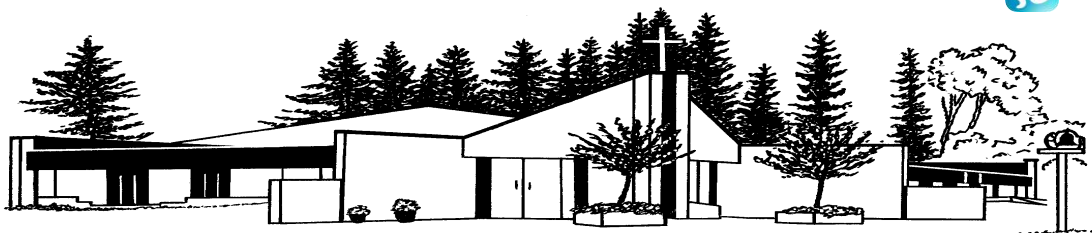


# RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ..... March 20, 2022**

**Saturday, March 19, Mass for March Intentions ..... 6:30 pm**

**Sunday March 20, Mass for the Parish ..... 9:00 am**

**Tuesday, March 22, Mass for the Int. of AJ Coulter & Mary Huston Family, rb Jane Super 8:45 am**

**Thurs., Mar. 24, Mass for the Int. of Mike Hanson ..... 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**

## Ministry Schedule, March 26 & 27, 2022

MINISTRY	Sat., 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Suzanne Johnson	Lilia Hattel
Lector	Vicki Walbruch	Betty Heino
	Jackie Jensen	Jack Fallon
Server	Don Zimmerman	SERVER NEEDED
Greeters	John & Toni Gunnerson	Arleen Hughes & Kathleen Cotner

### 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**

March	20	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	
		Chaplet of the Divine Mercy .....	8:45 am
	22	Choir .....	7:30 pm
	23	No Religious Formation, Spring Break.....	
	24	Soup & Bread Supper.....	5:30 pm
	25	Stations of the Cross .....	7:00 pm
	26	Bereavement Group .....	10:00 am
		Chaplet of the Divine Mercy .....	6:15 pm
	27	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	
		Chaplet of the Divine Mercy .....	8:45 am
		<b>Catholic Relief Services Collection</b>	
	29	Choir .....	7:30 pm
	30	Religious Formation, Grades K-6.....	4:00 – 5:30 pm
		Youth Group .....	6:00 – 7:30 pm
	31	Soup & Bread Supper.....	5:30 pm
April	1	Fish Fry.....	6:00 pm
		Stations of the Cross .....	7:00 pm
	2	Bereavement Group .....	10:00 am
		Chaplet of the Divine Mercy .....	6:15 pm
	3	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	
		Chaplet of the Divine Mercy .....	8:45 am
		Evening Prayer for Fr. Stan’s Immigration Status.....	6:30 pm
	5	Choir .....	7:30 pm
	6	Religious Formation, Grades K-6.....	4:00 – 5:30 pm
		Youth Group .....	6:00 – 7:30 pm
	7	Soup & Bread Supper.....	5:30 pm
	8	Stations of the Cross .....	7:00 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

OUR LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

**Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Prayed 15 minutes before each Mass**  
**Saturday Mass at 6:15 PM and Sunday Mass at 8:45 am**

Sign up at the reception desk if you would like to lead the Chaplet.

**Soup and Bread Supper, Each Thursday, 5:30 pm**  
**Stations of the Cross, Each Friday evening, 7:00 pm**  
**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, April 1st at 6:00 pm**

**~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.

**March 12 & 13, 2022**

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,879
Building Envelopes	45
Ash Wednesday	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,959</b>

**JOIN US FOR EVENING PRAYER - 6:30 PM**  
**Sunday April 3— Prayer For Fr. Stan’s**  
**Immigration Status**

From the very earliest days of Christianity, groups of people gathered to pray together in their homes. They followed a pattern of Scripture readings and prayer for evening worship. These prayers developed a more elaborate structure in the monasteries that flourished in the middle ages, increasing to seven prayer times each day. These “prayers of the hours” came to be called the Divine Office, and increasingly were thought of as the responsibility of the clergy alone, though parishes continued to celebrate evening prayer (Vespers, meaning “evening star”) together. Today, many parishes celebrate Vespers, either throughout the Church year, during Lent and Advent, or on a more limited basis.

We at Risen Christ have the opportunity to celebrate this beautiful evening prayer as an act of love on the Sundays of Lent. Please watch the bulletin for more details and special programs followed by Evening Prayer.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CONFERENCE**

“Come to Me”

Saturday, April 2, 2022, Civic Center, Helena, Montana  
Check out the group registration rate at [helenacwc.com](http://helenacwc.com)

**FUNDRAISERS FOR OUR SEMINARIANS**

The proceeds from our first two bake sales: \$585.00

And from our rummage sale: \$1675.

