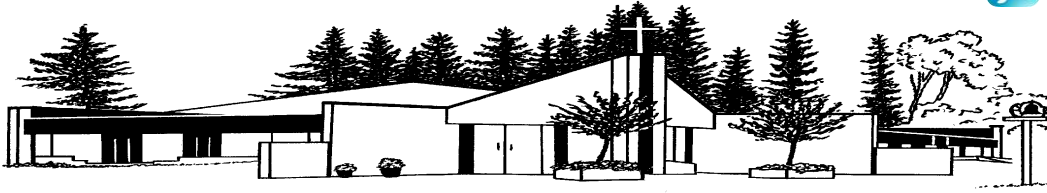


# RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Father Stanislaw Róg, Pastor/Parish Administrator

Risen Christ Parish and St. Matthew Parish

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Deacon Charlie Harball, 752-6788, St. Matthew

Helen Tobiason - Religious Formation Coordinator, Grades K-6

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Sandy Carter, Office Manager ~ Rose Hall, Office Assistant

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ..... December 18, 2022

Saturday, December 17, Mass for December Intentions ..... 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 18, Mass for the Parish ..... 9:00 am

Tuesday, December 20, Soul of Shirley Druedow, rb Larry & Sandy Carter ..... 8:45 am

Thursday, December 22, Int. of Kristin McCaulley, rb Mike Hanson ..... 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 24 & 25, 2022

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Saturday, 11:00 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Jovita Kottraba	Marian Ficek	Missy Kapelanczyk
Cup Minister	Vicki Walbruch	Howie Ficek	Jack Lavin
Lector	Suzanne Johnson	Mike Hanson	Kathy Shanahan
	Jackie Jensen	Dixon Rice	
Server	Don Zimmerman	Rick Nease	Rick Nease
Greeters	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. 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
- December 23-January 1 Parish Office closed
- January 1 **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**
- 2 Scripture Study ..... 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- 3 Choir ..... 7:00 pm
- 4 Ladies’ Scripture Study..... 10:00 – 11:30 am
- Religious Formation, Grades K-6..... 4:00 – 5:00 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.

**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.

**DECORATING HELPERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS**

We will be joyously decorating for Christmas. We need your help so please join us!  
Thursday, December 22—after morning 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.

**December 10 & 11, 2022**

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,455
Building	25
Christmas	5
Mass & Stole Gifts	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,495</b>

**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**

**SECURITY PURPOSES**

If you come to the church during the day and the doors are locked, please ring the door bell. For security purposes we have been keeping the doors locked when there is only one person in the office.

**SCAM ALERT**

Please be aware of scams, especially at this time of year. You may see emails that look like they are from Father Stan or another employee of the church. They may be asking for money or gift cards, or even to verify your bank account. Some may ask you to send gift cards.

BE CAUTIOUS, and when in doubt, do not open the email or click on any link.

**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 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  
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  
Bill Sawyer, rb Mary Ruff

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

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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**

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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

**RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS**

A sister writes, "We remember the many people who believe in the Retirement Fund for Religious, thanking them in prayer for their great generosity and compassion." God bless you for donating to last week's second collection.

**READINGS FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, NIGHT, DECEMBER 25, 2022**

**Isaiah 9:1-6**

**Titus 2:11-14**

**Luke 2:1-14**

**PRACTICE OF CHARITY**

When we hear the Gospel read today, we may wish that, like the shepherds, we could have been present. One of my favorite reflections from Servant of God Dorothy Day states, "It is no use to say that we are born two thousand years too late to give room to Christ. Nor will those who live at the end of the world have been born too late."

♥ Who are those in our midst for whom there is no room in the inn? How can you offer to them what you have, recognizing in each one the face of the baby in the manger?

♥ Perhaps you can serve a meal to people in need this week. As you do, look each person in the eyes, acknowledging each one as Jesus, and filled with great joy.

♥ Discover more about the work that Dorothy Day started and continues today at

[www.catholicworker.org](http://www.catholicworker.org).

