

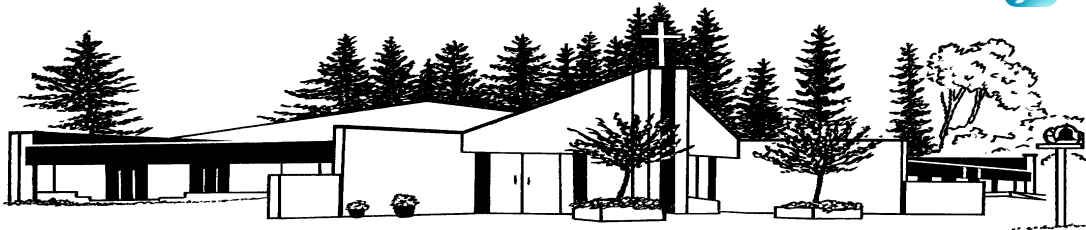
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# **RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH ..... December 26, 2021**

**Saturday, December 25, Mass for December Intentions ..... 6:30 pm**

**Sunday, December 26, Mass for the Parish..... 9:00 am**

**Mon., Dec. 27- Thurs., Dec.30 ..... NO MASS**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD ..... January 1, 2022**

**Friday, December 31, Vigil Mass for the Parish ..... 5:00 pm**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ..... January 2, 2022**

**Saturday, January 1, Mass for January Intentions ..... 6:30 pm**

**Sunday, January 2, Mass for the Parish..... 9:00 am**

**Tues., Jan. 4, Mass for the Soul of Melvin Hanson, rb Jim & Mary Grace Galvin .8:45 am**

**Thursday, January 6, Mass for the Soul of Jonathan Smith, rb Janet Rose ..... 8:45 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**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Dec. 24-Jan 2 Parish Office Closed

- Jan. 1 **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**
- 2 **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
- 4 Choir ..... 7:30 pm
- 5 Religious Formation, Grades K-6..... 4:00 – 5:30 pm
- Youth Group..... 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- 9 **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
- Coffee Hour..... After Mass
- 11 KC Ladies, dinner at Applebee’s (Hwy. 93 location) ..... 6:00 pm
- Knights of Columbus ..... 6:30 pm
- Choir..... 7:30 pm
- 12 Religious Formation, Grades K-6..... 4:00 – 5:30 pm
- Youth Group..... 6:00 – 7:30 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

**Ministry Schedule, December 31, 2021 & Jan. 1 & 2, 2022**

Ministry	Fri., Dec. 31 , 5:00 pm	Sat. Jan. 1, 6:30 pm	Sun. Jan. 2 , 9:00 am
<b>Minister of the Plate</b>	Don Zimmerman	Connie McCubbins	Neil Heino
<b>Lector</b>	Andrea Wright	Suzanne Johnson	Betty Heino
	Dixon Rice	Jackie Jensen	Mike Hanson
<b>Server</b>	Mike O’Neil	Rick Nease	Mike Wright
<b>Greeter</b>	John & Toni Gunnerson	Mary Jacobs & Don Zimmerman	Dan & Tammy Newton

**Ministry Schedule, January 8 & 9 , 2022**

Ministry	Sat., Jan. 8, 6:30 pm	Sun. Jan. 9 , 9:00 am
<b>Minister of the Plate</b>	Vicki Walbruch	Jack Lavin
<b>Lector</b>	Pati Heath	Mary Reckin
	Paul Heath	Jim Galvin
<b>Server</b>	Mike O’Neil	Kellen Mouat
<b>Greeter</b>	Pat Arnone & Sam Nease	Mary Grace Galvin & Fresa Tobiason

**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.

**~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 18 & 19, 2021**

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,881
Building Envelopes	35
Holy Day Envelopes	545
Thanksgiving	10
Christmas Envelopes	165
Mass & Stole Gifts	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,666</b>

