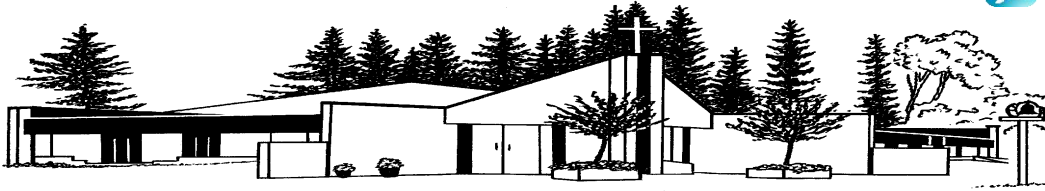


# RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT** ..... **February 26, 2023**  
**Saturday, February 25**, Mass for February Intentions ..... **6:30 pm**  
**Sunday, February 26**, Mass for the Parish ..... **9:00 am**  
**Tuesday Feb. 28**, Mass for the Soul of Rosemary Armbruster, rb Bob Pearce .. **8:45 am**  
**Thursday, March 2**, Soul of Brandon Wilson, rb Suzanne Johnson..... **8:45 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, March 4 & 5, 2023**

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Judy Hughes	Kathy Shanahan
Cup Minister	Suzanne Johnson	Jamie Miller
		Lilia Hattel
Lector	Vicki Walbruch	Jack Fallon
	Jackie Jensen	Anne Mahoney
Server	Rick Nease	Ron Boespflug
Greeters	Don Zimmerman – Rose Hall	Tom & Teri Alger

**PLEASE NOTE**

**Sacrament of Baptism by appointment**

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

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Feb	25	Chaplet of the Divine Mercy .....	6:15 pm
	26	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	
		Chaplet of the Divine Mercy .....	8:45 am
		<b>Black and Indian Mission Collection</b>	
		KC Breakfast .....	After Sunday Mass
	28	Choir .....	7:30 pm
March	1	Ladies' Scripture, Stations of the Cross .....	10:00 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
	4	Chaplet of the Divine Mercy .....	6:15 pm
	5	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	
		Chaplet of the Divine Mercy .....	8:45 am
	7	Choir .....	7:30 pm
	8	Ladies' Scripture, Stations of the Cross .....	10:00 am
		Religious Formation, Grades K-6.....	4:00 – 5:00 pm
	9	Soup & Bread Supper .....	5:30 pm
	11	Chaplet of the Divine Mercy .....	6:15 pm
		Bake Sale .....	After weekend Masses
	12	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	
		Chaplet of the Divine Mercy .....	8:45 am
		Coffee Hour .....	After Mass
		Bake Sale .....	After Mass
		Evening Prayer .....	4:00 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 12<sup>th</sup> - 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.
- Ladies Scripture – Stations of the Cross, Wednesdays, 10:00 am



**~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 18 & 19, 2023**

Sunday Envelop	8,564
Building	60
Ash Wednesday	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,664</b>

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Our 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign has begun.

Risen Christ is sponsoring Monday, March 13th, and Tuesday, March 14th.

We have a lot of open spots, so please sign up.

Mike Hanson will be in the vestibule after each Mass to answer any questions you may have and to help you sign up.

**REMEMBER** that it is highly recommended to sign up in pairs.

Pray and fast for the success of this spring's campaign to end the scourge of abortion.

**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.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL**

Please pick up your Rice Bowls that are in the social area. You may return your Rice Bowls anytime during Holy Week or after that to the parish office.

Thank you for your generosity.

**LADIES' SCRIPTURE 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, please bring your bibles.

**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 & Diane 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, Peg Gebhardt**

**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 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 5, 2023**

**Genesis 12:1-4a**

**2 Timothy 1:8b-10**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

**PRACTICE OF HOPE**

The transfiguration of Jesus, proclaimed early in Lent, offers a glimmer of hope during our season in the desert. It was the same for Peter, James, and John. They had just heard Jesus predict his passion for the first time. When we are in the thick of our struggles, it can be nearly impossible to remember that God makes all things new.

