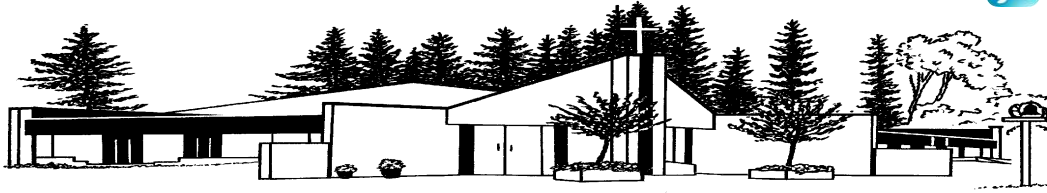


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CHRISTMAS **December 25, 2022**

Saturday, December 24, Mass for Deceased Parishioners **6:30 pm**

Mass for Peace and Justice..... **11:00 pm**

Sunday, December 25, Mass for the Parish **9:00 am**

Monday - Friday, December 26 – 30 **NO MASS**

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD **January 1, 2023**

Saturday, December 31, Mass for Deceased Parishioners **6:30 pm**

Sunday, January 1, Mass for the Parish..... **9:00 am**

Tuesday, January 3, Mass for the Soul of Robert Peel, rb Paul & Pati Heath .. **8:45 am**

Thursday, January 5, Mass for the Soul of Otto Heinisch, rb Iris Stephens..... **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 31, 2022 & January 1, 2023

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Jamie Miller	Connie McCubbins
Cup Minister	Suzanne Johnson	Paul Heath
	Judy Hughes	Pati Heath
Lector	Peg Gebhardt	Betty Heino
	Maureen Neitzling	Andrea Wright
Server	Don Zimmerman	Ron Boespflug
Greeters	Pat Arnone, Mary Jacobs	Howie & Marian Ficek

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec** 12/23-1/1 Parish Office Closed
 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE** Mass, 6:30 pm & 11:00 pm
 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY** Mass, 9:00 am
 30 **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**
 31 **Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God** Mass, 6:30 pm
Jan 1 **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD** Mass 9:00 am
 2 Scripture Study 6:30 – 8:00 pm
 3 Choir 7:30 pm
 4 Ladies' Scripture Study 10:00 – 11:30 am
 Religious Formation, Grades K-6 4:00 – 5:00 pm
 8 **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
 Coffee Hour after Mass
 9 Scripture Study 6:30 – 8:00 pm
 10 KC Ladies 6:00 pm
 Knights of Columbus 6:30 pm
 Choir 7:30 pm
 Ladies' Scripture Study 10:00 – 11:30 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.

Ministry Schedule, January 7 & 8, 2023

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Vicki Walbruch	Mike Hanson
Cup Minister	Missy Kapelanczyk	Lilia Hattel
	Jovita Kottraba	Anita Lavin
Lector	Dixon Rice	Jack Fallon
	Jackie Jensen	TJ Higgins
Greeter	John & Toni Gunnerson	Tom & Terrie Alger
Server	Don Zimmerman	Gary Hembd
Security	Wally Walbruch, Ken Barrett	BJ Hattel, Jamie Miller

New Year's Eve Mass Times

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

CONFESSIONS

New Year's Eve

3:-4:00 pm @ St. Matthew
 9-10:30 am @ Risen Christ

The Week of December 26th-30th for St. Matthew's & Risen Christ
 No Adoration, No Weekday Masses, No Confession

~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 17 & 18, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,413
Building	10
Christmas	60
Mass & Stole Gifts	80
Total	\$5,563

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.

THANK YOU FROM THE FLATHEAD WARMING CENTER

Thank you for your gift to the Flathead Warming Center. Your gift will go towards providing a warm and safe place for people who would otherwise have no other option than to sleep outside or in a place not meant for human habitation.

Again, thank you for your support. Sincerely, Tonya Horn, Executive Director

CHARITABLE GIVING

In order for charitable gifts to be credited for the current calendar year, 2022, please note the following:

IRS regulations require checks received by the church after January 1st, to be accompanied by the postmarked envelope dated no later than December 31st.

Transfer of stocks or securities must take place on or prior to December 31st.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration

BAKE SALE PROCEEDS

We would like to extend a big thank you to the bakers and purchasers of our monthly bake sale. The proceeds were split evenly between the regular bake sale and the cookie plate sale for a total of \$381.00.

**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**

**READINGS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD,
JANUARY 1, 2023**

Numbers 6:22-27

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

PRACTICE OF FAITH

Mary keeps everything, reflecting in her heart. What must it be like to be Mary, witnessing this incredible unfolding of God's plan?

