pm
- 13 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
 Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.....9:15 am

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 10:00am-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 for December, 2020

DATE	LECTOR	SAFETY AND SECURITY
Dec. 5	Anne Mahoney	Gary Hembd/Mike O'Neil
Dec. 6	Mike Hanson	Neil Heino/BJ Hattel
Dec. 8	Pati Heath	Jamie Miller/Ken Barrett
Dec. 12	Peg Gebhardt	John Gunnerson/Wally Walbruch
Dec. 13	Alan Ruby	Ron Bauer/Rick Nease
Dec. 19	Suzanne Johnson	Richard Frisk/Ken Barrett
Dec. 20	Andrea Wright	Mike Wright/BJ Hattel

DIOCESAN SAFETY POLICY

Diocesan policy during the pandemic requires that we wear masks inside to help ensure the safety and protection of all, especially the most vulnerable. We don't want to have to close things down again. There has been a significant spike in cases in Montana and the US. This is a friendly reminder from the Bishop's office!

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*"Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint.
 The Lord never lets us down.
 Pope Francis*

~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.

November 21 & 22, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,144
Building Envelopes	50
Total	\$4,194



ASSISTING OUR PARISHES AND MISSIONS

The 2020 ACA provides Human Resource Services and direction for Safe Environment/Protecting God’s Children. Telecommunications and technology support benefits our 57 parishes and 38 missions.

Let us build the church of our time while looking to the future with hope!

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collections for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! If you missed the collection, it’s not too late.

www.usccb.org/nationalcollection.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY ~“JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU”

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed 20 minutes prior to Saturday and Sunday Masses during Advent. This is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Please sign up at the desk located in front of the parish office if you would like to lead the Chaplet.

QUOTE

“Compassion for the mother is extremely important, but is never served through destroying the innocent.”

Randy Alcorn, Pro Life Answers to Pro Choice Arguments

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 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
Eileen Babb, rb John & Connie Babb
Tracy Iano, rb John & Connie Babb
Dorothy Redinger, rb Robert Redinger**

FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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RISEN CHRIST MASS REQUESTS

FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL INTENTIONS

**Greg Grace, Shelley Hembd, Lavine Heuscher
Michael Arace, Joe Riska, Sherry Miller, Bob Neitzling
Tim Slobojan, Larry Visocan, Rose Sweetzer
Norma Coote, Audrey Turner, Deacon Jay Biedermann
Fr. Stan's Immigration Status**

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FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The season of Advent is upon us, and in today's Gospel Jesus delivers a simple message through the pen of Saint Mark: "Be watchful! Be alert!" Christian stewards understand what Jesus meant when he said, "It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task." Good stewards realize that to each one a task is assigned by God. They have been set in a particular place and station in life, and have been gifted with unique relationships. How do we respond to the tasks or cultivate our relationships in a way that keeps us alert for the return of Christ?

READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

PRACTICE OF HOPE

Isaiah calls us to be comforted and promises that our service and our guilt are over – that we will see together the glory of the Lord. In the Second Reading, we are told of new heavens and a new earth. And in the Gospel, the fruition of these promises is defined when John the Baptist declares that soon, baptized with the Holy Spirit, we will be ushered into a new kind of being. Our hope in the fulfillment of these promises sustains us. Ask yourself how a truly hopeful person lives.

Go for a walk in nature (“go up onto a high mountain”), even if only to a city park, and thank God for the gift of the natural world; let your hope make you joyful in your interactions with others.

Reflect on a situation in which you have cause to feel comfort. Pray the rosary, focusing on the Joyful Mysteries.

Talk to your children, grandchildren, or a godchild about the day they were baptized, and if you remember your Baptism, or have heard stories about it, recount it for them.

At Home With the Word 2020

GET FOUND IN MONTANA - BECOME A KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Montana Knights of Columbus ~Faith, Family, Community, Life

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Join the Knights online for FREE until December 31, 2020 - Code: MCGIVNEY2020

Join now and receive a 2020 Knights of Columbus Christmas ornament

Ornament supplies are limited, so join now



CARROLL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Carroll College is pleased to offer a prospective student from our parish a scholarship, named in memory of the deceased priests of the Diocese of Helena and the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings. This \$1000 scholarship is funded by Carroll College, but the recipient is chosen by our parish. Carroll requires that the recipient be a student planning to attend Carroll for the first time in the fall of 2021. Risen Christ Parish will match this amount which will go to a prospective applicant. The completed application must be in to the parish no later than March 1, 2021. Applications may be obtained in the parish office or online at:

www.carroll.edu/scholarships-aid/scholarships-new-students

For questions contact the Carroll College Financial Aid Office by phone at

406-447-5425 or via email at: fao@carroll.edu.

The student should send the completed application to the Parish by March 1, 2021.