♦ What can you do to help someone who is struggling? Perhaps you could make a meal for a family who has suffered a loss or has a sick member.

♦ Ask a friend who is struggling with faith about a time they have felt God's love and consolation. Share a time when you have felt God's transforming presence.

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 24<sup>th</sup>

Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

**Risen Christ Fish Fry**

Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

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.

## **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](http://DIOCESEHELENA.ORG/EUCHARISTICCONGRESS)**



**PARISH RETREAT DAY AT THE SYCAMORE TREE CATHOLIC RETREAT CENTER**

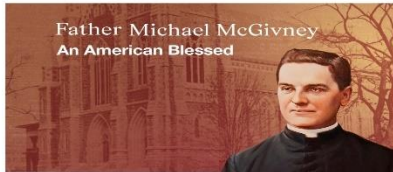
The Sycamore Tree has served the Diocese of Helena for more than 40 years. We frequently hear from people that they are sorry they didn't learn about us sooner. So, we are inviting the parishes of the Diocese to schedule a parish retreat day with us.

This "come and see" day will include a tour of the property, history of the retreat center, Mass if a priest is available, BYO lunch, and a reflection on Zacchaeus climbing "a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus" Luke 19:4.

Please contact Michelle Jenkins, Director, to schedule a date for your group. We look forward to sharing your diocesan retreat center with you. 406-754-2429

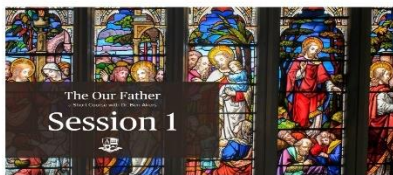
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Week of February 26, 2023



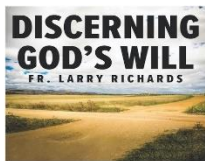
## Father Michael McGivney: An American Blessed

In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity.



## Session 1: Jesus: Model and Master of Prayer

In this episode of his course on the Our Father, Dr. Ben Akers teaches us what we can learn from the perfect model and master of prayer: Jesus himself.



## Discerning God's Will by Fr. Larry Richards

Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories! Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories!

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and  GRACIAS PRESS

To register please go to: [www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org](http://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*  
*February 26, 2023 – First Sunday of Lent*  
*Matthew 4:1-11*

This year at the beginning of Lent we hear Matthew's account of the temptations of Jesus. We are led to think about the wily ways used by the devil to tempt Jesus. We learn that in the end Jesus prevailed. Basic to these temptations was the devil's attempt to urge Jesus to act beyond the ordinary limits of human agency. To be more than human.

In this reflection I want to focus on a passage at the beginning of today's gospel: He fasted for forty days and forty nights and afterwards he was hungry." Of course, he was! Any of us would be. No food for forty days? That's not a diet; it's starvation.

After all, he was human. Perhaps in no other passage of the gospel is the humanity of Jesus more in evidence. Without food, humans feel hungry. Even after a day without food, we sense the pangs of hunger. It is an experience that is both physical and mental.

Many years back I earned a doctoral degree in theology. I have taught in various universities for decades. So now I assume my professorial role and based on today's gospel, I put forth the following question. Who is Jesus?

Many might answer, Jesus is the Son of God, the second person of the Blessed Trinity. And I would reply, yes, but that's only half right. Your grade is 50%, which wherever I taught was not a passing grade. A better answer is that Jesus besides being divine was and still is also human, though, as the Church has long taught, a human person without sin. But still, completely human.

So that he was hungry after his forty-day fast is a good starting point for affirming his human nature. He also had to learn how to do things. He was not born with the ability to read or write. He had to learn how to be a good son. He had to learn the difference between right and wrong. He had to learn a craft, which in his case was to become a carpenter from his dad.

And he also felt the limitations of being human like the pangs of hunger, the weight of worry and anxiety, the effort needed for endurance and achieving goals, the hardship of broken relationships and failed efforts, the fear of suffering and death. I like to think of Jesus as an older brother who has seen it all and felt it all too.

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