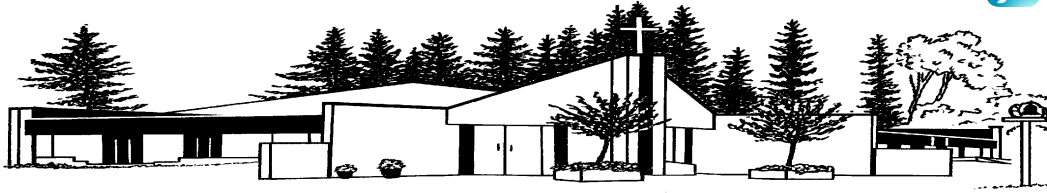

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 19, 2023

Saturday, February 18, Mass for February Intentions 6:30 pm

Sunday, February 19, Mass for the Parish 9:00 am

Tuesday, February 21 NO MASS

Wed., Feb. 22, Mass for the Soul of Josephine Walter, rb Mark & Susie Fredenberg 6:00 pm

Thurs., Feb. 23, Mass for the Souls of Mabel/Leonard Johnson, rb Suzanne Johnson 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, February 25 & 26, 2023

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Missy Kapelanczyk	Howie Ficek
Cup Minister	Paul Heath	Marian Ficek
	Pati Heath	Ron Boespflug
Lector	Dixon Rice	Kathy Shanahan
	Maureen Neitzling	Jim Galvin
Server	Rick Nease	Gary Hembd
Greeters	Pat Arnone ~ Sam Nease	Lilia Hattel ~ Fresa Tobiason

PLEASE NOTE

Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday, 9:00-10:30 am, or by appointment

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb	19	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
		Mardi Gras, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus	2:00 – 5:00 pm
	21	Choir.....	7:30 pm
	22	ASH WED., Masses: St. Matthew, 12:10pm, Risen Christ 6:00 pm	
		Ladies' Scripture Study	10:00 – 11:30 am
		No Religious Formation, attend Mass with your family	
	24	Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm
	25	Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	6:15 pm
	26	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	
		Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	8:45 am
		Black and Indian Mission Collection	
		KC Breakfast	After Sunday Mass
	28	Choir.....	7:30 pm
March	1	Ladies' Scripture Study	10:00 – 11:30 am
		Religious Formation, Grades K-6.....	4:00 – 5:00 pm
	2	Soup & Bread Supper	5:30 pm
	3	Fish Fry	4:30 – 6:45 pm
		Stations of the Cross	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.

OUR LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

- Evening Prayer—Vespers, March 12th - 4:00 PM
- Chaplet of the Divine Mercy - Prayed 20 minutes before each Mass
- Stations of the Cross
Each Friday evening, 7:00 PM beginning February 24
- Penance Service with Individual Confession
Date to be announced



CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY SIGN-UP

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed 20 minutes prior to Saturday and Sunday Masses during Lent. 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.

Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist. Jesus said to Sr. Faustina; "Say unceasingly this chaplet that I have taught you. Anyone who says it will receive great MERCY at the hour of death. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this chaplet even once, will receive grace from My infinite Mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My Mercy".

~OUR GIFT TO GOD~

Being a sign of God's love to others, we know that our gifts of treasure are essential to our mission of following the loving path of Jesus. Our faith in the future urges us to continue the journey in gratitude, holiness, and service.

Thank you to everyone who so generously supports our parish.

Your financial support enables us to continue the on-going work of our ministry.

February 11 & 12, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	4,075
Building	105
Mass & Stole Gifts	20
Ash Wednesday	5
Total	\$4,205

40 DAYS FOR LIFE, February 22 ~ April 1

Our Opening Prayer Service will take place at 3pm on Feb 22 in front of the All Families "Healthcare" **abortion facility, located at 737 Spokane Avenue, Whitefish.**

There are three ways to participate in the campaign:

- Pray and fast for an end to abortion.
- Participate in community outreach with yard signs, bumper stickers, and talking with others about the dignity of life.
- Take part in the prayer vigil at the public right-of-way outside the abortion clinic. Prayer vigil hours will run from 7am – 7pm daily.

Risen Christ has volunteered to sponsor **Monday March 13 and Tuesday March 14.**

Go to 40daysforlife.com/Whitefish to sign up. It is highly recommended to sign up in pairs.

Your point of contact is Mike Hanson, (406) 314-7826 or mikester55@hotmail.com.

COFFEE HOUR THANK YOU

Thank you to all who baked the yummy treats for coffee hour.

Thank you to the workers: Teri & Tom Alger, Kathy Shanahan, Toni Gunnerson, and Judy Stack. And a big thank you to all that attended! This is a great time to meet your fellow parishioners!

BAKE SALE NEWS

The bake sale last weekend was a great success! Thank you to all the bakers who responded to our request, we appreciate you! The proceeds from this sale were \$543.00. Thank you again to all who made this happen.

