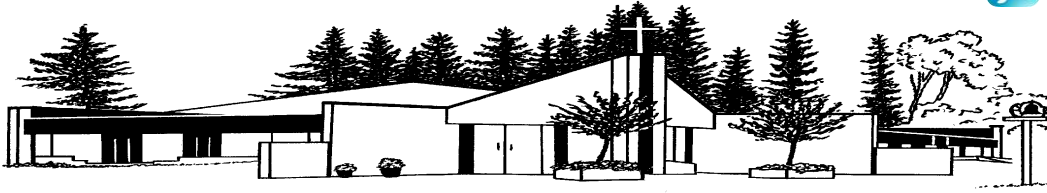

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Maryruth Fallon, Music Director

Sandy Carter, Office Manager ~ Rose Hall, Office Assistant

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 11, 2022

Saturday, December 10, Mass for December Intentions 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 11, Mass for the Parish 9:00 am

Tuesday, December 13, Mass for Int. of Gene, Roger & Tim Jellison, rb Carol... 8:45 am

Thursday, December 15, Soul of Kacey Scott, rb Camille & Ron 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 17 & 18, 2022

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Pati Heath	Kathy Shanahan
Cup Minister	Paul Heath – Judy Hughes	Howie Ficek – Marian Ficek
Lector	Vicki Walbruch	Jim Galvin
	TJ Higgins	Jack Fallon
Server	Don Zimmerman	Ron Boespflug
Greeters	Mary Jacobs – Sam Nease	Lilia Hattel – Fresa Tobiason

PLEASE NOTE NEW TIMES

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec.	11	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
		Retirement Fund for Religious	
		Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	8:40 am
		Bake Sale	After Weekend Masses
		Knights of Columbus Breakfast	After Mass
	12	Scripture Study	6:30 – 8:00 pm
	13	KC Ladies', Nickel Charlie's	6:00 pm
		Knights of Columbus	6:30 pm
		Choir	7:00 pm
	14	Ladies' Scripture Study.....	10:00 – 11:30 am
		Religious Formation, Grades K-6.....	4:00 – 5:00 pm
	17	Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	6:10 pm
	18	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
		Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	8:40 am
		Christmas food baskets assembly and delivery	After Mass
		Choir practice after Mass	
		Evening Prayer, Resolution of Fr. Stan's Immigration Status	4:00 pm
	20	Choir	7:15 pm
	21	Men's Prayer.....	8:00 am
		Religious Formation, Grades K-6 – Christmas Party	4:00 – 5:00 pm
	22	Additional time for Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Matthew	6:00 pm
	24	CHRISTMAS EVE	Mass 6:30 pm & 11:00 pm
	25	CHRISTMAS DAY	Mass 9:00 am

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.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY ~"JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU"

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed 20 minutes prior to Saturday and Sunday Masses during Advent. This is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Please sign up at the desk located in front of the parish office if you would like to lead the Chaplet.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Christmas Food Baskets will be assembled and delivered on Sunday, Dec. 18th after Mass. Please bring donated food items to the church by the end of Mass on the 18th. Some food items needed are: ham, tuna, canned chili, cereal, rice, soup, peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned fruit, stuffing, yams, potatoes, fresh fruit, buns, pie filling.
Call Julie Berquist at 253-4842 if you know of a family in need of a Christmas food basket.

BAKE SALE

Donate a dozen of your favorite cookies and we will put together assorted cookie plates for sale after Mass on December 17 & 18.

Just in time for Christmas Treats

Deadline for donations is Thursday, December 15 before 3:00 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.

December 3 & 4, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	\$8,647
Building	245
Thanksgiving	5
Christmas	70
Mass & Stole Gifts	40
Total	\$9,007

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.

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER – 4:00 PM

Please plan to attend this evening Prayer Service.

4th Week of Advent – December 18th

Prayer for Successful Resolution, Fr. Stan’s Immigration Status

SAVE THE DATE

“The Epiphany” Women in the New Evangelization

Wed., Jan. 4th, Doran Center at St. Matthew Church basement,

6:15 pm Social ~ 7:00 pm Program

Journey with us to celebrate an Epiphany evening with
hors d’oeuvres, refreshments, fun and much more



LOST AND FOUND

Have you misplaced something recently? We have several items in the lost and found bin located in wagon near the literature rack. Please check to see if they belong to you!