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:-4:15 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*

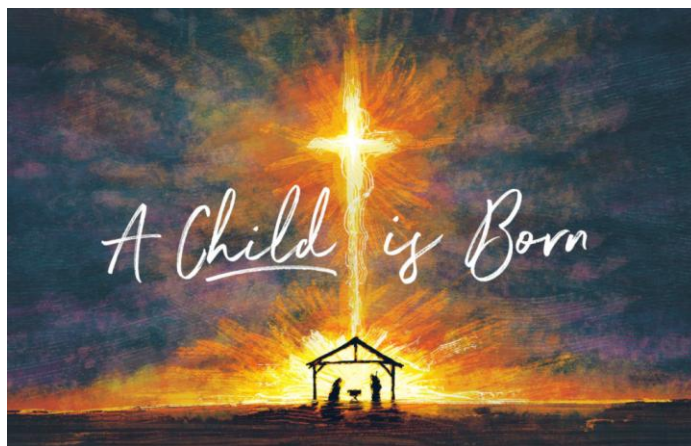
*9: -10:30 am @ Risen Christ*

*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](http://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](mailto:stjosephbd@proton.me) or 406-250-7332.

## **PRAYER TO ST. PETER CANISIUS, FEAST DAY DECEMBER 21**

O Glorious St. Peter, because of your vibrant and generous faith, sincere humility and flaming love our Lord honored you with singular privileges and especially leadership of the whole Church. Obtain for us the grace of a living faith, a sincere loyalty to the Church, acceptance of all her teachings, and obedience to all her precepts. Let us thus enjoy an undisturbed peace on earth and everlasting happiness in heaven.

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# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

## Week of December 18, 2022



### **Christmas in Rome: A Celebration of the Nativity**

Nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like Rome. This Christmas, marvel at the Holy City's festive celebration of the coming of the child Jesus.

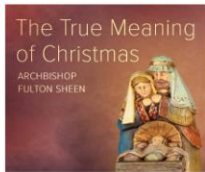
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### **The Story of the Nativity: The Truth of Christmas**

Enjoy this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity as we enter into the joyful season of Advent. Christmas is so much more than a humdrum story we've heard since childhood. Join top scholars, speakers, and authors as they explain the gravity of Christ's miraculous birth.

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### **The True Meaning of Christmas by Fulton Sheen**

This presentation combines recordings of Fulton Sheen's timeless reflections on the meaning of Christmas, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!

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Visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

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To register please go to: [www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org](https://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 18, 2022 – Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
*Matthew 1:18-24*

Advent is like a drama or play in four acts. Gradually the main players are introduced. The coming of the Messiah is slowly announced through the lives of Mary, John the Baptist and the prophets of old. This Sunday's gospel focuses on Joseph, a very underrated person in the overall history of what was once called, "The greatest story ever told."

I grew up, however, with a deep awareness of St. Joseph. My parish and school bore his name, or as some said, his patronage. When I was in eighth grade my life was consumed with basketball, the official sport of the state of Indiana where I lived. As a team member I was given a gold uniform with "St. Joseph" emblazoned across its front. I wore it with pride. If his feast day in March came during the school week, we were given a free day. Pictures and statues of him were displayed throughout the parish.

Our large parish church displayed a huge mural painted on an arch overlooking the congregation. The rendition was contemporary. It showed The Holy Family seated on what seemed their front porch looking down at the assembled parishioners. Joseph was depicted as a young man with a kind face and a resolute look. Neither old nor distant, but easily imagined as one of us. The same with Mary. And Jesus was there as a youngster. Full of life.

Reading today's account of Joseph brings out his virtue. He deeply cared about Mary and did all he could to preserve her potentially tarnished reputation. Given the conditions of her pregnancy, he could have easily separated from her. But he saw not only goodness in her, but the presence of God in what was happening in his life and hers. Certainly, not what he might have expected. Or even hoped for. Life has its surprises.

Still, once he came to realize this situation was God's intent, he gave his life for its full enactment. While it all must have remained for him somewhat of a mystery, he never stopped being the best husband and father he could be. He trusted the goodness of God's ways even though this must have been no small challenge for him.

We read about this well after it happened. but think of what it must have been like for Joseph. Certainly, not easy. His faithfulness to God and his persistence in doing what he understood as God's will for him, makes him a very good and faithful servant of God. And a model for husbands and fathers ever after.

David M. Thomas, PhD