RISEN CHRIST GIFT SHOP – CHECK OUT OUR NEW ARRIVALS!

We have gifts available for Advent and Christmas. There are Advent candles and Advent rings, 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.



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.

ANDREW, THE APOSTLE, FEAST DAY NOVEMBER 30TH

In the synoptic Gospels, Andrew is a Galilean fisherman grouped with his brother, Peter, and with James and John in the inner circle of Apostles; in John's Gospel, he is the disciple of John the Baptist who is the first to follow Jesus and who brings his brother to the Lord. Many traditions about Andrew come from the apocryphal second-century Acts of Andrew, which depicts him as a zealous missionary in the Black Sea region who is crucified—tied to an x-shaped cross—by the Roman governor. Some early church historians also said he evangelized in Greece and Asia Minor. He is the patron saint of Scotland, Russia, Greece, and those who fish for a living.

PRAYER TO ST. ANDREW

O Glorious St. Andrew, you were the first to recognize and follow the Lamb of God. With your friend St. John you remained with Jesus for that first day, for your entire life, and now throughout eternity.

As you led your brother St. Peter to Christ and many others after him, draw us also to Him. Teach us to lead others to Christ solely out of love for Him, and dedication in His service. Help us to learn the lesson of the Cross and to carry our daily crosses without complaint so that they may carry us to Jesus. Amen.



**THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY:
THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS**
Enjoy this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity as we enter into the joyful season of Advent.

WATCH

LEARN

ADVENT

This Advent prepare your heart through this exploration of the mystery of the Incarnation, the Virgin Birth, and the events surrounding the arrival of Jesus Christ.



**PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY
DR. SCOTT HAHN**

Your Advent journey will take on new meaning with Dr. Scott Hahn's illuminating presentation on the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ.

LISTEN

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To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

To register please go to: www.risenchristkalispeil.formed.org Click on register now and create your account. Be sure to follow the password requirements and check the square that you have read and understood the Terms of Service. After you have created your account, you'll have access to FORMED provided materials (like the one above) purchased for you by our parish. Please take advantage of this beautiful opportunity to learn more about your faith.
Fr. Stan

CAT IN A HOLE

One day, an old man was having a stroll in the forest when he suddenly saw a little cat stuck in a hole. The poor animal was struggling to get out. So, he gave him his hand to get him out. But the cat scratched his hand with fear. The man pulled his hand screaming with pain. But he did not stop; he tried to give a hand to the cat again and again.

Another man was watching the scene, screamed with surprise, "For heaven's sake! Stop helping this cat! He's going to get himself out of there."

The other man did not care about him, he just continued saving that animal until he finally succeeded, And then he walked to that man and said, "Son, it is cat's Instincts that makes him scratch and to hurt, and it is my job to love and care."

Moral of the Story: Always treat everyone with respect and kindness but do not expect other people to treat you the way you want to be treated. We cannot control how others react to certain situations but you can certainly control your own.

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
November 29, 2020 – First Sunday of Advent
Mark 13:33-37

At this moment we are back to the same place in the Universe in relationship to the sun that we were a year ago. But much has changed on our planet during its last annual solar circumnavigation. And if we are thoughtful (as most are), a lot has happened to each of us during the last year. Most agree it's been a tumultuous year. Lots of challenges, and lots of sadness especially when we think about the pandemic now still raging. I'm thinking about a year's passage because this Sunday marks the first day of the New Church Year.

The gospel message placed before us is timely and well worth our consideration. It recounts words of Jesus when he said: Be watchful! Be alert! For what, you might ask. Is there something on the horizon that might place us in danger? Some might remember the fears that some had when we entered the New Millennium. But little happened except changing our calendars.

I don't think Jesus is talking about being alert to some new happening, but rather a reminder to sharpen our *internal* life, our awareness, our sense of God's presence in us and all around us. In other words, with God being a part of what's now happening all the time, we need reminders of this because we can easily slip into superficiality or be sidetracked by daily distractions. Or we simply forget.

We believe that God is not just a word or something or someone far away. Rather God is an immediate presence, powerfully creating and sustaining all that exists in creation.

God is not simply a larger version of ourselves. Theologians have described God as "wholly other" meaning that God is different from all that exists in creation. Yet God intentionally caused you and me (and everything else) to exist because God wanted to share life with us and sustain life in us. While this is a Great Mystery, we should not conclude that all this is totally unknowable. It's simply more than our finite minds can know. We know it in pieces and fragments. Occasionally, during brief moments of inspiration and insight. Because these "clues" about God are usually fleeting, we need to be extra watchful and alert. Thus, the words of Jesus to be ready at all times.

As the New Church Year begins, it's a fitting time to recalibrate the way we think about ourselves and the world we inhabit. Start by looking more deeply at those we live with. Where is God in them? Then do the same for yourself. A great New Year's resolution.

David M. Thomas, PhD