

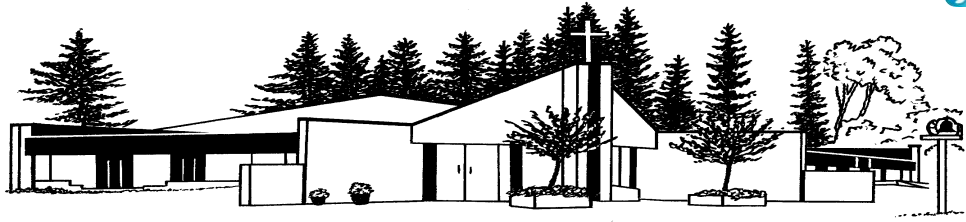
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# **RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ..... December 20, 2020**  
**Sat., Dec. 19, Mass for December Intentions. .... 5:00 pm**  
**Sun., Dec. 20, Mass for the Parish..... 9:30 am**  
**Mon., Dec. 21, Mass for the Souls of Herb & Florence Russell, rb Camille Scott 8:45 am**  
**Tues., Dec. 22, Mass for the Soul of Kacey Scott, rb Camille & Ron Scott..... 8:45 am**  
**Wed., Dec. 23, Mass for the Souls of Wanda, Debbie, Larry Durocher, rb Johnson's 12:10 pm**

**THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**

**CHRISTMAS EVE ..... Thursday, December 24, 2020**  
**Thurs., Dec. 24, Mass for the Parish, (families with young children) ..... 4:30 pm**  
Mass for the Souls of Deceased Parishioners and Friends.... 7:00 pm  
Mass for Peace and Justice ..... 11:00 pm  
**CHRISTMAS DAY ..... Friday, December 25, 2020**  
**Fri., Dec. 25, Mass for the Parish..... 9:30 am**  
Mass for those suffering from COVID-19, (families with young children) 11:30 am

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

**Sat., Dec. 26, Mass for December Intentions..... 5:00 pm**  
**Sun., Dec. 27, Mass for the parish ..... 9:30 am**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**Thurs., Dec. 31, Vigil Mass for the Parish..... 5:00 pm**  
**Fri., Jan. 1, Mass for God's gifts and blessings for the New Year, 2021 ..... 9:30 am**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Dec. 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 ..... after Mass  
 23 Ladies' Scripture Study..... 10:15 – 11:45 am  
**NO RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASSES**  
 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.**

**Ministry Schedule for December, 2020**

DATE	LECTOR	SAFETY AND SECURITY
<b>Dec. 19, 5:00 pm</b>	Suzanne Johnson	Richard Frisk/Ken Barrett
<b>Dec. 20, 9:30 am</b>	Andrea Wright	Mike Wright/BJ Hattel
<b>Dec 24, 4:30 pm</b>	Alan Ruby	BJ Hattel/John Gunnerson/Dick Frisk
<b>7:00 pm</b>	Vicki Walbruch	Wally Walbruch, Rick Nease, Dick Frisk
<b>11:00 pm</b>	Dixon Rice	Gary Hembd/Mike O'Neil/Rick Nease
<b>Dec. 25, 9:30 am</b>	Betty Heino	Mike Wright, Ken Barrett/Neil Heino
<b>11:30 am</b>	Paul Heath	Dick Frisk/Ron Bauer/Rick Nease
<b>Dec. 26, 5:00 pm</b>	Mary Reckin	Ken Barrett/Mike O'Neil
<b>Dec. 27, 9:30 am</b>	Jack Fallon	BJ Hattel/Jamie Miller

**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**

**~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 8, 12 & 13, 2020**

Sunday Envelopes	\$6390
Building Envelopes	105
Thanksgiving	5
Holy Day	105
Christmas	70
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6675</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  
Shelley Hembd, rb Risen Christ Parish**

**FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

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**RISEN CHRIST MASS REQUESTS**

**FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

**Greg Grace, 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 NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

Isaiah 62: 1-5                      Acts 13:16-17, 22-25                      Matthew 1:18-25

**READINGS FOR THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**

Genesis 15: 1-6; 21:1-3                      Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19                      Luke 2:22-40

**PRACTICE OF FAITH**

Poet Li-Young Lee ends the poem "Nativity" stating that a safe place in the heart needs to be made as God approaches. We have spent four weeks preparing for Emmanuel, God-with-us. Now that he is here, what does the Incarnation mean in your life? The Gospel reading takes care to place the birth of Jesus well within humanity's lineage: the human heart is a natural home for the Son of Man. ♦Read the poem "Nativity" and Gerard Manley Hopkins's poem "God's Grandeur." Consider how you will make your heart safe for the approach of God. ♦Contemplate the difference the presence of Christ brings to the world. How are you made different by the presence of God in your heart? ♦Name one way your worldview is different because of your faith. What one thing could you do to manifest that difference?                      At Home With the Word 2020

**2020 CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE**

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

**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.

**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.

**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!**

**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 begin at Noon

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!