These funds will benefit the Seminarians of the Diocese of Helena.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mark your calendars for the next bake sale to be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2022  
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  
Dorothy Redinger, rb Robert Redinger  
Shelley Hembd, rb Gary Hembd  
Jerry Bristow, rb Larry & Betty Visocan  
Fleckenstein Family, rb Evelyn Dupre

**FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

**+++++**

Dennis Haverland, rb Don & Theresa West  
Kelly Haverland, rb Don & Theresa West  
Fleckenstein Family, rb Evelyn Dupre  
Sandra Raucci, rb Mike & Jackie Strosnider  
Terry Hudson, rb Mike & Jackie Strosnider

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

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Greg Grace, Joe Riska, Curtis Gomes, Eileen Kluesner  
Tim Slobojan, Mike & Linda O'Neil, Larry Visocan, Mary Reckin  
Rose Sweetzer, Audrey Turner, Mary Grace Galvin, Lonny Kottraba  
Mike Wright, Maureen Neitzling, 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 Olmes, Anthony Olmes, Hadyn Pettersen,  
Alex Ramirez, James Semling, Jamie Severson

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

The Risen Christ Easter Bunny is looking for wrapped candy (no little boxes of candy) to fill plastic eggs for the egg hunt. We are also in need of plastic eggs. The egg hunt will be after Mass on Easter Sunday. If you can help, please bring items to the parish office.



**READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 27, 2022**

**Joshua 5:9a, 10-12    2 Corinthians 5:17-21    Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

**PRACTICE OF HOPE**

People often want their just rewards and so often identify with the older son. Jesus tells this parable, however, to illustrate the depth of his Father's love and forgiveness. When we act like the younger brother and with selfish motives return home, God will run toward us, gushing with love because we headed in the right direction.

◆Think about times when you were less than sincere in offering an apology. Journal about what happened next: did God or someone good in your life show the depth of forgiveness that exemplifies true love? How can you respond now to someone who needs this kind of mercy?

◆When have you acted like the older brother and hardened your heart toward someone who sought forgiveness? Pray for a softening of your heart toward that person.

◆When have you needed mercy and found it? Say a prayer of thanksgiving for that time.

At Home With the Word 2022

**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. If 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 406-756-1178 should you or someone you know need prayer. Please leave a message if they are not available and they will return your call. **This prayer line is not just for when you feel hopeless; it's also for when you need more prayer warriors on your side.**



**\*\*\*THURSDAYS WITH DEACON FLOYD\*\*\***

Are you stressed, anxious, depressed, or lonely? Choose this faith oriented option and make an appointment with Deacon Floyd.

Deacon Floyd is a counselor and will be available on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. He is open to visit with you on any topic such as marriage issues, suicide, walking through grief or just to talk about last week's homily. This service is provided at no cost to you.

Please give him a call to schedule your appointment at 406-471-4379.

### **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**

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

The 40 Days for Life Spring 2022 campaign began on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, and runs through Saturday, April 9th. Risen Christ has sponsored **Thursday, March 17th and Friday, March 18th**. We have six people signed up for the 17th and seven people signed up for the 18th. Please sign up on the sheets provided for you on the 40 Days for Life table in the social area. We will be praying a rosary to end abortion and respect all life from conception until natural death before each daily Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:15 am here at Risen Christ. Point of contact is Mike Hanson, at (406) 314-7826 or [mikester55@hotmail.com](mailto:mikester55@hotmail.com).

### **RETIREMENT PARTY FOR FR. JIM CONNOR**

Fr. Jim Connor, who was previously here at Risen Christ, will be retiring at the end of June. There will be Mass at 11:00, followed by an informal BBQ party for him on Sunday, June 26 at St. Francis of Assisi in Hamilton from noon until 4:00 and our parishioners are invited to attend. If anyone has photos of Fr. Jim for them to use in their presentation, mail them to St. Francis of Assisi. The originals will be returned to you.

Also, an annuity through the Foundation for the Diocese of Helena will be set up for Fr. Jim which will provide additional income for him throughout the remainder of his life and donations are welcome.

### **WORD OF LIFE BULLETIN QUOTES**

“To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God’s glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ” (*The Gospel of Life* 84).



## A Listening Church

I invite you to gather together, as we listen, learn and are heard. We will begin, as we should begin everything, in prayer. We invite the Holy Spirit to be among us, to open our ears, minds, and hearts to hear the movement of the Spirit in this time and place.

I want to hear your voice, to see and recognize you, as you share your story.  
+ Bishop Austin A. Vetter

## KALISPELL DEANERY MARCH 28

### St. John Paul II Parish

195 Coverdell Rd, Bigfork

6:30 pm Prayer & Reflection  
7:00 pm Dialogue with Bishop Vetter  
8:30 pm Conclusion

#### For Listening & Dialogue

How has the Church accompanied you well?  
Have you had an experience where the Church failed to accompany you?  
What can you share to help the Church accompany you better?



#### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's Love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

#### SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE REFUGEES

We are collecting donations for Ukraine refugees. If you would like to contribute and haven't already done so, please make your check out to Risen Christ Parish and note in the memo box "Ukraine". The funds will be sent directly to Poland for the refugees.

