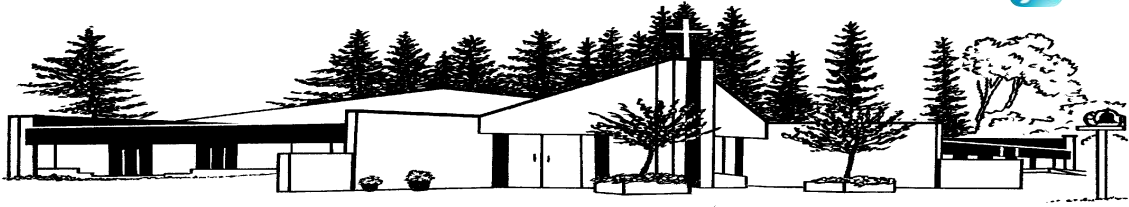

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.....November 27, 2022

Sat., Nov. 26, Mass for The names listed in The Book of the Names of the Dead 6:30 pm

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

Tuesday, November 29, Soul of Mike Wright, rb Andrea Wright 8:45 am

Thursday, Dec. 1, Souls of Florence & Herb Russell, rb Ron & Camille Scott ... 8:45 am

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

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 7:00 am and 11:00 am Masses at St. Matthew Parish

Ministry Schedule, December 3 & 4, 2022

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Vicki Walbruch	Ron Boespflug
Cup Minister	Suzanne Johnson – Connie McCubbins	Lilia Hattel – Anita Lavin
Lector	Mary Reckin	Kathy Shanahan
	Dixon Rice	Anne Mahoney
Server	Don Zimmerman	Rick Nease
Greeters	John & Toni Gunnerson	Richard & Rosemary Brester

PLEASE NOTE NEW TIMES

Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

Please enter the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of the Names of the Dead, located near the Baptismal Font.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov. 27 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- 28 Scripture Study..... 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- 29 Choir 7:30 pm
- 30 Ladies' Scripture Study..... 10:00 – 11:30 am
- Religious Formation, Grades K-6..... 4:00 – 5:00 pm
- Dec. 3 Altar Server Training..... after Mass
- 4 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- Altar Server Training..... after Mass
- Evening Prayer, **Resolution of Fr. Stan's Immigration Status** ... 4:00 pm
- 5 Scripture Study..... 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- 6 Choir 7:00 pm
- 7 Ladies' Scripture Study..... 10:00 – 11:30 am
- Religious Formation, Grades K-6..... 4:00 – 5:00 pm
- THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
- Vigil for THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, St. Matthew Parish ..6:00 pm
- 8 **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
- Mass at Risen Christ 8:45 am
- Mass at St. Matthew 6:00 pm
- 9 Family Movie Night, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus TBA

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 9:00 – 10:30 am, Risen Christ
Saturday, 3:00-4:15 pm and Wednesday 1:00-3:00 pm, St. Matthew

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Remember our Risen Christ Church members whose last name begin with

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in your prayers this week.



WE ARE IN NEED OF ALTAR SERVERS

We are looking for Junior Servers - 4th Grade through 8th Grade and Senior Servers - High School Freshmen or older.

There will be a list for signup on the desk outside the Office. There will be a training session on Saturday and Sunday, December 3rd and 4th after Mass.

~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 19 & 20, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,512
Building	170
Thanksgiving	35
Mass & Stole Gifts	40
Christmas	20
Total	\$5,777

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – ASSISTING OUR PARISHES AND MISSIONS

The 2022 ACA provides Human Resource Services and direction for Safe Environment/Protecting God’s Children. Telecommunications and technology support benefits our 57 parishes and 38 missions.

PROTECTING ALL WE HOLD DEAR THROUGH FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY.

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER — 4:00 PM

Please plan to attend one of the Evening Prayer opportunities.

2 nd Week of Advent – Dec. 4	Prayer For Successful Resolution - Fr. Stan’s Immigration Status
4 th Week of Advent- Dec. 18	Prayer For Successful Resolution - Fr. Stan’s Immigration Status

CHOIR NEWS

The choir has begun practicing for Christmas. If you would like to commit on a short-term basis, we would be very grateful. Men are especially welcome! This lively and fun ministry is the perfect place to share the love of singing together, rekindle old friendships and begin new ones.

