

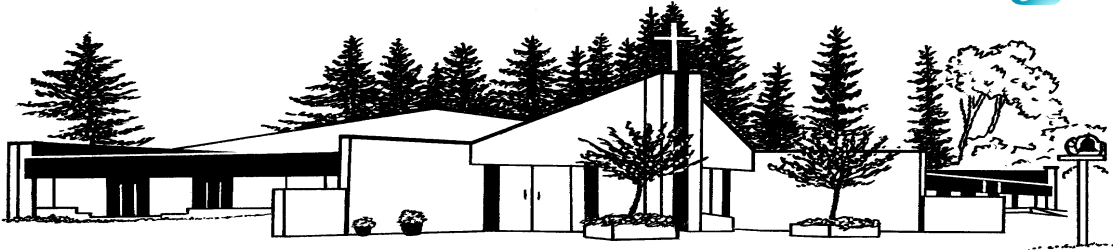
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# **RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT .....</b>	<b>December 13, 2020</b>
<b>Sat., Dec. 12, Mass for December Intentions. ....</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>Sun., Dec. 13, Mass for the Parish.....</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
<b>Mon., Dec. 14, Mass for the Soul of Patti Slack, rb Peg Gebhardt.....</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>
<b>Tues., Dec. 15, Mass for the Soul of Jerry Bristow, rb K of C, BGS 591 .....</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>
<b>Wed., Dec. 16, Mass for the Soul of Adell Gormley, rb Mark &amp; Suzanne Johnson</b>	<b>12:10pm</b>
<b>Thurs., Dec. 17, Mass for the Soul of Jay Hoover, rb Janet Rose .....</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Fri., Dec. 18 .....</b>	<b>No Mass</b>

**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:

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Dec. 13 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**Retirement Fund for Religious**  
 Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.....9:15 am  
 16 Ladies' Scripture Study..... 10:15 – 11:45 am  
 Religious Formation, K-6 ..... 4:30 – 5:45 pm  
 Youth Group .....6:00 - 7:30 pm  
 19 Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.....4:45 pm  
 20 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
 Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.....9:15 am  
 Christmas food baskets assembly and delivery  
 23 Ladies' Scripture Study..... 10:15 – 11:45 am  
**NO RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASSES**  
 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**..... Masses 4:30 pm, 7:00 pm, and 11:00 pm  
 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**.....Mass 9:30 and 11:30 am  
 Dec. 24-Jan 1 Parish Office Closed.....  
 27 **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**  
 31 Vigil Mass for Mary, Mother of God..... Mass 5:00 pm  
 Jan. 1 **MARY, MOTHER OF GOD** ..... Mass 9:30 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.**

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

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed 15 minutes prior to Saturday and Sunday Masses during Advent. This is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist. Jesus said to Sr. Faustina; “Say unceasingly this chaplet that I have taught you. Anyone who says it will receive great MERCY at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as the last hope. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this chaplet even once, will receive grace from My infinite Mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My Mercy”

**Ministry Schedule for December, 2020**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>SAFETY AND SECURITY</b>
<b>Dec. 19</b>	Suzanne Johnson	Richard Frisk/Ken Barrett
<b>Dec. 20</b>	Andrea Wright	Mike Wright/BJ Hattel

**~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.

**December 5 & 6, 2020**

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,690
Building Envelopes	194
Thanksgiving	50
Holy Day	45
Christmas	100
Mass & Stole Gifts	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,094</b>

**MESSAGE FROM FATHER STAN**

We at Risen Christ will be having five Masses for Christmas this year. There will be three on Christmas Vigil and two on Christmas Day. We would like to encourage every parishioner of Risen Christ to consider attending one of the Christmas services. Please see times listed as follows:

Christmas Eve - 4:30 pm, 7:00 pm and 11:00 pm.

Christmas Day – 9:30 am & 11:30 am

The general idea for Mass attendance is: for less vulnerable people (young families with children) to attend the 4:30 pm Vigil Mass or 11:30 am Christmas Day Mass. For more vulnerable people (older people with pre-existing conditions) we suggest attending the 7:00 pm Vigil Mass or 11:00 pm or 9:30 am Christmas Day Mass.

As you know dispensation is granted during this time of Covid; however, Risen Christ will make sure if you decide to come you will be able to attend safely, wearing masks and keeping social distancing. The church will be sanitized after every service to give you even more confidence. As far as we know as of December 3rd, nobody has been infected with Covid from attending Mass, Religious Education, Bible study or Knights of Columbus meetings at Risen Christ.

Even though you are not obligated to attend, remember CHRISTMAS is about welcoming Christ into your heart and your soul. The best way to do so is to receive communion on Christmas day.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please contact the Parish Office.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

There will be no Penance Service this Advent. I encourage everyone to come to scheduled confession on Saturdays, or make an appointment for individual confession or take advantage of different churches in the valley.