♥ Read the second chapter of Luke. Imagine yourself experiencing these things as Mary does. What do you see, smell, feel, touch, taste? We see in Mary a model of contemplation. She saw God's presence in her life, and she responded by meditating on it, giving it her focus and attention.

♥ God also acts in each of our lives, in a way that is unique, our own call to holiness. Spend a few minutes in silence, looking at your day and finding God's presence there.

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READINGS FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, JANUARY 8, 2023

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2: 1-12

PRACTICE OF CHARITY

The Magi were overjoyed when they saw the star. That joy took them out of the places they knew, sending them on a journey to unknown places. The joy we experience at the birth of Jesus should also take us out of our comfort zone. Pope Francis has called us to go out to those forgotten by society, the small places, like the one in which Jesus was born.

♥ Think of one of the world's problems, one that breaks your heart. Perhaps you are called to be part of this work. Write down three things that you personally are able to do to alleviate the suffering that this problem creates. Make a plan to do those three things.

At Home With the Word 2023

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.



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 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 office.

We have many items available for year-round giving!



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

10 + 1 SIMPLE SPIRITUAL RESOLUTION IDEAS FOR THE NEW YEAR

1. Begin your day with the Morning Offering.
2. Pray the Rosary daily or weekly.
3. Go meatless on Fridays.
4. Pray the weekly Stations of the Cross.
5. Pray through a devotional book.
6. Read a spiritual book.
7. Read or pray with the Bible.
8. Go on a pilgrimage.
9. Choose a saintly intercessor.
10. End your day with an examination of conscience
11. Please consider volunteering for Time & Talent in your Parish. . catholicdigest.com

Please involve your faith in your New Year's resolution process. If this list seems daunting, just choose one or two and do them well. Then add more as the year progresses. Also, if you need suggestions on a devotional or spiritual book, please contact the office or Father Stan.

Epiphany 2023—"Blessing of the Chalk"



Each year around the feast of the Epiphany, many parishes worldwide participate in an annual blessing of chalk. It is an ancient tradition that not only places God at the entrance of your home but also puts your entire family under his protection. The Epiphany blessing of chalk and homes is a centuries-old tradition where priests visit each home in their parish after the Feast of the Epiphany. Over time it became more difficult to accomplish such a feat as parishes became larger and larger and priests were stretched thin. For this reason, it became an accepted tradition that a household member could lead this blessing in place of the priest. Risen Christ Parish / St. Mathew's Parish will provide the blessed chalk and the prayer for you to bless your home this Epiphany.

Kalispell, December 25, 2022

Christmas letter to the Parishioners of St. Matthew and Risen Christ Parishes from Fr. Stan

It is a good day to be a Saint! It is a good Season to be a Saint! Jesus is coming to us as a human being to show us his Holiness and Wholeness. Born human from the virgin Mother and Eternal Father, He brings meaning, depth and love to human life. Wholeness and Holiness.

When basic reality and morality are questioned, He brings order – Wholeness. He calls us to holiness. When the value of human life is questioned, God himself steps down to reveal who we are, where we come from, and who we are called to be.

God wants us to be holy. He wants us to be saints. With Him, everything falls into its proper place.

Advent takes us out into the desert to see and hear the marvelous works of God: the lame walk, the blind see, the dead are raised, the good news is preached. This gives us courage and strengthens our feeble hands and makes firm our weak knees when our hearts become frightened and weighed down by the hardships of everyday life. John the Baptist knew that life was more than food and clothes. He sought the Kingdom of God, confident that God would provide. Even in chains, he did not lose faith.

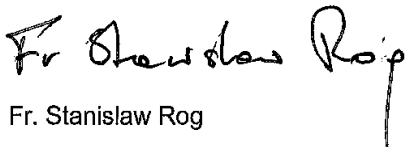
Catholics are taught to prize holiness, to admire it in others and to strive for it in our own lives. "Be holy for I am holy." said the Lord in Leviticus. We joyously find that we are not alone in our journey: Will you let my holiness dwell in you?

Soon we will celebrate Christmas. Like the Magi, we are moving toward that Holy Night. With peace and certainty in our hearts, knowing who we are, where we come from, and who we are called to be. We know how much we are loved and valued. Raised up, we now stand before His altar to meet the one who is to come. Here is your God.

We sing a new song on Christmas. It is the song of those who have believed in the Christ child and have been given the power to become children of God, Whole and Holy.

Show others God's Kingdom of Wholeness and Holiness! It is a good Day to be a Saint! It is a good season to be a Saint!

Have a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year
With prayers and best wishes to you.