Please join us!



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! This collection supports 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/nationalcollections and click “How to Give” under “Resources.”

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2022**

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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
Shelley Hembd, rb Gary Hembd
Tom Hahn, rb John & Connie Babb
Fern Vosen, rb Risen Christ Parish
Paula Wheeler, rb Risen Christ Parish
Fleckenstein Family, rb Evelyn Fleckenstein

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

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Greg Grace, Joe Riska, Curtis Gomes,
Eileen Kluesner, Maureen Neitzling, Amy Neitzling,
Tim Slobojan, Lonny Kottraba, Bob & Barbara Vine,
Mary Grace Galvin, Mike & Linda O'Neil, Larry Visocan,
Mary Reckin, Ron & Margarite Bauer, Carol Trimble,
Ruff & Falk Families
Fr. Stan's Immigration Status

FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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Deacon Kyle Tannehill, Dillon Armstrong, Kaleb Mitchell,
John Cooney, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz
Alex Olmes, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Jamie Severson
Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, Matt Keck, Jack Peed

JOB OPENING

Risen Christ Parish is looking to hire a part-time maintenance person. This will include approximately 10 hours per week. This is a non-benefit position and requires a background check and Virtus training. This position includes: small repairs and maintenance of the building and grounds. Compensation depends on experience and capability. See the office or Fr. Stan for an application.

READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 4, 2022

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

PRACTICE OF FAITH

Repent! John warns. The kingdom is at hand! Many times people use the word *faith* and mean *platitudes*. Believing in what we proclaim means taking a hard look at who we are and who God has called us to be. We then need to address the places where we do not live up to that vision.

- Examine your conscience.
- How can you reorient your life to live in the light of the Lord? How will this produce good fruit?
- Take part in the sacrament of reconciliation, trusting in the mercy of God.

At Home With the Word 2023

FINANCE COUNCIL

Finance Council members are:

Peg Gebhardt, Christopher Gill, John Gunnerson, & 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:

Jovita Kottraba, 212-8461, Judy Stack, 752-4411,

Ken Barrett, 755-0269, Jamie Miller, 257-9636, Vicki Walbruch, 758-0170

RISEN CHRIST PRAYER LINE

Call Helen Tobiason, (406) 212-0063 or Jackie Jensen, (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.



RISEN CHRIST GIFT SHOP - NEW ITEMS ARE HERE!

We now have scapulars, holy water fonts, rosaries, children's bracelets and much more. Stop by anytime to check out our gift shop! Please see Connie McCubbins or Andrea Wright before or after weekend Masses. If you need to make a purchase during the week, please stop in the parish office.



We have many items available for Christmas giving!

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.

PRAYER OF HOPE

God of Hope, we seek you.
During this holy season of Advent,
help us to see you in all whom we encounter.
May your hope fill our hearts
and grace our lips so that we might
reflect your hope for all the world. Amen.

DEFINITION OF ADVENT

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.

Advent is not as strict as Lent, and there are no rules for fasting, but it is meant to be a period of self-preparation. The purple color associated with Advent is also the color of penance. The faithful should fast during the first two weeks in particular and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The color of the Third Sunday of Advent is rose. This color symbolizes joy and represents the happiness we will experience when Jesus comes again. The Third Sunday is a day of anticipatory celebration. It is formerly called "Gaudete" Sunday; gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin.

Finally, Sundays during Advent, just as during Lent, should not be given to fasting, but instead to celebration because we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord every Sunday. It is important to remember, however, there are no particular rules for how the laity should observe Advent.

ST. JOSEPH BUSINESS DIRECTORY FOR THE FLATHEAD VALLEY 2023-2024

Are you a Catholic business owner or do you provide a service to others through your work? Let your brothers and sisters in Christ know about it! This will be similar to a small phone book at 8.5" x 5.5". Distribution will be at all five churches in the Flathead Valley. It will be organized by category allowing others to find your business or service easily.