# **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  
Jason Falcon, rb Denny & Bev Falcon  
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  
Elmer Alger, rb the Hutchens family**

**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**

## **GET FOUND IN MONTANA - BECOME A KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS**

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

[www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus)

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.



## **READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

### **PRACTICE OF FAITH**

Throughout the ages, Mary's profound act of faith has provided artists with an endlessly fascinating subject, resulting in beautiful works of art depicting the Annunciation. In many of these, Mary's fear and confusion, her isolation and humility are evident. Alone with a messenger of God, she needs convincing to accept that God has indeed chosen her to participate in his salvific act. In the end, her faith has its roots not in her strength but in God's. Faith does not do away with all fear but rather provides the possessor with an unwavering foundation. Look up paintings featuring the Annunciation. What do you see in them? How might Mary's situation reflect your relationship with God? How does it speak to the challenges presented to you as a person of faith in an increasingly secular time? Spend time in prayer and try to identify when your faith is strong and when it is weak. Talk to someone (a priest, a spiritual director, a close friend) about your life of faith. Do you see it as an ongoing journey or seem to be standing still?

At Home With the Word 2020

### **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](http://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](mailto: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**

### **CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS**

Christmas Food Baskets will be assembled and delivered on Sunday, Dec. 20th after Mass. Please bring donated food items to the church by the end of Mass on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Some food items needed: Tuna, canned chili, cereal, rice, soup, peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned fruit, stuffing, yams, potatoes, fresh fruit, buns, pie filling. Call Julie Berquist at 253-4842 if you know of a family in need of a Christmas food basket.

### **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.



**Neighbors In Need  
Giving Tree  
Tent & Sleeping Bag Project**



**The Kalispell Ministerial Association developed Neighbors in Need, a fund of last resort, that is supported by the area churches, including Risen Christ.**

**As you may recognize, Kalispell has a very large homeless population and an even more significant affordable housing situation. With an under supplied emergency shelter system, in extreme cases, some homeless are forced to live in places with substandard conditions like weekly motels, cars, the street, and in the woods.**

**Risen Christ is again sponsoring the Neighbors In Need Giving Tree for the Tent & Sleeping Bag Project. Over the last several years your generous contributions have helped provide needed comfort to save the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves.**

**Starting on December 5 the Giving Tree with donation receptacles will be located in the Church entry. Or checks may be given to the church office.**

**Your cash or check donations will be greatly appreciated!**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO  
NEIGHBORS IN NEED**

**Blessings to you during this season of hope  
and thank you for your support!**

### **2020 CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE**

In order for contributions to be credited to 2020, they need to be in the parish by December 31st. If mailing contribution they must be postmarked on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>

### **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

**Support aging religious.** Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and

more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

### **A CHRISTMAS PLEA FOR HELP**

Christmas decorating this year is being planned and will be done in shifts over 3 days:

December 21 after 8:45 Mass

December 22 after 8:45 Mass

December 23 after 12:10 Mass

Can you claim one of the areas and help?

### **AREAS THAT NEED TO BE ADOPTED:**

1. Outside shrubs need lighting, wreaths on the wall.
2. Greeter Table and Gift Table
3. Windows - Need boughs with lighting and hang the already made wreaths above.
4. Brick wall behind altar...Need lights.
5. Tall banners...Need swags attached with lighting, some sprucing up of swags.
6. Set up large Christmas Tree in altar area. Needs lights. Probably at least 2 or 3 guys or strong gals.
7. Set up Nativity and place poinsettias around it and other spots.
8. Set up smaller trees on altar and in social area.
9. Set arrangement in the entry.

If you are willing to help with any of these tasks, please contact Pati Heath  
249-8149. Thank you!

### **ST. LUCY, FEAST DAY DECEMBER 13TH**

This saint, venerated by Christians since her own time, likely was martyred in Sicily, probably during the persecutions of Roman Emperor Diocletian, who ruled 284-305. Legends about Lucy include a rejected suitor denouncing her as a Christian and miracles that saved her from life in a brothel, from being burned at the stake, and from having her eyes plucked out. Another legend says she bled to death after her throat was cut. Lucy, whose name suggests light, is among the saints listed in the canon of the Mass; she is the patron saint of electricians and ophthalmologists, and Christians pray for her intercession regarding diseases of the eyes.

