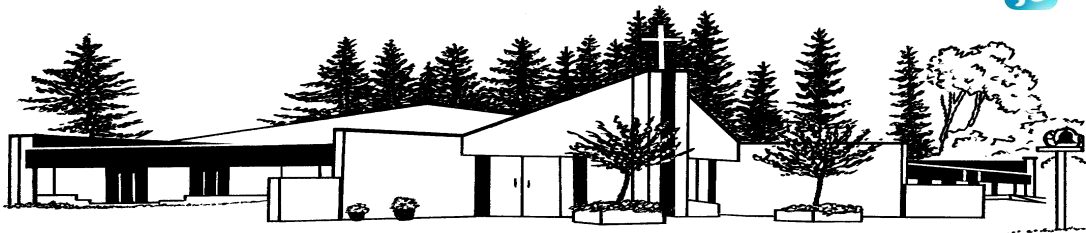


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Deacon Floyd McCubbins, 471-4379, deaconfloydmc@yahoo.com

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Maryruth Fallon, Music Director

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Curtis Gomes, Maintenance

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.....September 5, 2021

Saturday, September 4, Mass for September Intentions..... 6:30 pm

Sunday, September 5, Mass for the Parish..... 9:00 am

Tuesday, September 7, Mass for the Soul of Shelley Hembd, rb Gary Hembd... 8:45 am

Thursday, Sept. 9, Mass for the Soul of Bob Neitzling, rb Brenda VanDeHey 8:45 am

Wednesdays 12:10 pm and Fridays 8:45 am Masses at St. Matthew Parish

Sundays 7:00 am and 11:00 am Masses at St. Matthew Parish

Ministry Schedule, September 11 & 12, 2021

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00am
Plate Minister	Joe Riska	Tom Berquist
Lector	Joe Riska	Kathy Shanahan
	Andrea Wright	TJ Higgins
Server	Mike Wright	Rick Nease
Greeter	Don Zimmerman & Sam Nease	Dan & Tammy Newton

PLEASE NOTE NEW TIMES

Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday, 9:00-10:30 am, or by appointment.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 5 **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- 6 **LABOR DAY - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
- 9 Bereavement Support Group 6:00 pm
- 12 **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- Catechetical Sunday
- 15 Men’s Prayer Group 8:00 am
- 16 Bereavement Support Group 6:00 pm
- 19 **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- Parish Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus..... after Mass

Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 10:00 - 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
 Saturday morning, 9:00 – 10:30 am

FINANCE COUNCIL

Our Finance Council members are:
**Roger Ackerly, Peg Gebhardt, Christopher Gill,
 John Gunnerson, 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, Judy Stack, 752-4411,
 Ken Barrett, 755-0269, Jamie Miller, 257-9636, Vicki Walbruch, 758-0170**

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Risen Christ and St. Matthew parishes are starting an adult bereavement group. Whether your loss is new or many years old, this group may be a blessing for you. Please call the parish office, 752-6788, with your name and number and the group leader will call you back.

**The first meeting will be here at Risen Christ Parish on
 Thursday, September 9, at 6:00 pm**

PRAYER TO BEGIN A SCHOOL YEAR

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year.
 Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

~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.

August 28 & 29, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,554
Building Maintenance Envelopes	55
Holy Day Envelopes	5
Mass & Stole Gifts	37
Total	\$4,651

RETROUVAILLE VIRTUAL ON-LINE WEEKEND

2 weeks to Sign Up for Retrouvaille – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? When was the last time you said “I Love You”? Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille VIRTUAL ONLINE Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit our website: **www.HelpOurMarriage.org**

AN EASY WAY TO SUPPORT ST. MATTHEW’S SCHOOL



You can donate to St. Matthew’s without taking time out of your day, or going out of your way! We’ve teamed up with Benefit, a mobile app that allows you to instantly purchase digital gift cards to use online or in-store, at retailers including Wal-Mart, Target, The Home Depot, and Amazon. When you buy using the app, retailers contribute up to 20% of your transaction back to our school — so you don’t have to spend an extra cent!

Simply download the app and use it for your everyday purchases.

