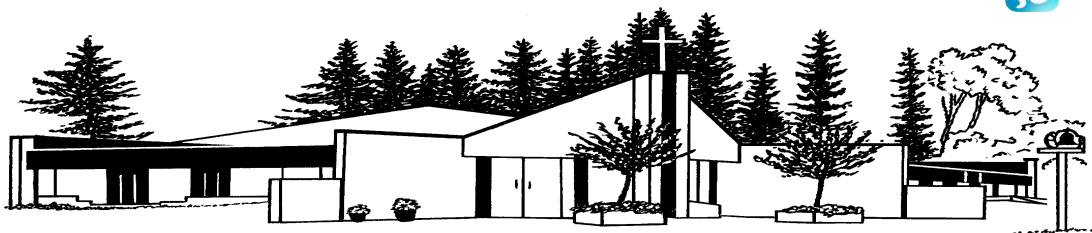


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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 27, 2022

Saturday, March 26, Mass for March Intentions 6:30 pm

Sunday, March 27, Mass for the Parish..... 9:00 am

Tuesday, March 29, Mass for the Int. of Stan & Margie Smith, rb NCYC Group .. 8:45 am

Thursday, March 31, Mass for the Soul of Virginia Hanson, rb 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, April 2 & 3, 2022

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Don Zimmerman	Charlene Harman
Lector	Suzanne Johnson	Andrea Wright
	Peg Gebhardt	Betty Heino
Server	Rick Nease	Kellen Mouat
Greeters	Tom & Terrie Alger	Lilia Hattel & Fresa Tobiason

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	27	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 8:45 am Catholic Relief Services Collection
	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	Catholic Women’s Conference Helena Bereavement Group 10:00 am Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 6:15 pm
	3	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 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
	9	Bereavement Group 10:00 am Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 6:15 pm
	10	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 8:45 am Coffee Hour After Mass Bake Sale After weekend Masses

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

PALMS

If you would like to bring your old palms from last year to the church, they will be burned in the Easter Fire at the Easter Vigil at St. Matthew Parish.

~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 19 & 20, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,557
Building Envelopes	100
Total	\$5,657

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINIAN 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. Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISM MASS INVITATION

The Faithful of the Diocese of Helena are invited to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Helena to take place at Noon on Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

The Chrism Mass is a special celebration in the liturgical life of the Church in the Diocese of Helena. Bishop Vetter will bless the Holy Oils for use in the coming year and priests of the diocese will renew their priestly promises.

There will be no daily Mass at Risen Christ on April 5, 2022.

**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

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**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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, APRIL 3, 2022

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

PRACTICE OF HOPE

The story of Lazarus is our story too. Lazarus has died and is bound in burial bands, with his hands and feet constricted and his face covered. When Jesus commands, Lazarus leaves the burial place. With another command, the burial cloths are loosened from him. Once Lazarus is freed, many come to believe. We also become bound and closed off from the life Christ offers until we open ourselves to God.

◆Pray over what keeps you from accepting God's merciful love. Imagine those as cloths that you loosen and hand to Jesus. Thank Jesus for his freeing love.

◆Invite your friends and family who have been away or distant to join you for a meal or parish event.

◆Connect with people who have been away from the Christian community so that they know they're missed. Be like Martha and Mary in Bethany who cared for their brother and had enough faith to bring him Jesus.

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. 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.

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

“There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those ‘brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves’... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (*The Gospel of Life* 86).



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

This week we take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at

www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

UPCOMING MOVIE – FATHER STU

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

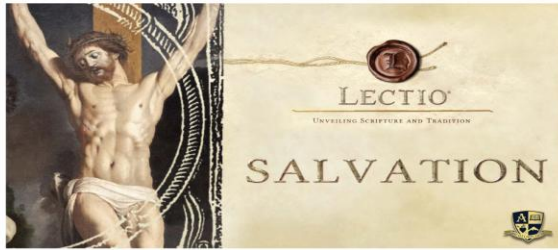
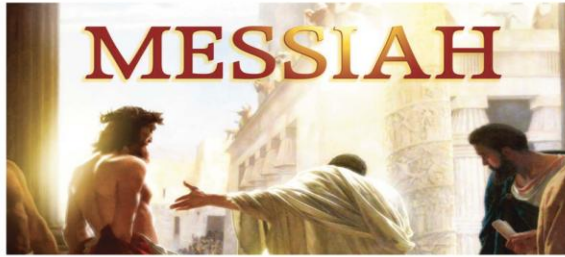
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WATCH

MESSIAH

Discover the One the Prophets Foretold!

Messiah is an exploration of the messianic prophecies of the Bible and how they were fulfilled by Jesus – both during his earthly life, and after it.



LECTIO: SALVATION WITH DR. MICHAEL BARBER

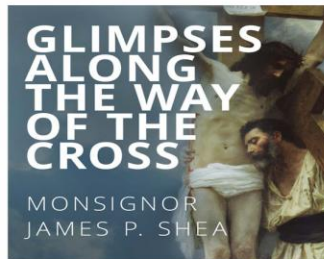
At every Sunday Mass, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven “for us men and for our salvation.” But what does “salvation” mean? The remarkable 10-part video series, Lectio: Salvation, provides a thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical answer.