“Lucy reminds us of a value which seems to me very important for you too: courage. She was a young defenseless woman; however she faced torture and a violent death with great courage, a courage that came to her from the Risen Christ, with whom she was united, and from the Holy Spirit, who dwelt within her. Lucy tells us that life is made to be given. She lived this out in the supreme form of martyrdom, but the value of the gift of self is universal; it is the secret to true happiness. Man does not become completely fulfilled by having or by doing. One is fulfilled by loving, i.e. by giving of oneself. And this can also be understood as the secret of the name ‘Lucy’: a person is ‘full of light’ to the extent that he or she is a gift to others. In reality, every person is a gift, he or she is a precious gift!” —Pope Francis, December 13, 2014

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**THANK YOU FROM NW MONTANA VETERANS STAND DOWN & FOOD PANTRY**

The staff, volunteers and Board Members at North West Montana Veterans Stand Down & Food Pantry would like to thank you for your most recent contribution of food on this day 10/19/20. Because of yours and others' generous donations we were able to provide 161,395 pounds of food to our clients. We appreciate your donations very much and look forward to serving our veterans and their families together in the future.

Thanks again. We rely on generous people like you and your continuing support.  
Sincerely, Allen W. Erickson, Sr., President/CEO



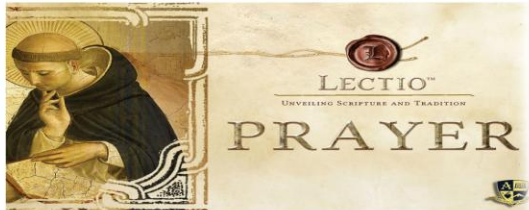
PICK OF THE WEEK

December 13, 2020

WATCH

**SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA:  
A STUDY IN PERSEVERANCE**

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Ávila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.



**LECTIO: PRAYER—AN INTIMATE  
DIALOGUE**

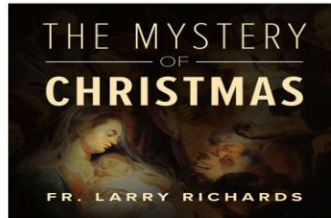
St. John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church, had a deep desire to help others grow in prayer. In honor of this mystical saint, join Dr. Gray as he dives into the simplicity and mystery of prayer.

LEARN

LISTEN

**THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS  
BY FR. LARRY RICHARDS**

In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards reminds us that in the mystery of Christmas, God gives humanity his greatest gift—the gift of his Son to the world.



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Fr. Stan



***The Nazareth Page***  
***A gospel meditation for your home***  
***December 13, 2020 – Third Sunday of Advent***  
***John 1:6-8, 19-28***

In my earlier years, I was a fan of a number of singing groups. Some of them featured folk music and sometimes they entertained sing-along audiences at crazy concerts called “hootenannies.” Full disclosure, I was a member of one of the least known of those groups. In fact, we were so unknown that we didn’t even have a name.

As I read today’s gospel, I was reminded of two of the more accomplished groups who were called “the Searchers” and “the Seekers.” I thought of them because today’s gospel is about searching and seeking. Specifically, the one being sought is the Messiah. Hopes for his arrival among the Jewish people were high back around Zero B.C.E..

We pick up that history when attention was focused for a time on a rather bizarre religious person who had set up shop along the River Jordan. He called people to repent their wicked ways. He submerged them in the river water. The Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent scouts to find out who this fellow baptizing by the Jordan River really was. During that time, what’s sometimes called “messianic fever,” was high. Perhaps it was John.

We know John’s response. No, it’s not me *but* (that’s an important word here) it is someone else who has already arrived. He is the true Messiah who will proclaim the truth about God, about all creation, and about all of us. Next to him, John adds, I am nothing.

So, keep searching and seeking. Yes, the Messiah has come but, in a sense, he is still coming. To each of us. During the holy season of Advent, we are reminded to continue our explorations. Yes, most of us have encountered Jesus. Perhaps often. But there’s always more to experience of his love and attention in future encounters.

Like all interpersonal relationships, the task of deepening them is always ahead of us. Like all living things, they require nourishment and enrichment. More is better than less. As Jesus ended his physical sojourn with us, he said that he would be with us until the end of time. That includes today and tomorrow and the next day.

In this season of Advent, we are challenged to search and seek Christ where he is. Among us! In those close to us and in those distant from us. And a good place to begin our search (although often overlooked) is in ourselves. Imagine that!

David M. Thomas, PhD



# The “O Antiphons” of Advent

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The Roman Church has been singing the “O Antiphons” since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative “Come!” embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.



In the last days of Advent, you may wish to add these “O Antiphons” to your evening prayer, your prayer at table, or your bedtime prayer.

## December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High,  
guiding creation with power and love:  
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

## December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,  
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:  
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

## December 19

O Root of Jesse’s stem,  
sign of God’s love for all his people:  
come to save us without delay!

## December 20

O Key of David,  
opening the gates of God’s eternal Kingdom:  
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

## December 21

O Radiant Dawn,  
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:  
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

## December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:  
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

## December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:  
come to save us, Lord our God!



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