**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**

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MONTANA CHEVY RAFFLE**

Grand Prize, 2022 Chevy Silverado Pickup. 14 prizes will be given out. The cost per ticket is \$5.00. Contact Mike Wright, 406 871-5306, or see him after Mass if you would like to buy a ticket.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 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  
Eileen Babb, rb John & Connie Babb  
Tracy Babb, rb John & Connie Babb  
James Schramer, rb John & Connie Babb  
Jim Jensen, rb Jackie Jensen  
David Jacobs, rb Ruth Karn  
Douglas E. Hutchens, rb Hutchens Family  
Elmer A. Alger, rb Hutchens Family  
Fr. Richard Kluk, rb Risen Christ Parish**

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

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**Jack Fallon, Mary Reckin, Greg Grace, Joe Riska, Curtis Gomes  
Mickey Duelfer, Tim Slobojan, Larry Visocan, Rose Sweetzer  
Mike & Linda O'Neil, Audrey Turner, Shelley Christiaens  
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, Hadyn Pettersen,  
Alex Ramirez, James Stemling, Jamie Severson**

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN**

The 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign will be starting March 2<sup>nd</sup> and continuing through April 10<sup>th</sup>. Training will be held in the Risen Christ social area on Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Point of contact is Mike Hanson at 406-314-7826 or [mikester55@hotmail.com](mailto:mikester55@hotmail.com)

## READINGS FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – JANUARY 2, 2022

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

### PRACTICE OF HOPE

Global positioning systems (GPS) have transformed the way that many people navigate. In today's Gospel, the Magi use the original GPS – God's star – to lead them to the Christ child. In our spiritual life, we can turn to the Word and Eucharist and a deepening prayer practice for the guidance that we need. Our close friends and family also can lead us through instability.

◆Make a commitment to enhance your prayer life in this New Year so that you feel led by God's Spirit rather than the chaos of the times. Perhaps this is the year that you try another prayer discipline, such as lectio divina ( a traditional monastic practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's word.)

◆Consider becoming involved in one of your parish's liturgical ministries.

◆Explore some small groups at your church that study Scripture or spiritual writers in order to meet others who also want to deepen their prayer life.

## READINGS FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - JANUARY 9, 2022

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

### PRACTICE OF HOPE

At Jesus' baptism, God showed his love in a dramatic way: "heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'"

◆Today, we are affirmed as we live our baptismal call at home, community, work, or school. We just need to remind ourselves to look for these signs.

◆Before going to sleep, gather your memories of the day to appreciate moments of God's presence. Be inspired by how our Creator delights in you.

◆Send a note to a parent of a recently baptized child or to another adult who made the decision to be baptized. Affirm this person in his or her decision to follow Christ and/or to raise their child in the practice of the faith.

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. You may call the parish office, 752-6788, with your name and number and the group leader will call you back. Whether your loss is new or many years old, this group may be a blessing for you. This group will resume meeting on Saturday, January 22, 2022.

### **RETRouvaille**

**Rediscover Your Marriage** - Retrouvaille simply means "rediscovery". The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Our next program begins February 25, 2022. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com). Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.

### **CHARITABLE GIVING**

Will you be making charitable contributions at the end of the year as part of your tax planning? There are ways to structure gifts that will help our parish and save you taxes at the same time – such as the Montana Endowment Tax Credit, charitable rollover from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), and transferring appreciated stocks/bonds/mutual funds.

These gifting options can provide you tax savings even if you no longer itemize under the new federal tax reform. Your gift can be designated to support our parish, the diocese, or even a specific ministry.

The Foundation for the Diocese of Helena, Inc. can help you navigate these tax-savings stewardship opportunities. Please contact foundation Executive Director at (406)389-7051.

