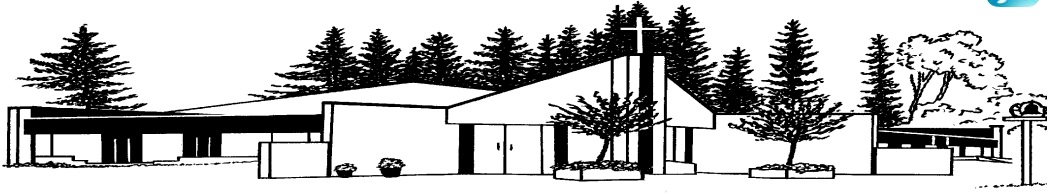


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Father Stanislaw Róg, Pastor/Parish Administrator

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Deacon Floyd McCubbins, 471-4379, deaconfloydmc@yahoo.com - Risen Christ

Deacon Charlie Harball, 752-6788, St. Matthew

Helen Tobiason - Religious Formation Coordinator, Grades K-6

Maryruth Fallon, Music Director

Sandy Carter, Office Manager ~ Rose Hall, Office Assistant

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 4, 2022

Saturday, December 3, Mass for December Intentions 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 4, Mass for the Parish 9:00 am

Tuesday, December 6, Soul of Shelley Hembd, rb Gary Hembd 8:45 am

Wednesday, Dec. 7, Vigil for THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, St. Matthew..6:00 pm

Thurs., Dec. 8, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY .

Risen Christ Mass 8:45 am

St. Matthew Mass 6:00 pm

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 10 & 11, 2022

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Jovita Kottraba	Neil Heino
Cup Minister	Jamie Miller – Missy Kapelanczyk	Mike Hanson – Kathy Shanahan
Lector	Maureen Neitzling Andrea Wright	Paul Heath Pati Heath
Server	SERVER NEEDED	Gary Hembd
Greeters	John & Toni Gunnerson	Dan & Tammy Newton

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

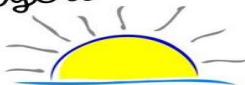
- Dec. 4 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
 Altar Server Training.....after Mass
 Coffee Hourafter Mass
 Evening Prayer, **Resolution of Fr. Stan’s Immigration Status** 4:00 pm
 5 Scripture Study 6:30 – 8:00 pm
 6 Choir 7:00 pm
 7 Ladies’ Scripture Study.....10:00 – 11:30 am
 Religious Formation, Grades K-6.....4:00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

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.

<p><i>In Our Thoughts & Prayers</i></p> 	<p><i>Remember our Risen Christ Church members whose last name begin with</i></p> <p align="center">U-V-W-X-Y-Z</p> <p><i>in your prayers this week.</i></p>
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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.

~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 26 & 27, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,248
Thanksgiving	420
Mass & Stole Gifts	40
Total	\$4,708

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

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Family Movie Night on Friday, December 9th, at 7pm. We will be showing “It’s a Wonderful Life,” with Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed. Sodas will be provided. Bring your favorite snack.

Call Mike at (406) 314-7826 if you have any questions.

BAKE SALE TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 10TH & 11TH

Here’s a friendly reminder for the bakers and also the buyers of the sweet treats.

Do you have a favorite cookie recipe?

Remember you can always make a donation to the Seminarian fund without buying a bakery item! Please keep the Seminarians in your thoughts and prayers.

SAVE THE DATE

“The Epiphany”



Wednesday, January 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

**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**

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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**

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 11, 2022

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

PRACTICE OF HOPE

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus points to signs to show John's disciples who He is. Healing of physical bodies and good news to the poor: prophesied in the words of Isaiah, these signs point toward a new reality, a new era in salvation history. But what is it we hope for? When we look around, we often see that things are not as they should be. We wonder about the mysteries of suffering and death, which come for all but some in the most unjust of ways. We proclaim that Jesus has come and is coming. We proclaim both death and resurrection. We say that we do not know why terrible things happen, but we do not believe suffering has the last word.

- Sit quietly for a few minutes, meditating on the resurrections you await in your life.
- What sufferings do you most need God to transform?
- Invite God into those dark places so that from them can come new life.

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 MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Mass, Saturday, December 24

4:30 pm, St. Matthew Parish

6:30 pm, Risen Christ Parish

11:00 pm Risen Christ Parish

Christmas Day Mass, Sunday, December 25

9:00 am, Risen Christ Parish

11:00 am, St. Matthew Parish



Holiday Parish Breakfast



Please join us for our Holiday Parish Breakfast after Mass on Sunday morning, December 11. The holidays are a time to cherish what's important – faith, friends, and, most importantly, family. Let Us Celebrate Together!