If you wish to send a card of encouragement to the Seminarians, please contact the office. We have two addresses depending on which Seminary the men are located at. Our next bake sale will be held on March 11 & 12.

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2023**

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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
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
Aliya Kolb, rb Sandy Carter**

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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Shawn Kolb, rb Sandy Carter

**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, Bob & Barbara Vine
Mary Grace Galvin, Mike & Linda O'Neil, Larry Visocan, Mary Reckin
Ron & Margarite Bauer, Carol Trimble, Ruff & Falk Families
Sharon Coursey, Colleen & George Hutchens, Marian Ficek**

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**

**LADIESSCRIPTURE GROUP INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR
STATIONS OF THE CROSS – WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT, 10:00 AM**

Each Wednesday, beginning Ash Wednesday, during Lent we will join together for a mini pilgrimage through Jesus' last days as we move through the Stations of the Cross. If you would like to join us, bring your bibles.

**READINGS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 26, 2023**

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Romans 5:12, 17-19

Matthew 4:1-11

PRACTICE OF CHARITY

Often, fear is at the root of our temptations. We fail to act with charity because we are afraid of being exposed as unwise. We want power, wealth, and honor because we fear that somehow without them our lives will be without value. Jesus was able to turn away from these temptations because he knew who he was: the beloved Son, in whom the Father was well pleased.

♦ When we see ourselves as beloved children of God, we have nothing to fear. How can you love fearlessly this Lent?

♦ What do you need to do to say yes to living in God's light?

♦ Who needs your mercy? Determine how you can act mercifully to a family member or coworker.

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

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's & St. Matthew's Knights of Columbus will again offer traditional Lenten "Fish and Chips."

Both Councils will provide "dine-in" or "take-out" services from 4:30 to 6:45 PM.

St Matthew's Fish Fry

Friday, February 24th

Friday, March 10th

Friday, March 24th

Risen Christ Fish Fry

Friday, March 3rd

Friday, March 17th

This is an excellent opportunity for our parish families (and friends) to come together for a meal before the 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross or to take an evening off from cooking.

We hope to see you there.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, 2023, SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, April 14, 2023 – 5:30 pm Rosary & Mass offered for families

Conference: Saturday, April 15, 2023, Civic Center ~ Helena.

Sign up at helenacwc.com.

Eucharistic Congress & CYC Convention

March 24-26 Carroll College

An all-ages event designed to ignite and inspire our faith.

Families and people of all ages are invited to this inspiring, faith-filled weekend centered around the Eucharist and our theme: "Called to the Truth."

Cost includes all meals and programming:

- Adults: \$100
- College Student: \$50
- High School Youth (Grade 9-12): \$100
- Children in Grades K-8: \$30

(No family pays more than \$250)
More information and registration at:

DIOCESEHELENA.ORG/EUCHARISTICCONGRESS



PRAY FOR OUR SECOND GRADE STUDENTS

Our 2nd grade students just received their first Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please pray for them as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion.

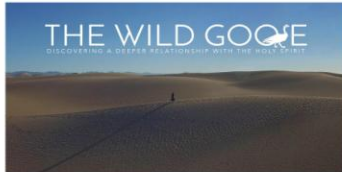
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of February 19, 2023



Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.



The Spirit and the Desert

Sometimes we might feel like we're stuck in spiritual deserts. In this episode of The Wild Goose, Fr. Dave Pivonka shares how the Holy Spirit is present even in these times of desolation.



Love—Sacrifice—Trust: He Showed Us the Way by Fr. Mike Schmitz

In this talk, Fr. Mike Schmitz shares with us the need to pick up our crosses and embrace Christ in our own suffering. He reminds us that love often means sacrifice!

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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
February 19, 2023 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 5:38-48

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. Words taken from today's gospel. Words that are recounted by Matthew as said by Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount. Words that to many of us seem unrealistic and impractical. Who can be expected to love their enemies and ask God to bless them?

But these "commands" of Jesus remain. And we should think of them as truly said by him. Otherwise, there would be no basis for including them in the Gospel of Matthew. While I admit to a very incomplete awareness of important sayings, I still cannot recall anyone else advocating such a radical challenge. (I did a Google search and I could only find comments on what Jesus said. Not anything like this from anyone else.)

There are two ways to respond to these challenging words. First, we might simply do it. Make a list of your enemies and instead of wishing them harm, love them. Do something good for them. And pray for them. Not just once but from now on. Good luck on that! And be prepared for some failure in your efforts. In a word, this verges on the impossible. And will be dismissed.

Or here's a second approach. One that has been accepted as a dimension of the spiritual life. Think of loving your enemies not so much as an absolute command, but as something to strive for. As an ideal, a goal, as something to honestly try to do, while at the same time accepting occasional failures to reach this ideal.

You can also reflect on the words Jesus adds at the end of today's gospel: That God has created, loved, and in somewhat poetic words, "makes the sun rise on both the bad and the good."