Please provide your parish, business type, name and/or business name, contact information and a brief description of your business and service area. There is a \$10 fee per business to cover printing costs.

I am a St. Richard parishioner and I will be happy to help you or answer any questions you may have about this directory. The deadline for signing up is December 30th. Printing and distribution will be done by the last week of January. Contact: Rebecca Homme stjosephbd@proton.me or 406-250-7332

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE SPONSORING A WATCH PARTY

All parishioners are welcome!

Virtual Fraternal Benefit Night Event with Tom Hegna – Who Wants to be a Millionaire

The banner features the Knights of Columbus logo on the left, the text 'Knights of Columbus' and 'Fraternal Benefit Night' at the top, and 'TUESDAY NOVEMBER 29TH @ 7PM CST' below it. In the center, Tom Hegna is shown with his arms crossed, flanked by two other individuals. Below them, text reads 'Tom Hegna, CLU, ChFC, CASL "The Retirement Income Expert" PRESENTS'. A QR code and 'SCAN ME' are on the left, and the URL 'www.TinyURL.com/HegnaFBN' is at the bottom. A large 'TH' logo is on the left, and 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire?' is written in large white letters on a black background. A small disclaimer at the bottom states: 'Tom Hegna, CLU, ChFC, CASL is not affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the opinions expressed in this presentation are solely those of the presenter and not necessarily those of Knights of Columbus. Knights of Columbus, One Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510'.



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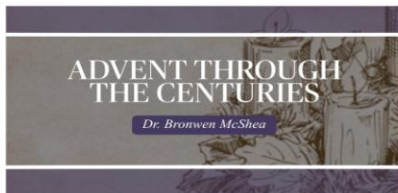
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of November 27, 2022



Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season.



Advent through the Centuries

Dr. Bronwen McShea, an Associate Professor at the Augustine Institute, shares an exciting and thorough presentation on the celebration of Advent throughout the centuries.



Making Advent Great for Kids

Advent is a time where we seek to grow in intimacy and relationship with the Lord. But this does not have to only be for adults! Join Dr. Tim Gray and Paul McCusker as they discuss different ways you can make Advent great for your kids.

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The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
November 27, 2022 – First Sunday of Advent
Matthew 24:37-44

Advent is one of my favorite seasons of the church year. I interpret these four weeks as an invitation to be more aware of what has happened with the first coming of the Christ and to how I might prepare myself for the effect of that event even today.

To help my theological studies many years ago, I learned the rudiments of the German language because some of the best theology was being written by theologians from Germany. I went on to expand that awareness by researching and writing a doctoral dissertation on a Protestant theologian from Germany, Karl Barth. In the course of my language studies, I learned there were two words in German to describe a reality that we have only one word for. That word is “history.”

One of those German words is used to describe facts of the past, like what was the date when Jesus was born. Most of the history we learn in school is like that. A second word is employed to describe the power of historical events that influence or change what happens later. So, this second meaning of “history” is important for both understanding the past, but also the present. That’s one of the reasons why we celebrate Advent and Christmas year after year. Knowing the past helps us appreciate the present more fully. In that sense, the past enriches the present. In that sense, the past is still happening.

With that in mind, what might we do to more fully appreciate this advent season? The gospel gives us a possible approach. Be alert! Be attuned to God’s Spirit coming in the present moment, year after year. Even moment by moment.

The reality of that first Christmas, God dwelling with us, continues whenever we open ourselves (with God’s help) to recognize the presence of Christ in a thousand places (to borrow from the Jesuit poet, Gerard Manley Hopkins). In ourselves and in others. In the year, 2022

This presence of God is, of course, hidden, subtle and mysterious. Nevertheless, it is real. But to be aware of the divine presence with us, we need to, as I wrote above, be alert. Be watchful. Be silent. Notice that the daylight slowly begins to increase right now. It is Nature’s reminder that more can be seen by this light. If we notice. Further, we may need to lessen the noise around us. This may be hard. Today’s Christmases for some can get pretty noisy.

David M. Thomas, PhD