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

FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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
Eileen Babb, rb John & Connie Babb
Tracy Babb Iano, rb John & Connie Babb
Fopp/Markos Families, rb Linda Lessard
Douglas E. Hutchens, rb Hutchens Family
Elmer A. Alger, rb Hutchens Family
Fleckenstein Family, rb Evelyn Fleckenstein

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

Greg Grace, Joe Riska, Curtis Gomes, Gene Jellison
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, Sharon Coursey
Fr. Stan's Immigration Status

FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Help aging religious. Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously.

READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 18, 2022

Isaiah 7:10-14 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24

PRACTICE OF CHARITY

St. Joseph was a righteous man. That is the first thing we learn about him, that he was a person who had focused his life on living according to God's laws. He was also a person of compassion, not wanting Mary to be subjected to the law's penalties. But most of all, he must have been a person who lived in relationship with God. The angel of the Lord comes to him in a dream, and immediately he accepts what is said. Immediately he changes course. Our culture does not look kindly on changing one's mind. Often, that is perceived as hypocrisy. But changing one's mind, heart, and life is central to the Christian life. If unwilling to change, we become not righteous but self-righteous.

- As we approach our feast of celebration, what do you need to turn away from in order to welcome Jesus more fully?
- Perhaps you have long-held ideas that are keeping you from a relationship with another. When God looks at this person or situation, what does God see?

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.

Christmas Eve Mass Times

MASS

Saturday, December 24th

4:30 pm @ St. Matthew

6:30 pm @ Risen Christ

11:00 pm @ Risen Christ

Christmas Day Mass Times

Sunday, December 25th

9:00 am @ Risen Christ

11:00 am @ St. Matthew

CONFESIONS

Christmas Eve

3:-4:45 pm @ St. Matthew

9: -10:30 am @ Risen Christ

New Year's Eve Mass Times

MASS

Saturday, December 31st

4:30 pm @ St. Matthew

6:30 pm @ Risen Christ

New Year's Day Mass Times

Sunday, January 1st

7:00 am @ St. Matthew

9:00 am @ Risen Christ

11:00 am @ St. Matthew

CONFESIONS

New Year's Eve

3:-4:00 pm @ St. Matthew

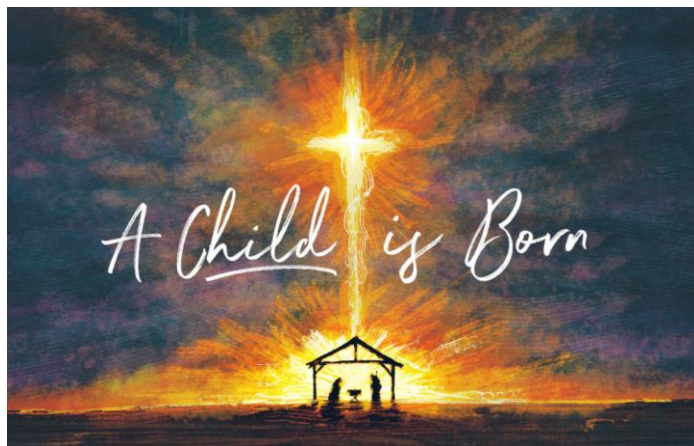
9: -10:30 am @ Risen Christ

Additional time for Confession before Christmas

Thursday, December 22, 6:00 pm St. Matthew Parish

The Week of December 26th-30th for St. Matthew's & Risen Christ

No Adoration, No Weekday Masses, No Confession



BECOME A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS BEFORE CHRISTMAS!

Through our charitable programs we:

Put coats on kids, feed the hungry, and assist our bishops, priests, and seminarians.

Help men become better fathers and Catholics:

Deepen faith with evangelization and faith programs, Aid and Support After Pregnancy Program (A.S.A.P.), and men's prayer group.

Join us today and receive a beautiful

2022 KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS ornament.

Join the Knights today at www.kofc.org/joinus

Or use this QR code:



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.

PERSONAL PRAYER FOR JOY

The third Sunday of Advent we are invited to reflect on the **joy** we have access to because of our faith in Jesus. One of the defining characteristics of Christ-followers is their *joyful demeanor*. Let's not allow the struggles of this year steal from the **great joy** we have because of Jesus.

Psalm 51:12: "Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit."