December 20, 2020

### WATCH

#### CHRISTMAS IN ROME: A CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY

Nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like Rome. This Christmas, marvel at the Holy City's festive celebration of the coming of the child Jesus in Bethlehem.



#### THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY: THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS

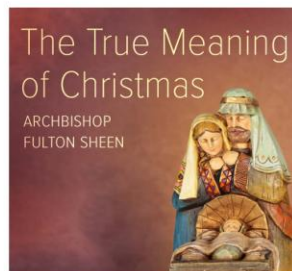
Christmas is so much more than a humdrum story we've heard since childhood. Join top scholars, speakers, and authors as they explain the gravity of Christ's miraculous birth.

### LEARN

### LISTEN

#### THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS BY FULTON SHEEN

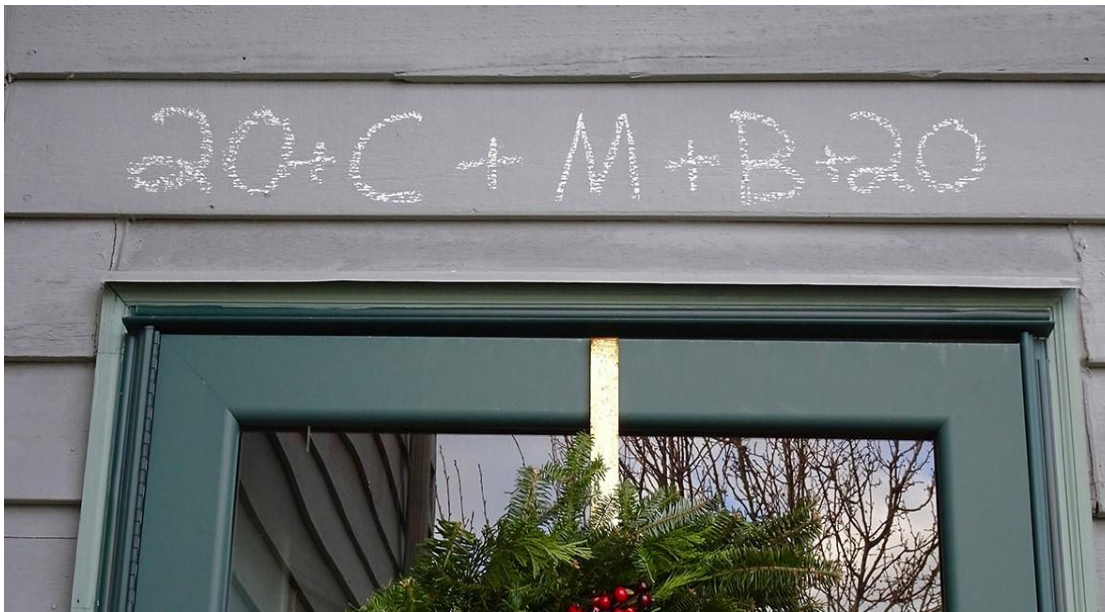
This presentation combines recordings of Fulton Sheen's timeless reflections on the meaning of Christmas, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!



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Fr. Stan



### **Epiphany Blessing “Chalking the Door 2021”**

Each year around the feast of the Epiphany, many parishes participate in an annual blessing of chalk throughout the world. It is an ancient tradition that not only places God at the entrance of your home; it puts your entire family under his protection.

The Epiphany blessing of chalk and homes is a centuries-old tradition where priests visit each family in their parish after the Feast of Epiphany. Over time it became more difficult for priests to see all the homes of his parish. Thus, it became an accepted tradition that a member of the household can lead this blessing instead of the priest.

**Using the Blessed Chalk**, mark the lintel of your front door (or porch step as follows):

**20 + C + M + B + 21 while saying:**

***The three Wise Men, Casper, Melchior, and Balthazar, followed God’s Son’s star, who became human two thousand and twenty years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen***

Then offer the following prayer:

***Visit, O Blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; grant that we may manifest our love to each other and all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.***

Chalking the door is a way to celebrate and mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God’s blessing of our lives and our home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does, we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our hearts and be manifest in our words and actions.