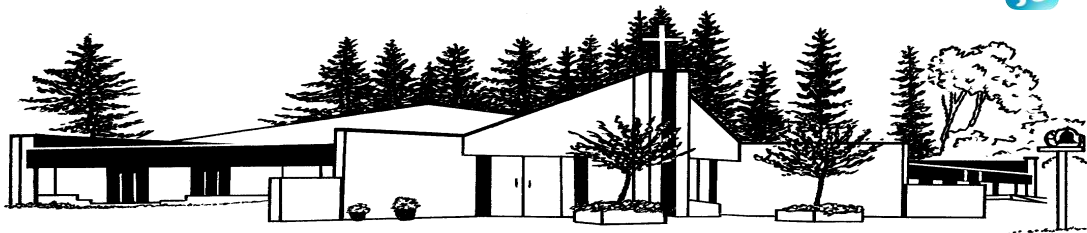

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Sandy Carter, Office Manager ~ Rose Hall, Office Assistant

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.....November 28, 2021

Sat., Nov. 27, Mass for The Deceased listed in The Book of the Names of the Dead 6:30 pm

Sunday, November 28, Mass for the Parish.....9:00 am

Tuesday, Nov. 30, Mass for the Soul of Eugene Thomas, rb Frances McAllister 8:45 am

Thursday, Dec. 2, Mass for the Int. of Ashleigh Heath, rb Paul & Pati Heath8:45 am

Wednesdays 12:10 pm and Fridays 8:30 am Masses at St. Matthew Parish

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

Ministry Schedule, December 4 & 5, 2021

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00am
Plate Minister	Maureen Neitzling	Lilia Hattel
Lector	Vicki Walbruch	Jim Galvin
	Dixon Rice	Betty Heino
Server	Mike O'Neil	Mike Wright
Greeter	John & Toni Gunnerson	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

Nov.	28	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
		Chaplet of Divine Mercy	8:40 am
		Evening Prayer, Prayer for our Bishop	6:30pm
	29	Monday Scripture Study	6:30 - 8:00 pm
	30	Choir	7:30 pm
Dec.	1	Ladies' Scripture Study.....	10:00 – 11:30 am
		Religious Formation, Grades K-6.....	4:00 – 5:30 pm
		Youth Group.....	6:00 – 7:30 pm
	4	Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.....	6:10 pm
	5	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
		Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.....	8:40 am
		Coffee Hour	after Mass
		Evening Prayer, Prayer for Vocations	6:30 pm
	6	Monday Scripture Study	6:30 – 8:00 pm
	7	Choir	7:30 pm
	8	Ladies Scripture Study	10:00 – 11:30 am
		Religious Formation, Grades K-6.....	4:00 – 5:30 pm
		Youth Group.....	6:00 – 7:30 pm
	11	Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.....	6:10 pm
	12	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
		Retirement Fund for Religious	
		Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.....	8:40 am
		Evening Prayer, Resolution of Fr. Stan's Immigration Status ...	6:30 pm

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

**Come
Let Us
Worship**

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:

Building a culture of life and family across Montana

Funded in part by the Annual Catholic Appeal, Catholic Social Services provides confidential counseling throughout our state for expectant parents who need assistance to become new parents to their baby. Additional services include adoption placement, post-adoption support, Rachael's Hope (post abortion help), Youth Mentoring and supportive aid to birthmothers. Please help provide for these critical services.

Let us share what we have in gratitude for the gifts of life and family.

~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 20 & 21, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,648
Building Maintenance Envelopes	63
Mass & Stole Gifts	20
Thanksgiving Envelopes	125
Total	\$4,856

FINANCE COUNCIL

Our Finance Council members are: **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



Keep Christ in Christmas!

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the “Keep Christ in Christmas” program again this year. There is a table set up in the social area with yard signs, car magnets, ornaments bumper stickers and lapel pins for purchase.

There are envelopes and a box on the table in which to place your money.

