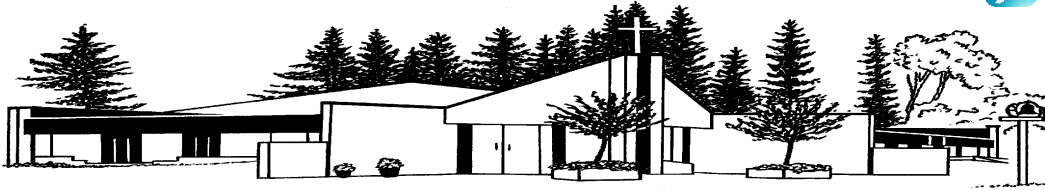


# RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT** ..... **March 12, 2023**  
**Saturday, March 11**, Mass for March Intentions..... **6:30 pm**  
**Sunday, March 12**, Mass for the Parish..... **9:00 am**  
**Tues. March 14**, Mass for the Souls of Ed & Bridget Hey, rb Suzanne Johnson **8:45 am**  
**Thursday, March 16**, Soul of Virginia Hanson, 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, March 18 & 19, 2023

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Vicki Walbruch	Ron Beospflug
Cup Minister	Judy Hughes	<b>EM NEEDED</b>
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Lector	Suzanne Johnson	Jim Galvin
	Maureen Neitzling	TJ Higgins
Server	Rick Nease	Jamie Miller
Greeters	Sam Nease – Rose Hall	Dan & Tammy Newton

### PLEASE NOTE

Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

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

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- March 12 **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
- Chaplet of the Divine Mercy ..... 8:45 am
- Bake Sale ..... After Weekend Masses
- Coffee Hour ..... After Mass
- Evening Prayer ..... 4:00 pm
- 14 KC Ladies', Nickel Charlie's ..... 6:00 pm
- Knights of Columbus ..... 6:00 pm
- Choir ..... 7:30 pm
- 15 Men's Prayer..... 8:00 am
- Ladies' Scripture, Stations of the Cross ..... 10:00 am
- Religious Formation, Grades K-6..... 4:00 – 5:00 pm
- 16 St. Patrick Day Dinner ..... 6:00 pm
- 17 Fish Fry ..... 4:30-6:45
- Parish Stations of the Cross ..... 7:00 pm
- 18 Chaplet of the Divine Mercy ..... 6:15 pm
- 19 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
- Catholic Relief Services Collection**
- Chaplet of the Divine Mercy ..... 8:45 am
- KC Breakfast ..... After Mass
- 21 **NO CHOIR**
- 22 Ladies' Scripture, Stations of the Cross ..... 10:00 am
- Religious Formation, Grades K-6..... 4:00 – 5:00 pm
- 23 Soup & Bread Supper ..... 5:30 pm
- 25 Chaplet of the Divine Mercy ..... 6:15 pm
- 26 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
- Chaplet of the Divine Mercy ..... 8:45 am
- 28 Chrism Mass..... St. Helena Cathedral
- NO DAILY MASS**
- Choir..... 7:30 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 15 minutes before each Mass
- Stations of the Cross:  
Ladies Scripture – Stations of the Cross, Wednesdays, 10:00 am  
Parish Stations of the Cross, Friday evening, 7:00 PM
- Penance Service with Individual Confession – Date TBD.



### 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.

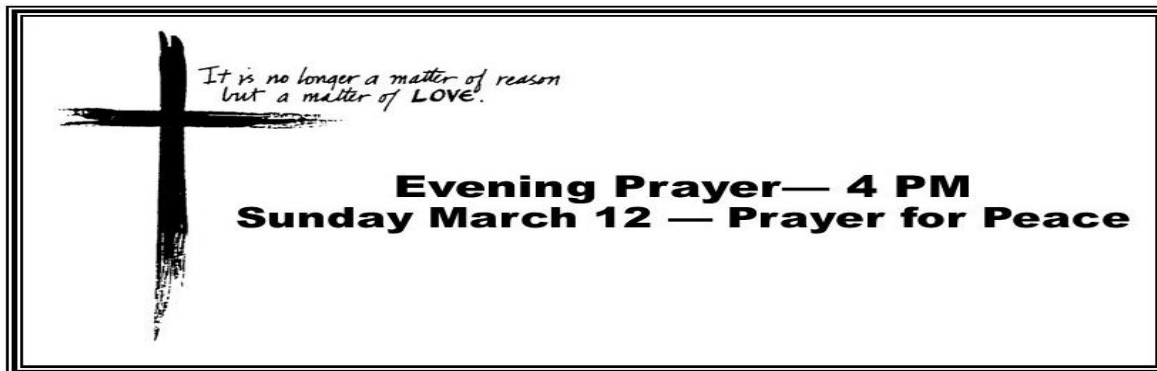
**March 4 & 5, 2023**

Sunday Envelopes	6,056
Building Fund	695
Ash Wednesday	5
Mass & Stole Gifts	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,801</b>

### CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY SIGN-UP

#### **LEADERS NEEDED FOR March 19, 25 & 26.**

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed 15 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.