In order for charitable gifts to be credited for the current calendar year, 2021, please note the following:

**IRS regulations require checks received by the church after January 1<sup>st</sup>, to be accompanied by the postmarked envelope dated no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**Transfer of stocks or securities must take place on or prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Thank you for your prayerful consideration

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### Christmas Eve Mass Times

**Friday, December 24th**

**No** 8:30 am Mass

4:30 pm Mass @ St. Matthew's

6:30 pm Mass @ Risen Christ

11:00 pm Mass @ St. Matthew's

### Christmas Day Mass Times

**Saturday, December 25th**

9:00 am Mass @ Risen Christ

11:00 am Mass @ St. Matthew's

**No** Confessions

### Sunday, The Holy Family of

**Jesus, Mary & Joseph Dec. 26th**

7:00 am Mass @ St. Matthew's

9:00 am Mass @ Risen Christ

11:00 am Mass @ St. Matthew's

### New Year's Eve

**Friday December 31st**

**No** 8:30 am Mass

5:00 pm Mass @ Risen Christ

### The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

**Saturday, January 1st**

8:45 am Mass @ St. Matthew's

### Epiphany of the Lord

**Saturday, January 1st**

4:30 pm Mass @ St. Matthew's

6:30 pm Mass @ Risen Christ

**Sunday, January 2nd**

7:00 am Mass @ St. Matthew's

9:00 am Mass @ Risen Christ

11:00 am Mass @ St. Matthew's

**No Adoration the week of December 27th - 31<sup>st</sup>, No Weekday Masses the week of December 27th - 31<sup>st</sup>, No Confession the Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Matthew and Risen Christ.  
(St. Matthew's & Risen Christ)**

## CHRISTMAS 2021

Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

After 2000 Years, Christmas still has the power to touch our hearts,  
bless our lives and change our world.

I would like to express my greetings and best wishes to you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the St. Matthew's and Risen Christ parish  
families!

May hope for the future, the promise of peace, and love to last for all ages reign in our  
hearts and world this Christmas.

Jesus, God's own Son, became one of us. He became a member of the human family.  
The good news of Jesus is that God loves, forgives, and cares for all of us. Christmas is  
not about what you have; gifts, decorations, lights... Christmas is about who you are and  
what relationships you have with your family, your wife, your husband, your children,  
your neighbors, but the most important what relationship do you have with Christ!

Christmas is an occasion to ask yourself; Do I really believe in Christ? Do I practice  
my faith? Do I live as I believe?

Christ is the reason for the season!

Christmas makes sense if Christ is born in you. If you are not close to Christ, Christmas  
has no meaning at all. Empty festival.

Have Christ on Christmas, meet him at Mass, hear His words, receive His Body and  
Blood, this is what Christmas is about!

I wish you to meet personally Christ this Christmas, feel his care for you, be close to him!

Have a Blessed Christmas Season and Happy New Year!  
Show others God's Kingdom of peace, justice and love.

With prayers and best wishes to you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr Stanislaw Rog".

Fr Stanislaw Rog



# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



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

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 at 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

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## PICK OF THE WEEK

December 26, 2021

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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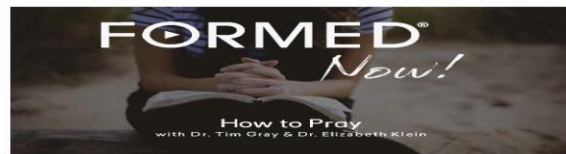
## PICK OF THE WEEK

January 2, 2022

WATCH

### **GOD'S DOORKEEPER: ST. ANDRÉ OF MONTREAL**

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



**FORMED NOW! HOW TO PRAY**  
Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year!

LEARN

LISTEN

### **PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY DR. SCOTT HAHN**

As we celebrate the Epiphany, Dr. Scott Hahn explains how we should understand the three Magi and their gifts to the Lord!



To register please go to: [www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org](http://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*  
*December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - The Nativity of the Lord*  
*Luke 2:1-14*

The Church offers some options for Christmas Mass readings. I have chosen for our consideration the gospel that most closely resembles the crib set that sits on the mantle of our fireplace. It's the gospel by Luke that mentions the manger with the Christ child, Mary his mother and Joseph his father, with other parts in this divine drama played by angels overhead and shepherds on the ground. It's an account that could amaze us and give us increased hope in our troubled times. If we pay full attention.