**Risen Christ Parish-Knights of Columbus, Council 8329
Supporting Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism**

Watch for coming information on the Advent Giving Tree!

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 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
Shelley Hembd, rb Gary Hembd
David Jacobs, rb Ruth Karn
Jim Jensen, rb Jackie Jensen
Fleckenstein Family, rb Evelyn Dupre
Tom Gebhardt, rb Gebhardt Family

FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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**RISEN CHRIST MASS REQUESTS
FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

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Jack Fallon, Mary Reckin, Greg Grace, Joe Riska,
Curtis Gomes, The Dee Family: Phil, Sandie, Nolan & Jack
Tim Slobojan, Larry Visocan, Rose Sweetzer
Kim & Jim Bradford, Audrey Turner, Mike Bliven
Shelley Christiaens, Fr. Richard Kluk
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
Alex Olme, Anthony Olme, Alex Ramirez
James Semling, Jamie Severson

ONE ON ONE SESSION WITH DEACON FLOYD

Deacon Floyd is a counselor and will be available on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 – 3:00 pm for any topic that you would like to visit with him on - Marriage Issues, Suicide, Grief or just to talk about last week's homily. This service is provided at no cost to you.

READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, 2021

Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6

PRACTICE OF CHARITY

In today's first reading, Baruch, considered the scribe of the prophet Jeremiah, provides messages of hope to the Israelites exiled in Babylon. Enslavement and the destruction of their temple had devastated these exiles. Jeremiah gives them reason to rejoice through the despair. God has commanded that "every lofty mountain be made low" so that Israel could "advance secure in the glory of God."

♥During this busy season of preparation, look for reasons to be thankful for the abundance in your life.

♥Find ways to give generously to people who might be struggling in some way. Perhaps you may have an opportunity to lend a listening ear to someone who recently lost a family member or friend.

♥Consider a simpler celebration of Christmas that reflects the importance of gathering loved ones rather than on acquiring new gadgets and clothes.

At Home With the Word 2021

RISEN CHRIST GIFT SHOP – ALWAYS RECEIVING NEW ARRIVALS!

Please take a minute and check out our gift shop! We have gift solutions for any occasion. There are small scapulars, cross necklaces, rosaries, key chains, and holy water fonts. 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. Sandy or Rose will be happy to assist you.



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.

RISEN CHRIST PRAYER LINE

Call **Jan Kammerzell** at 406-250-1540 or **Jackie Jensen** at 756-1178 should you or someone you know need prayer. Please leave a message if they are not available and they will return your call. You are welcome to join the Risen Christ Prayer Line in praying for and with each other. Please call the parish office for more information.



BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Please join Risen Christ and St. Matthew parishes for 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.

ANNUAL SLEEP OUT FUNDRAISER **SPARROW'S NEST ~ WHEN THE NIGHT COMES**



Our signature fundraiser is back and we are so ready! **When The Night Comes** is all about bringing the community together in solidarity for our students to further our mission to end youth homelessness. We choose to sleep out in the cold for one night so that our youth never have to again. We're here to be the change for our homeless youth and we hope you'll stand with us by participating and giving generously during this event so that Sparrow's Nest can continue to provide our life-changing services to homeless high school students in need. **Let's be the change** and stand together in the fight against youth homelessness.

Friday, Dec. 10th 7:00 pm - 7:00 am Flathead County Fairgrounds

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

On this first Sunday of Advent, the Gospel reading depicts Jesus warning his followers about the end-time. He urges them to pray, be vigilant, spiritually awake, avoid self-indulgence, spiritual malaise, and a preoccupation with anxiety. Jesus advises against a lifestyle of earthly pleasures and worry. These will not matter when the Lord asks for an account of our stewardship. Stewards realize their lives are not just about the here and now. They know themselves to be reflections of God's active presence in the world and witnesses of the Lord's promises. As we begin this season of hope, let us reflect on the practical effect of having every waking moment in our lives dedicated to the Lord.