#### UPCOMING MOVIE – FATHER STU

The movie, Father Stu, will be shown at the Signature Movie Theater in Kalispell on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Show times are at 4:00 and 7:10 pm

*The Nazareth Page*  
*A gospel meditation for your home*  
*March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - Third Sunday of Lent*  
*John 4:5-42*

I am fascinated by trees. There's hardly a tree anywhere that I don't notice. And long ago I learned that trees are very important for the survival of life. In part, it has something to do with the air we breathe. They are also one of nature's best signs of a healthy environment. I live in a part of the world where forest fires are common. Burning forests sadden me. I know they can sometimes be helpful for the survival of a species. But still

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Today's gospel recalls how Jesus used a certain fig tree as a teaching device. Jesus was a great teacher and he liked to use common examples to illustrate his deeper messages. Also, most of his listeners knew about fig trees.

No doubt Jesus noticed that some fig trees brought forth each year abundant fruit, and some were barren. A tree that failed to produce fruit was basically useless to its owner. The one referred to in the gospel parable of Jesus was fruitless. Planted to produce figs, it didn't produce any for years. Thus, common sense would suggest that it should be cut down.

No, said Jesus. At least, not yet. Let's give it another chance. Let's supply it with some fertilizer and extra care. If this were an illustrated child's story, we might see a smile on the face of the tree who would now try harder to bring forth at least a few figs.

Of course, Jesus was not trying to give a lesson in botany. But rather advice about how to live more in accord with God's plan. We are advised not to give up on ourselves. There's always the possibility of improvement. And know that if we need a little extra help (like additional fertilizer) to produce results, it's available. Including God's help.

As this gospel notes, we might also need to repent. Repentance implies that we change our lives from being turned away from God to moving toward God. At the heart of repentance is living our lives in new and better ways. There is a saying that foolishness is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result. Yet if that fig tree didn't change its way, it would never produce a single fig. We need to change to improve.

And that's part of the work of Lent. Be honest with oneself. And with the promise of God's help, change for the better. What precisely that change might be will be different for each of us.

David M. Thomas, PhD

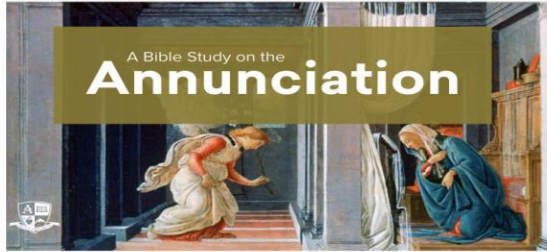


March 20, 2022

WATCH

### THE SANCTUARY COURSE FOR CATHOLICS

Misconceptions surrounding mental illness can prevent us from responding well to those suffering. This eight-session course explores the realities of mental illness, as well as the need for faith-based conversations about this topic. Featuring stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists.



### A BIBLE STUDY ON THE ANNUNCIATION

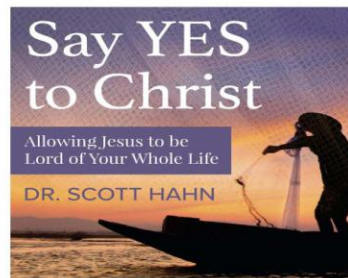
In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26-38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.

LEARN

LISTEN

### SAY YES TO CHRIST: ALLOWING JESUS TO BE THE LORD OF YOUR WHOLE LIFE BY SCOTT HAHN

Mary conformed the entirety of her life to the Divine Will. In doing so, she became the model of perfect discipleship. In this talk, Dr. Scott Hahn discusses why we too should surrender our lives to the Lord.



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Fr. Stan

## Risen Christ Lenten Fish Fry



Please join our Parish on April 1 at 6:00PM for a traditional Fish Fry or Mac Cheese Dinner before our regular Friday Stations of the Cross.

The practice of eating fish is related to the day we typically abstain from meat: Friday. This is the day that Christ died, so abstaining from the shedding (and consuming) of blood seems appropriate. Friday, the sixth day, was also the day that God created animals, so abstaining from meat is a symbolic “stay of execution” for cows, pigs, and sheep—just as the cross saves us from eternal death. The Lenten tradition is to abstain from meat, not necessarily to eat fish. Eating vegetables or even Mac & Cheese suffices.

April 2, 2020, issue of *U.S. Catholic*.

### **TEACHABLE MOMENT – THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS**

The communion of Saints includes the faithful on earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the blessed in heaven. In this Communion, the merciful love of God and his saints is always attentive to our prayers for one another here and for the souls of the faithful departed. The communion of Saints also refers to “holy things,” above all the Eucharist, by which the believers are formed into one Body of Christ.

United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, C. 2006, Ch.13, pgs 160, 161

### **A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers His parable about last chances. The fig tree will have one last chance to bear fruit before it is cut down and destroyed. Good stewards realize that, like the fig tree, they are endowed with God-given gifts that are meant to “bear fruit” for God and neighbor. God has legitimate expectations of them. They also realize they do not know how much time they have left before the gardener returns for an accounting of their fruitfulness. How are we using our God-given gifts? How might we use our gifts to bear more fruit? The answer requires some urgency.

### **A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE**

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for the entire world. Amen.