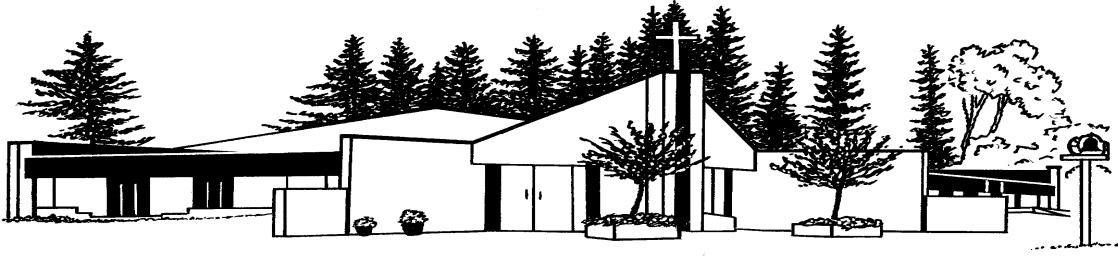

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH **December 27, 2020**
Sat., Dec. 26, Mass for December Intentions **5:00 pm**
Sun., Dec. 27, Mass for the Parish **9:30 am**
Mon., Dec. 28- Wed., Dec. 30 **NO MASS**

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD **January 1, 2021**
Thurs., Dec. 31, Vigil Mass for the Parish **5:00 pm**
Fri., Jan. 1, Mass **9:30 am**

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD **January 3, 2021**
Sat., Jan. 2, Mass for January Intentions **5:00 pm**
Sun., Jan. 3, Mass for the Parish **9:30 am**
Mon., Jan 4, Mass for the Int. of Eve Stevens, rb Chris and Carolyn Moritz **8:45 am**
Tues., Jan 5, Mass for the Soul of Jerry Bristow, rb K of C, BGA 591 **8:45 am**
Wed., Jan 6, Mass for the Soul of Patti Slack, rb John & Rhonda Dudis **12:10 pm**
Thurs., Jan. 7, Mass for the Soul of Jerry Bristow, rb K of C, BGA 591 **9:00 am**
Fri., Jan. 8 **NO MASS**

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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
- 3 **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
- 6 Religious Formation K-6 4:30 – 5:45 pm
 Youth Group 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- 10 **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
- 12 KC Ladies, Evergreen Applebee’s 6:00 pm
- 13 Religious Formation K-6 4:30 – 5:45 pm
 Youth Group 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- 17 **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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. 31	Pati Heath	Mike Wright/John Gunnerson
Jan. 1	Vicki Walbruch	Ron Bauer/Neil Heino
Jan. 2	Jackie Jensen	Wally Walbruch/Rick Nease
Jan. 3	Mike Hanson	Dick Frisk/Ken Barrett
Jan. 9	Suzanne Johnson	John Gunnerson/Mike O’Neil
Jan. 10	Andrea Wright	Mike Wright/BJ Hattel

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 19 & 20, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$6,604
Building Envelopes	30
Thanksgiving	100
Holy Day	40
Christmas	355
Mass & Stole Gifts	35
Total	\$7,164

ST. THOMAS BECKET, FEAST DAY DECEMBER 29TH

A London-born clerk to Archbishop Theobald of Canterbury, Thomas studied canon law abroad and was ordained a deacon. His support of Henry II’s claim to England’s throne led to his appointment as royal chancellor. He was the king’s great friend until 1162, when, as the new archbishop of Canterbury, he said he changed from being “a patron of play-actors and a follower of hounds, to being a shepherd of souls.” He and the king clashed over many issues, notably the jurisdiction of ecclesiastical courts. Thomas fled to France for six years; soon after his return, Henry’s wish to be rid of this troublesome prelate led to Thomas’ murder by four knights. This medieval martyr starred in two modern plays: Eliot’s “Murder in the Cathedral” and Anouilh’s “Becket.”