This Christmas is my 83<sup>rd</sup> celebration of the feast that marks the most important day in the entire history of planet Earth. We now know that the exact date of the Nativity is unknown, but selecting a date that more or less coincides with the "the return of the sun - an ancient Roman feast - is quite fitting. The Son of God appears as more sunlight shines over Bethlehem. The birth of Jesus is truly a cosmic event. An occurrence of massive terrestrial significance. Although you might have noticed that first Christmas was quite ordinary. I don't think it was even mentioned in *The Bethlehem Times*.

And sadly today, I must add that the original meaning of Christmas seems to be less and less a matter of public awareness or interest. I'm not one to be critical of gift-giving, connecting with family and friends or even the office Christmas party, but ...

Certainly, I hope that many keep in mind the reason for this season. Most Christian churches, whatever their denomination, try their best to remind us of the first Christmas. But they are up against what seems to be the full bag of tricks that our consumer culture thrives on. And this secular meaning of Christmas seems to increase with each passing year. But I state this not as a hostile judgment. After all, the world of goods and services provides many with a healthy livelihood and a means to simply survive.

But still it leaves room, I believe, for the authentic meaning to come through. And that's where personal responsibility comes in. And the need for this effort cannot be overstated given the media's massive effort to turn Christmas into a commercial event.

For starters, I suggest we carefully monitor our thoughts, our habits, and our imagination during Christmastime. What are our concerns? Does our personal Christmas thinking include the great event of God becoming one of us? Do we reflect on the ordinary way this happened in Bethlehem? Granted, the externals of Christmas may be confusing and distracting, but there always remains the birth of Jesus. Think about that!

David M. Thomas, PhD

*The Nazareth Page*  
*A gospel meditation for your home*  
*December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*  
*Luke: 41-52*

In was during my lifetime that a special feast was created by the Catholic Church for recalling and celebrated the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It was to be a special day for thinking about family life, theirs and ours, as it participates in our lives with God and as part of the life of the church. I had dedicated my professional career of close to fifty years as a theologian, professor and writer on the life of the family. This seemed quite worthwhile given that most of us would list family life as a major part of our life history. We were born in a family, we live in family settings (which often change) and so many die in the presence of other family members. Just like Jesus did.

But there's a problem which I noticed early in my career as a theologian. Extraordinarily, little was written about the holiness of family life in the almost two thousand years of church life. While there might be many reasons for this, I learned that part of what I saw researching the place and role of family life in church literature. This was the simple fact that many Catholic Church scholars were neither married nor did they live their adult years among other family members. They were monks, nuns, or priests. Many lived alone or in groups dedicated to monastic and/or convent life. I concluded that the lack of thought about family life in church circles was not so much that it was not valued, but for many, it was simply not a part of their adult Christian life.

I also learned something else. Briefly, if something is not part of one's everyday experience, it tends to be idealized. So, when family life (which might include both marriage and parenting) is examined from afar by these theologians, what's presented is, let's say, romanticized.

Yet, an exception to this is certainly today's gospel. It is a favorite of mine. Here's Jesus, on the verge of adolescence, "doing his own thing" while ignoring his parents. After celebrating the Passover in Jerusalem, the parents of Jesus left for their home in Nazareth. They headed home in separate groups, walking for days (!) when Mary and Joseph discovered that Jesus was not with either of them. They returned to Jerusalem, found him in the temple area, and instead of Jesus apologizing for this "misunderstanding," Jesus admonished them! Such behavior would be grounds for "grounding" today!

Well, they worked it out, returned home together and life continued. Although, I would wonder, probably, not the same as it was before. Reality replaced idealism - still it was holy!

David M. Thomas, PhD