BECOME A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS BEFORE CHRISTMAS!

Through our charitable programs we:

Put coats on kids, feed the hungry, assist our bishops and priests and put diapers on babies!

Help men become better fathers and Catholics:

Deepen faith with evangelization and faith programs, Aid and Support after Pregnancy Program (A.S.A.P.)

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.



**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>

WE ARE GRATEFUL!

St. Matthew School is grateful to everyone who purchased an apple pie baked by the 4th Grade school students. A big thank you to all who donated items for the apple pie baking. This fund raiser for St. Matthew School was a success!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK

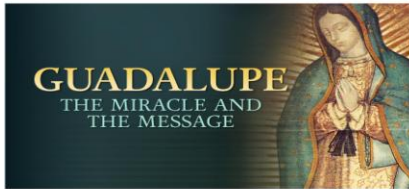
A special thank you to all who helped to decorate the church for the Advent season:
**Ken Barrett, Diane Dubay, Marian & Howie Ficek, Mike Hanson, Charlene Harman,
Pati Heath, Holly & Ilah McKenzie, Sherry & Jamie Miller,
Jody Schweigert, Camille Scott, and Fr. Stan.**

YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS IS A GIFT

Thank you so much for the Thanksgiving food. You blessed the homeless!
Thanks again, Michael, Samaritan House

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of December 04, 2022



Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message

Enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego, an encounter that has influenced the conversion of millions of people.



FORMED Live: Do We Make Too Much of Mary?

Why do Catholics think so highly of Mary? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss our Lady's esteemed place among the saints.



Marian Dogmas with Brant Pitre

Listen in as Matt Fradd and Dr. Brant Pitre explore the Church's understanding of Mary's role in the Church.

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The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
December 4, 2022 – Second Sunday of Advent
Matthew 3:1-12

The Earth circles the sun once each year. Thus, there is a scientific basis for our annual passage of twelve months. The liturgical year also has a one-year sequence. There is a personal basis for this. It relates to our being human. As humans, we tend to forget things, even very important things, Or, we are distracted along our travels through life. We need reminders about matters of importance. Repetition helps.

So, every Advent season John the Baptist appears to remind us of an important attitude we do well to adopt. He calls us to repent for “the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (Footnote: Matthew’s Gospel was written for Jewish converts so he rarely uses the word “God,” but substitutes the word “heaven.” Although the meaning is basically the same.) Being part of that kingdom today requires us to be more aware of its presence. And to actively cooperate with God who invites us personally to participate in making more real God’s love at work in the world.

There are two meanings of “time” that we might think about here to assist us in grasping the full power of John’s words. First, we can connect through memory with what happened long ago, when Jesus took on flesh and God became present on Earth, so wonderfully immediate and mysteriously hidden. John the Baptist announced his coming and said that if you want to be part of this incredible event, improve your lives, change your self-centered ways and become more amazed at the goodness and “godness” surrounding you. In other words, God is coming to us in a new way according to John.

A second meaning arises from the on-going need for us to continue “repenting” in order to be part of God’s continuing presence and work of sanctification and salvation. The work begun by Jesus two-thousand years ago is still going on. And it is still needed. So, repenting today might mean replacing your self-centeredness with caring for others and stepping away from the distractions and emptiness of today, allowing us to notice more clearly and respond more fully to the needs of today, both immediate and distant. Make the world better. Love others as we are loved by God.

A favorite song of mine is Louis Armstrong’s ballad that begins with these challenging words. “What the world needs now is love, sweet love. That’s the only thing that there’s just too little of.” That’s his way of restating the message of John the Baptist to repent because the kingdom of heaven continues to be “at hand” right now.

David M. Thomas, PhD



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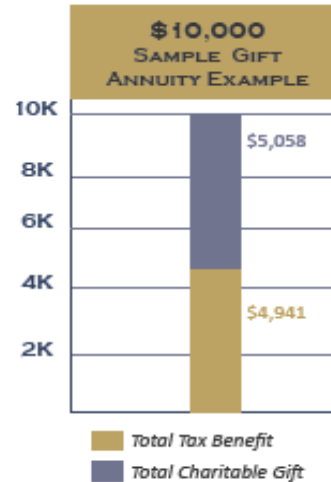
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