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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of December 25, 2022

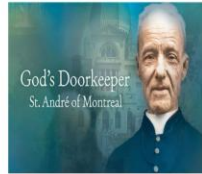


Forgiven - Session 1: Where are

As we make resolutions for 2023, don't forget your spiritual well-being! Watch our Forgiven so you can help guide friends and family to new beginnings!

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 01, 2023



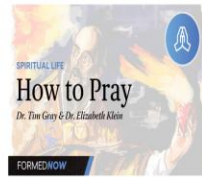
God's Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



Who is St. Stephen?

Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss St. Stephen, first Christian martyr and heroic leader of the early Church.



How to Pray

Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year!



Christmas as "Christ's Mass": The Manger and the Eucharist by Dr. Michael Barber

Dr. Michael Barber explains the extraordinary connection between Christmas and the Eucharist, coining the great solemnity as "Christ's Mass."



Mary of Nazareth

What would it have been like to have known the Mother of God? Watch this beautiful film portraying the life of Mary in order to contemplate Mary's profound faith and the mysteries of her life.

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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
December 25, 2022 – The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)
John 1: 1-18

For most of us, the celebration of Christmas is the most important religious celebration of the year. While some claim Easter outshines it, I take a more existential view. Of course, the importance of Christmas is accentuated by the practice of gift giving and receiving, which are practices related to its original religious meaning. As I write this reflection, we are fully within the ambit of what may be called “the Christmas Spirit.” A spirited sense of “Advent” helps.

This year I have noticed that I have yet to see a single reference on television to the day’s original meaning. I don’t mention this necessarily in a disparaging way. Still, a bit sad. Yet within the life of many families and individuals, I believe the *real meaning of Christmas* remains strong. For instance, my wife and I have collected various manger scenes from countries and cultures around the world. They are displayed throughout our home (even in the bathrooms). If pop culture forgets, we do what we can to remember.

For reflection this Christmas, I have chosen the gospel that is used on Christmas day. It’s from the first chapter of the Gospel of John, one familiar to many. Like the very first book of the Bible, the Book of Genesis, it begins with the stirring and striking words, “In the beginning.” It’s all about God’s amazing creativity told in two mighty acts. First, God creating the cosmos, and second, God creating life, not just ours by nature, but by God’s transforming us into being children of God.

And, to frame this in the spirit of that first Christmas, God became one of us so that we could be alive with God. As we are given God’s life within, we also learn that we are here on Earth for a relatively brief time. And once our time here has ended, we continue to live with God and with all those who have gone before us. Some are familiar with the idea of grace, which is derived from the notion of “gift.” But God’s grace is not like an inanimate present under the Christmas tree. Rather it is a full transformation of who we are with a fuller life, beginning now and lasting forever.

We celebrate Christmas (and other Christian feasts) because we can forget all of whom and what we are. Today’s gospel is clear. We have been given the power and the ability to possess a divine dimension to our lives. The early theologians of the Church, quite conscious of this particular gospel, liked to say, “God became human so that humans could become divine.” What a gift that is!

David M. Thomas, PhD

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December 30, 2022 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

I have devoted much of my professional life to the study of family life. What I have learned might be summarized in the following. First, every family is unique. There may be certain patterns that are common, but once you move beyond generalities, you see that the history of each family has its own twists and turns. Also, the personality of each family member contributes to the life of each family.

Which leads to a second conclusion: No family life is perfect. Every family experiences difficulties, many of which are hidden from public view. When families are asked, "How's it going?" the response is often a positive remark like "It's fine" or "We're doing just great." But we know that these generalizations often hide small (or even large) difficulties, misunderstandings, tensions.

Which brings us to today's feast day that celebrates the life of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. And how are they described? They are fleeing their homeland for their lives. King Herod wants to kill Jesus. Local political authorities are hunting them. Some like to note that they are suddenly a refugee family, like many others in today's world.

Their escape into Egypt would not have been easy. They had to cross a desert where safe places to stay might have been in short supply. They were vulnerable to roving bands of marauders. And from a physical standpoint, it must have been extremely arduous. Added to their difficulties, their stay in Egypt must have been hard. They would be treated as foreigners.

We know little of their life once they safely returned to Nazareth. Archaeologists have brought to light this ancient village. Homes were simple and small. We learn that Joseph worked as a carpenter and he likely taught Jesus some of the skills of that trade. Theirs was a simple and ordinary life of those times. Joseph was the first family member to die, leaving Mary as a single mom and a widow charged with caring for her family. Jesus did not leave home until he was well into adulthood. Perhaps he stayed to care for his mother.

So we celebrate this family not because they were known for outstanding accomplishments, but because they were ordinary, like so many of our families. They were dedicated to each other's care. They met difficulties with trust in God's ways with them. Just like we do.

David M. Thomas, PhD