ST. MATTHEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

St. Matthew's kitchen needs a service person, Monday through Friday approximately 5 hours a day. Please call the school at 752-6303 for more information.

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We are looking for an after school Supervisor.

The position is Monday through Friday 3:00 – 5:30.

We are also looking to find a Guidance Counselor 1-2 days per week.

Please call the school office 752-6303.

### **CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, we raised \$227.00 to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give!

Visit [www.usccb.org/nationwidecollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationwidecollections) and click "How to Give" under "Resources."

## ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed 20 minutes prior to Saturday and Sunday Mass  
Please sign up in the social area if you would like to lead the Chaplet.

There will be Evening Prayer at 6:30 pm on Sunday evenings during Advent.

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Week – Nov. 28 | Prayer For Our Bishop                                            |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week – Dec. 5  | Prayer For Vocations                                             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week – Dec. 12 | Prayer For Successful Resolution - Fr. Stan's Immigration Status |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Week – Dec. 19 | Prayer For All Those Affected By Coronavirus                     |



Early bird tickets go on sale December 1st - 17th! \$80  
Regular Price starts Dec 18th! - \$95  
February 26, 2022 @ Snowline Acres

### **BULLETIN QUOTES**

“Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
“The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary”  
[respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary](http://respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary)

### **CHURCH SPEAK**

Jesus is known as **the Lamb of God**, a title referring to his sacrifice for humanity in a new Passover, just as a lamb is sacrificed in Jewish tradition to mark the start of the Passover of the Hebrews under Moses.

The Catholic Catechism, 2008

### **ADVENT PRAYER**

Lord Jesus,  
Master of both the light and the darkness,  
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.  
We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,  
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.  
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.  
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.  
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.  
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"  
Amen.

### **ADVENT**

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a **period of preparation extending over the four Sundays before Christmas**. The word Advent comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to", and refers to the coming of Christ.

“Each Advent season, in prayer and humility we pray and prepare for Christmas. We call to mind the love of the Father reflected in the presence of his Son among us who came to teach us, forgive us, and make us holy through his gift of new life in the Holy Spirit. We and the world can never be the same.” (“Advent: A Time of Waiting”) [usccb.org](http://usccb.org)



November 28, 2021



### 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 register please go to: [www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org](https://www.risenchristkalispell.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

*The Nazareth Page*  
*A gospel meditation for your home*  
*November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – First Sunday of Advent*  
*Luke 21:25-28, 34-36*

Two weeks ago, the Sunday gospel described ‘the end of the world.’ This was fitting because we were about to conclude the Church’s year. So, it might appear odd that on this Sunday, the first Sunday of the Church’s new year, we are again offered a description about the end of it all. We might ask, “What’s going on?”

I begin this reflection with a few lines from the brilliant British poet, William Blake.

To see the world in a grain of sand.  
And heaven in a wildflower.  
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand.  
And eternity in an hour.

This speaks to me of the elasticity of our awareness and consciousness. The mind is not limited to the obvious or what is in plain view. We can do two things at once and think of much more than simple physical reality (which is never “simple.”) For beside physical vision, we also possess spiritual vision, which allows us to see more than what’s before our eyes.

Much the same can be said of our awareness. A second can be measured by a clock but a moment can be thought of as almost timeless. And being fully aware of all that’s happening in a moment is a goal well-worth the effort.

St. Paul writes that “this is the acceptable moment.” What moment is he referring to? Perhaps this moment now! The one that is happening at any given moment of our lives. What Blake refers to as “eternity in an hour.”

One of the primary messages of the Advent season is for us to be as alert as we can to the coming of God’s Spirit. It can happen at any moment. At any time. So, be alert. It could be today. Or right now.

So be vigilant. The Lord is coming. Not just at Christmas when we celebrate his birthday two-thousand years ago, but also at any moment in our life. He said more than once that he would never leave us. And he hasn’t.

And be particularly alert to when God’s Spirit comes through others. Again, where charity and love abide, there God is ever found.

David M. Thomas, PhD