LEARN

LISTEN

GLIMPSES ALONG THE WAY OF THE CROSS WITH MSGR. JAMES SHEA

In these three beautiful talks, Monsignor James Shea guides us along the Stations of the Cross, teaching us how to open our hearts more to the suffering and loneliness of Jesus on His way to Calvary.



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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 – SACRED CHRISM

Chrism: Perfumed oil consecrated by a bishop at the annual Mass of the Chrism. It is used in those Sacraments which confer a permanent mark or character – Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders.

In or near Holy Week, the bishop consecrates the sacred Chrism during the course of the Chrism Mass. It is used to anoint the newly baptized, to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation, and to anoint bishops and priests during the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Anointing with oil has many meanings, such as cleansing as part of a bath, limbering up the muscles of athletes, and healing the wounds of the sick. Two other sacramental celebrations make use of blessed oil: “The pre-baptismal anointing with the oil for catechumens signifies cleansing and strengthening; the anointing of the sick expresses healing and comfort” (CCC, no. 1294). The Oil of Catechumens is used in Baptism. The Oil of the Sick is used for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, C. 2006, Ch.16, pgs 204, 205.

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Grant peace and protection to the people of Ukraine. Give them strength and courage to defend what is good, right, and holy. Keep them safe from harm and provide for all their needs, both temporal and spiritual. Hear our prayers, O Lord, and deliver us from distress, for You are merciful and compassionate and love mankind. To You we give glory: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.

A REMINDER TO SAVE POP TOP TABS

You can help support the Ronald McDonald House in Missoula by collecting pop top tabs from aluminum cans, such as energy drinks, soup cans or anything with a metallic tab. Please put them in the basket in the entryway.

FOUNDATION FOR THE DIOCESE OF HELENA

Your gift to your parish could give YOU 40% in tax credits

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- ✚ Endowments distribute earnings to the parish each year, meaning your gift will keep on giving, bringing Christ to your community for generations to come.

Contact the FOUNDATION for more information about how you can **benefit your faith AND reduce your Montana taxes*** with a planned gift for tax year 2022.

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Reduce Your Taxes

Dan Thies, Executive Director

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ST. KATHARINE DREXEL, S.B.S.

School builder and founder of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People

When she asked Pope Leo XIII to send more missionaries to Wyoming, he asked her, "Why don't you become a missionary?" As a young, wealthy, educated girl from Philadelphia, this was hardly the expected lifestyle for young Katharine Drexel. But raised in a devout family with a deep sympathy for the poor, Katharine gave up everything to become a missionary to the Indians and African Americans. She founded schools in thirteen states for African Americans, forty mission centers and twenty-three rural schools. She also established fifty missions for Indians in sixteen different states. She died at the age of ninety-six and was canonized in the year 2000.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Thank you to Floyd and Connie McCubbins for the tasty corned beef and cabbage dinner to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Fun was had by all and we appreciate the opportunity to get together and fellowship. Thank you to Anne & Dave Mahoney for the toe tapping Irish music and to all the kitchen helpers! 🍀

Until next year, **May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.**

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
March 27th, 2022 – Fourth Sunday of Lent
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Today's gospel offers one of the most well-known of the parables of Jesus. With the mere mention of its beginning, many will know what follows in this narrative. The line I'm thinking of begins, "A man had two sons." Ah yes, we are going to hear once again about the prodigal son.

That's the son who asked for his inheritance even before his father died (a bad move already) and then later wasted or squandered his "inheritance" on a life of dissipation. (Some translations say, "dissolute living." or "a life of debauchery." We are left to wonder exactly what he did while in that far off country. But, of course, that's not the end of the story. Real surprises follow.

The biggest one being the reaction of his father upon his return. Note that he didn't expect to be reinstated into his life as a son in the family. He figured he lost that position with his blowing of all that his father had generously given him earlier on. Instead of criticism and judgment, the father rejoiced at his wayward son's return and hosted a great celebration in his son's honor.

Here, let's just think about this forgiving father. Certainly, the rules and expectations involving family relations were quite specific in the time when Jesus lived. Some may have been codified in law (like rules governing inheritance), but most of them were lodged in the hearts of parents and their children – and in everyone for that matter.

Most likely, the reaction of the other older son (he was quite bothered by his father's behavior) would be judged as appropriate and understandable. In contrast, the father's response would have been shocking to many. After all, there is simple justice to consider. People have to live with the effects of their actions.

But apparently, that was not how Jesus saw this situation. As one teaching about God as a loving "person" and presence, Jesus wanted to point out clearly with this parable that God's love was *primary and central* to God's relationship to us.

And God's love for us is not extinguished by our misdeeds. God forgives, which is one of the most difficult truths to be accepted by us who are called to act in ways similar to the forgiving parent of the prodigal son.

David M. Thomas, PhD