If you have any questions, contact Kim Maes at 406-752-6788 to learn more.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

St. Matthew’s School is teaming up with Snowline Acres for Christmas Wreaths! Purchase your beautiful wreath from Snowline Acres and help St. Matthew's at the same time! Wreath sales are from August 9th thru September 12th.

You can order online at <https://stmattsaints.maestroweb.com> or by calling the parish office at 406-752-6788.

If you need a wreath shipped, please email the information to stmattsaction1@gmail.com. Shipped wreaths are \$50. Ordering those online is the best way.

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2021**

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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
Dorothy Redinger, rb Robert Redinger
The Naylor Family, rb Jan Kammerzell
The Kammerzell Family, rb Jan Kammerzell
Vernon Babb, rb John & Connie Babb
Shelley Hembd, rb Gary Hembd
Lavine Heuscher, rb Risen Christ Parish
Paula Lange, rb John & Connie Babb
David Jacobs, rb Risen Christ Parish**

FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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**Greg Grace, Joe Riska, Curtis Gomes
The Dee Family: Phil, Sandie, Nolan & Jack
Tim Slobojan, Larry Visocan, Rose Sweetzer
Audrey Turner, Fr. John Miller
Fr. Stan's Immigration Status**

FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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

JAIL MINISTRY

The jail ministry has resumed. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please call the parish office at 752-6788, and we will connect you with the right person who will be able to answer any questions you may have.

Jail Ministry is in need of Men.

**READINGS FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

Isaiah 50:4C-9a James 2: 14-18 Mark 8:27-35

PRACTICE OF CHARITY

The message Jesus gave to his disciples and the crowd was a difficult one. Jesus calls his followers to deny themselves and follow him. No one wants to think about losing their life, but Jesus challenges us to accept the suffering that may occur when we live as Christians. In a society filled with convenience and comfort, we are called to be countercultural and actively pursue pathways that resist greed, selfishness, and excessiveness.

- Open a closet or look in several drawers at home that contain items or clothing that haven't been used for a while (or probably won't be utilized). Consider donating them to a needy family or to organizations that repurpose items.
- Donate accumulated change to a charity of your choice. Spare change that accumulates in dressers, drawers, and jars can yield a large donation.
- Examine your actions during the past week. How was your faith reflected in your works?

At Home With the Word 2021

RISEN CHRIST GIFT SHOP – ALWAYS RECEIVING NEW ARRIVALS!

Looking for an amazing gift that gives back? You will find a selection of gifts that can help you or the recipient develop a deeper devotion and a closer relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We have gift solutions for any occasion. 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. Should you need to make a purchase during the week, please stop in the parish office for assistance. Sandy or Rose will be happy to assist you.

RISEN CHRIST PRAYER LINE

Call **Janice Kammerzell** at 406-250-1540 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 the parish office 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 be happy to send a card.

SAVE THE DATE!

Plan now to join Bishop Vetter at the sixteenth annual Son Light Celebration supporting youth and young adult ministry and Legendary Lodge in the Diocese of Helena, Friday, October 1, 2021 Dinner and Auction – Helena Civic Center – 5 pm \$100/person or \$50/young adult (age 30 and under), or \$700/table of 8, (Seating limited to 52 tables of 8).



REGISTER BY CREDIT CARD ONLINE AT DIOCESEHELENA.ORG

LIVE STREAM OF MASS IS AVAILABLE

Live stream of the Mass is available on St. Matthew's website. You may access this by going to <https://www.saintmatthewskalispell.org>. You will find the link under Services tab and then Live stream events.

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign

Our Flathead Valley community will unite with many others from coast to coast and internationally, from **September 22nd – October 31st, for a major simultaneous pro-life mobilization – the 40 Days for Life campaign.**

There are three ways to participate in the campaign:

- **Pray and fast** for an end to abortion and a respect for all life from conception to its natural death. This can be done anywhere, anytime.
- **Community outreach**, using yard signs or displaying a bumper sticker on your vehicle.
- **Take part in the prayer vigil** at the public right-of-way outside All Families Healthcare, 737 Spokane Avenue, Whitefish. Prayer vigil hours will run from 7am – 7pm daily. Risen Christ has volunteered to sponsor the first three days of the campaign – Wednesday, Sept 22nd, Thursday, Sept 23rd, and Friday, Sept 24th.
 - Go to **40daysforlife.com/Whitefish** to sign up for a specific time block on one of those days. It is recommended to sign up in pairs.
 - If you don't have a computer, or need help, contact your point of contact. See below for details.
 - You can also sign up for any day and any time block by going to **40daysforlife.com/Whitefish** to find the times where no one has signed up. It is recommended to sign up in pairs.