PRAYER FOR A BLESSING ON A NEW YEAR

O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee.
.....Amen.

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**

THANK YOU

A special **THANK YOU** to those who gave their time to help decorate our church:
Curtis Gomes, Toni Gunnerson, Paul and Pati Heath, Neil and Betty Heino, Kaleb
Mitchell, Camille Scott, Judy Stack, Iris and Samuel Stephens, Wally and Vicki Walbruch,
Deacon Floyd McCubbins, and our own Fr. Stan
This would not have been possible without all of your help.

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 31st

READINGS FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

PRACTICE OF HOPE

Humanity is compelled to seek the animating light that shines over all, to seek God above all things. Oneness with God is the purpose of our earthly life; we are seeking for what we believe, for what we desire: the kingdom of heaven. We persist in that belief despite hardship and danger. The reading from Isaiah shows that the virtue of hope is expressed in opposition to the troubles that naturally befall us.

For Christians, this is made manifest in the Beatitudes: Blessed are those – the poor, the meek, the suffering – whose hope is in the promise of the kingdom of heaven. Prayerfully study the Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 1-12); what challenges you about this discourse? What gives you hope? Pray for those who are persecuted because of their Christian faith. Practice the virtue of hope this week by comforting someone who is suffering.

.....At Home With the Word 2020

READINGS FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Isaiah 55:1-11

1 John 5:1-9

Mark 1: 17-11

PRACTICE OF HOPE

Today’s Gospel describes the baptism of Jesus in startling detail: “On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open, and the Spirit like a dove, descending on him.” We are with Jesus as he is pulled gasping from the stream, blinking water out of his eyes to see the promise of heaven and, shaken, to hear the voice that claims him as God’s beloved. Like Isaiah (“Come to the water!/Come, without paying and without cost”), the author of this Gospel offers an explicit invitation as he allows us to experience this moment with Jesus. Shaken by the experience, we are claimed by God. ♦Meditate on how the psalm describes the moment that hope is given to us through Baptism as a time of profound joy. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation. For Christians, the immediate fruit of hope is joy. ♦Today, find reasons for hope, and allow that hope to give you joy. ♦Reflect on and connect moments of joy in your life to your Christian hope for eternal life with God.

.....At Home With the Word 2020

RISEN CHRIST GIFT SHOP – CHECK OUT OUR NEW ARRIVALS!

We have gifts available for Christmas. There are 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.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

December 27, 2020

WATCH

FORGIVEN—SESSION 1: WHERE ARE YOU?

As we make resolutions for 2021, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Through our Forgiven series, you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!



FORMED NOW! WHO IS SAINT STEPHEN?

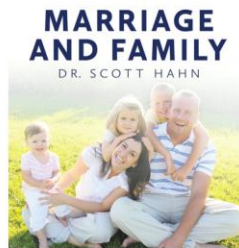
This past week, we celebrated the life of St. Stephen, heroic leader of the early Church. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the first Christian martyr.

LEARN

LISTEN

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

The feast of the Holy Family reminds us to help our own families grow in holiness. With this in mind, join Scott Hahn as he shares his advice on how to bring sanctity into the home.



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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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

We warmly welcome
all who have come today
to celebrate this glorious feast.



O Holy Night

We welcome the stranger,
the traveler and guest!

We welcome the students
home from college
for a good winter's rest!

We welcome parishioners
who moved away but join us today
as old friends and guests!

We welcome all
who have not been active of late in
their Catholic faith;
and hope they will find new hope and inspiration
this Christmas
to come back again and again!

We welcome our faithful parishioners, loyal and true,
may the Lord bless you for all that you do!

Welcome to all!
May our gathering this day
gladden our hearts and deepen our bonds.

May we walk by the Light
and live by the Light – together in love.

Many blessings to all members of the parish; to those who are
visiting, and to your families who are not able to join you this time.
May the joy of the Christmas season fill your hearts now and always.

Sincerely, Fr. Stan and the staff of Risen Christ Parish