Lord, would you restore the joy of our salvation? Help us to be willing to follow you with all we have. As we read the Scriptures that remind us who you are and the ways you love us, ignite in us a sense of joy that overflows out of our hearts! Let this holy joy be contagious and spill over onto the lives of those around us. May your peace that surpasses all understanding be upon us...especially as we're wrapping up a year that has felt very scary and uncertain. Encourage our hearts with the knowledge that with *you* we can live in your perfect peace, no matter our circumstances. We thank you for the joy and peace you give! Amen.

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**Advent Giving Tree
For The
Flathead Warming Center**

As you may recognize, Kalispell has a very large homeless population and an even more significant affordable housing situation. The Flathead Warming Center located on Meridian Drive has been housing about 50 homeless individuals and/or families over these cold winter nights. Everyone deserves a warm place to sleep!

This Advent, Risen Christ is sponsoring the Flathead Warming Center. Over the last several years your generous contributions have helped provide needed comfort to save the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves through the Giving Tree.

Starting immediately the Giving Tree with donation receptacles is located in the Church entry. Cash or checks written to the Flathead Warming Center may be inserted in the receptacles or given to the church office. **NEW** men's and women's boots and gloves are welcome under the tree.

Your cash or check donations will be greatly appreciated!

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
Flathead Warming Center**

**Blessings to you during this season of hope
and thank you for your support!**

“THREE TO GET MARRIED ENGAGED RETREAT”

Three To Get Married is an overnight retreat for engaged couples based on the teachings of the Catholic Church.

It is free of cost and will be held January 20 - 21st, 2023 at Saint John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork, Montana. Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 4th, 2023. If you have questions, please contact Dawn at SJPII parish office 406-837-4846 or follow the link to register: <https://forms.gle/LwBvBsQ4k6qw5ej38>

CHRISTMAS ORGAN RECITAL AT ST. RICHARD PARISH

Christmas organ recital at St. Richard Parish, Gaudete Sunday
December 11th at 2:00 pm
Presented by Leif Homme

Traditional organ music for the Christmas Season will be performed.
Everyone is welcome to attend!

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of December 11, 2022



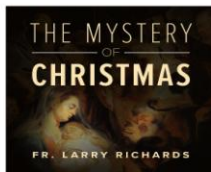
I Am Who I Am Lectio: God Episode 1

Who is God and what does he mean when he says "I Am Who I Am"? Join Dr. Elizabeth Klein in her latest Lectio series as she begins to unpack the mystery of who God is.



Saint Teresa of Ávila: A Study in Perseverance

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Avila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.



The Mystery of Christmas by Fr. Larry Richards

In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards reminds us that in the mystery of Christmas, God gives humanity his greatest gift: his Son.

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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
December 11, 2022 – Third Sunday of Advent
Matthew 11:2-11

Another gospel reading about John the Baptist. Not a surprise. He's quite important. One of my interests has long been the history of art. In European medieval art, there are countless depictions of Jesus with his mother Mary. And often, a third figure is added. It is John the Baptist. (Not Joseph, as we might expect.)

His major role according to today's gospel was to prepare us to receive the Messiah, the one sent by God to bring us the fullness of God's Good News, the power of God's presence in our lives and the fuller manifestation of God's love for all of us.

The preparation called for by John the Baptist required mostly our admitting to our need for God, for accepting God as a merciful one who forgives our faults and sins and who desired that we change our thoughts and actions to be more in accord with how God wants the world to be.

These beliefs and attitudes were crucial matters long ago, but also today. To be open to understanding their demand and power, we might need to change ourselves to accommodate these matters. The best way, according to John was to become more intent on turning our lives of selfishness and sin to lives of generous love and virtue. In other words, heeding the words of John the Baptist to repent.

But these words did not lose their import two-thousand years back. In the wisdom of the Church, we are reminded of them again and again. At least once a year during the Advent season. We need to repent time and time again.

Given the nature of human life that unfolds in time, given our tendency to forget or slip back into old patterns of selfishness and narrowness, we meet John the Baptist, again and again, right before the coming of the Christ child each Christmas. We are invited to prepare ourselves to "come to the stable" with renewed hearts and minds.

Every Christmas season, the movie "It's a Wonderful Life" is rebroadcast. It's a story of tragedy turned into triumph, of hard times into better times. The esteemed actor, Jimmy Stewart, shows us how this might happen. In much the same spirit, John the Baptist appears with his call for repentance each Advent. Maybe we need his words now more than ever.

David M. Thomas, PhD