Now is a good time to discern how God is calling you to participate in the 2021 Whitefish 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign. **Your point of contact is** Mike Hanson at mikester55@hotmail.com or call at (406) 314-7826.

Please pray for the success of this fall's campaign to end the scourge of abortion.

Thank you!

WORD OF LIFE

"The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection."

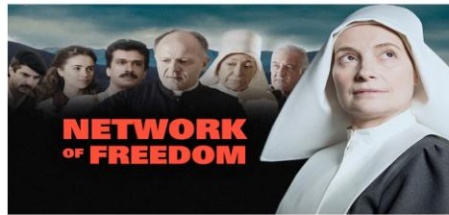
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Another Look at Abortion"

Sept 5, 2021

WATCH

NETWORK OF FREEDOM

Set in France at the beginning of World War II, this inspiring film narrates the heroic work of Sister Helene Studler, the Daughter of Charity who saved the lives of thousands of French refugees by preventing them from becoming prisoners of the Nazi forces, or freeing those who were captured. Among those she saved were many illustrious characters including the future Prime Minister of France, François de Mitterrand.



LEARN

FORMED NOW: THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

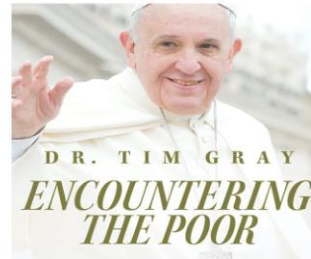


As we celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary this week, listen as Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the traditions surrounding Mary's life and how her life is a model of humility for Christians.

LISTEN

ENCOUNTERING THE POOR: BIBLICAL ROOTS FOR CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING BY TIM GRAY

Dr. Gray expounds upon the teachings of the Catholic Church surrounding social justice in light of Sacred Scripture. Discover how social justice in regards to the poor is not one small piece in the puzzle, but instead frames the entire mosaic of Scripture.



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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home –
September 5, 2021 – 23^d Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mark 7:31-37

Recently, I read where we should live each day as if it were our last. If we did that, we would live that day with greater awareness and gratitude for each passing moment. We would attempt to fill each passing moment with added importance. Certainly, good advice.

The same can be said for other gifts, like those of our five senses. They too should not be taken for granted. Perhaps you know of family members or friends who have experienced Covid-19 and lost their senses of taste and smell. I did. And we all hoped that eventually those senses would be restored. And while they were in part, they were not as effective as before.

Today's gospel is about Jesus curing a person who was unable to hear or speak clearly. In this part of Mark's gospel Jesus is preparing his followers to hear the good news of God's activity in the world and tell others about this. By inserting an account of this particular kind of miracle, we are reminded that Jesus wants us to appreciate and use all the means of communication that God has given us for sharing this faith in God.

The patterns of human communication are always evolving and changing, especially when we take into account the role of new devices and systems. Yet the God-intended purpose of communication remains the same. It's to connect us with others in positive ways. We are to be creators of the good word. The word that brings us closer together. That helps us work more effectively with and for each other. To ease each other's burdens. To help each other survive the difficulties we each might face.

Human communication can be divided into two forms, conventional and personal. Conventional communication involves the common ways we connect that are mostly set by habit and culture. It connects us, but such "talk" is usually superficial and safe, it reveals little of who we are or what we think at a deeper level.

Deeper communication dives beneath the surface and exposes our more personal thoughts, fears, delights and concerns. I recall reading a book a few years back that described this deeper kind of communication with a telling phrase: If I really told what I think, would you still like me? In other words, deeper communication can often involve a risk. A fear of rejection. But also the possibility of wonderful connecting. This week is an opportune time for each of us to examine how well we use our God-given capacity to communicate.

David M. Thomas, PhD