Most acknowledge today that we live in a very judgmental society. There now seems a widespread tendency to divide people into "the good guys and the bad guys." This judgmental inclination has even spread into church circles.

Thus, this is now a good time to seriously reflect on the words of Jesus and apply them to our own thoughts and judgments. We are all called by God to imitate God's own way of love. No one knows more than God our strengths and weakness, our successes and failures, our acts of virtue and our acts of vice. Still, God loves all of us.

David M. Thomas, PhD
(Send your thoughts on this to dmtii@aol.com)

LENT

Our observance of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which falls on Feb. 22nd this year. It is a day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. At Mass on Ash Wednesday, the imposition of ashes replicates and ancient penitential practice and symbolizes our dependence upon God's mercy and forgiveness.

The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The church asks us to surrender ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. The fasting we all do together on Fridays, is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and household fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms is some effort to share this world equally, not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.

The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not only to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of your hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

LENT REGULATIONS

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are the traditional pillars of our Lenten observance. Lent encourages us to place special emphasis on prayer, both personal prayer and praying together as God's people. The time of Lent offers a heightened awareness of almsgiving works of justice and charity, and tending to those who are in need.

Fasting and abstinence challenge us to avoid attachments to the "things" of this world.

All between the ages of 18 and 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

All who are 14 and older observe abstinence on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent. All others are encouraged to fast and abstain in ways appropriate to their circumstances. Fasting means one full meal each day with the other meals not equaling a full meal. Eating between meals is not allowed, but liquids are allowed.

Abstinence means that no meat is allowed. If health or ability to work would be seriously affected, fast and abstinence do not apply.

THE LENTEN CHALLENGE

Lent is a season of prayer and penance set apart by the church to prepare us for Easter and to recall Our Lord's fast in the desert. This season of preparation and sanctification can be fittingly accomplished through voluntary amendment of life, acts of penance, and work of charity. Lent is a time to learn to love our souls more than our bodies. Thus, every Christian should make a special effort to practice mortification and strive for holiness during the forty days of Lent.

Do Not Let This Time To Grow In Holiness Pass You By!

Consider the following categories on what you should do for Lent.

1. **Voluntary Amendment of Life:** Give up those things that you need to give up sooner or later, namely bad habits. Our goal here is to break a bad habit forever and Lent is a good time to do it. Love your soul more than your body.

Examples: Gossiping, surfing the web without real need, watching TV, overeating, eating between meals, eating junk food, bad drinking habits, complaining, saying vulgar words, not getting up on time, using a snooze alarm, wasting time playing video games, going to movies, etc.

- 2: **Acts of Penance:** Perform some kind of penance: Your goal here is to train yourself to say "no" in little things so that you can say "NO" to big temptations later. You may resume doing the things you have given up here once Lent is over. Love your soul more than your body!

Examples: Avoid eating or drinking something that you enjoy, such as desserts. Give up eating out, taking hot showers, drinking alcoholic beverages, etc.

3. **Works of Charity:** Perform some good and holy actions. Your goal here is to strengthen your relationship with Christ and His Beloved Church. Ideally what you start here would continue in some way even after Lent is over. Love God more than yourself.

Examples: Pray the rosary every day, attend daily Mass as much as possible, read the Sacred Scriptures, spend more time with Family, increase spiritual reading, make a daily visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament or some shrine of Our Lady.



February 10, 2023

Dear Pastors and Pastoral Administrators,

Reacting to the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, Pope Francis has asked Catholics to be in solidarity with the region. The death toll had reached close to 20,000 as of February 9, with the number of dead expected to grow. Watching the horrifying scenes of children being pulled from the rubble is heartbreaking, and the need for immediate help is clear. Therefore, I am asking that our parishes hold a 2nd collection or take the time to make your parishioners aware of these two Catholic organizations who have already established online giving portals to assist:

- [Catholic Near East Welfare Association](#) has launched an emergency campaign to shelter survivors and provide bedding, food, medicines, nursing formula, diapers, and clothing to more than 2,000 families for three months in the Aleppo and Hama areas of northern Syria. Anyone who would prefer to mail a check rather than give online can mail it to Catholic Near East Welfare Association, 1011 First Avenue, New York, NY 10022-4195 (they should indicate it is for earthquake relief on the check).
- [Catholic Relief Services](#), An email was sent to your parish office from Sharon Witham in the Stewardship Office today. It contains details of CRS efforts in the region. Again, if anyone would prefer not to give online, their address is Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 5200, Harlan, IA 51593-0700 (they should indicate it is for earthquake relief on the check).

If you do the second collection, please remit the funds to our finance office ASAP, please indicate that funds are to be used for humanitarian and ecclesial assistance in Syria and Turkey. Please feel free to share the above contact information in your bulletin, on your parish website and social media. I thank you in advance for your compassionate generosity at this time of crisis, loss and great need for our brothers and sisters in Turkey and Syria.

In Christ, I am

+ Austin A. Vetter

Most Reverend Austin A. Vetter
Bishop of Helena

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