*It is no longer a matter of reason  
but a matter of LOVE.*

**Evening Prayer— 4 PM  
Sunday March 12 — Prayer for Peace**

### FISH FRY DATES

**Risen Christ's & St. Matthew's KCs** will again offer Lenten Fish Dinners.

Traditional Fish Fry is at Risen Christ and Fish Tacos at St. Matthew.

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

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.

**Risen Christ Fish Fry**

Friday, March 17th

**St. Matthew's Fish Fry**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 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  
Douglas E. Hutchens, 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 & 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  
Marian Ficek, Peg Gebhardt, George & Colleen Hutchens  
Jan Kammerzell, Deacon Jay and Charlene Biedermann  
Family of Mike & Shasta, Newton & Kolb Families

**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

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

Next week we support The Catholic Relief Services. Designated funds provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please find an envelope on the entrance table and give generously to the CSR and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MARCH 19, 2023**

**1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7,10-13a      Ephesians 5:8-14      John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38**

**PRACTICE OF CHARITY**

Jesus says that the man was born blind “that the works of God might be made visible through him.” In fact, the man born blind goes out on mission to the people of his community. He experiences healing from Jesus and then proclaims what has occurred. He testifies to Jesus’ identity as “the light of the world.”

♦ Jesus healed both physical and spiritual illnesses. Do you know someone who needs a listening ear? Perhaps you could invite that person to lunch after Mass.

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. 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**

**IRISH BLESSING**

Wishing you a rainbow for sunlight after showers—  
Miles and miles of Irish smiles for golden happy hours—  
Shamrocks at your doorway for luck and laughter too,  
And a host of friends that never ends each day your whole life through!





**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Please come and enjoy the **Knights of Columbus “2023 Vernal Equinox Breakfast,”**  
Let us celebrate a new season beginning Sunday Morning, March 19<sup>th</sup>,  
immediately following Mass.

**“Help the Knights of Columbus Help Others!”**

### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

The Risen Christ Easter Bunny is looking for wrapped candy (no little boxes of candy) to fill plastic eggs for the egg hunt. We are also in need of plastic eggs. The egg hunt will be after Mass on Easter Sunday.

If you can help, please bring items to the parish office.



### **ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER**

Please join us on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for a traditional Irish feast of corned beef and cabbage. This will be held in the parish center.



There is no cost, but donations are appreciated.

***There will be Irish music and door prizes.*** You won't want to miss this fun evening of fellowship and food. A signup sheet is in the social area. Seating is limited. Contact Connie McCubbins if you are interested in helping. 406-250-5904.

### **POP TOPS THANK YOU**

Thank you for continuing to save your pop tops for the Ronald McDonald House. Your efforts are very much appreciated for this important cause.

### **INTO THE BREACH -FAITH FORMATION**

As we all know, our church is under attack by Satan. Over 14 million Catholics left the faith between 2000 – 2015. We celebrate fewer baptisms, fewer marriages, and there are fewer children in Religious Education classes. This is a serious breach, a gaping hole in Christ's battle lines.

The Knights of Columbus are inviting all Catholic men to put their faith into action by “stepping into the breach” – to fill this gap that lies open and vulnerable to further attack. The Knights will be sponsoring an 8-week program called *Into the Breach*, to be held on Monday nights at 7pm, beginning on April 10th. They will conduct signups over the next two weekends in the vestibule.

Points of contact are Rick Nease (406-471-2697 or [rick.nease@kofc.org](mailto:rick.nease@kofc.org)) and Mike Hanson (406-314-7826 or [mikester55@hotmail.com](mailto:mikester55@hotmail.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](http://DIOCESEHELENA.ORG/EUCHARISTICCONGRESS)**

**Reminder: Eucharistic Procession Open to All**

Whether or not you are a registered participant of the Eucharistic Congress/CYC Convention, March 25-26, in Helena, all are invited to join in the Eucharistic Procession from the Cathedral of St. Helena to All Saints Chapel at Carroll College at 12:30 pm on Sunday (weather permitting). The procession is expected to last around one hour and is a wonderful opportunity for us to prayerfully witness our love for Christ.

## **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

We are about halfway through our spring campaign for 40 Days for Life. Risen Christ is sponsoring the prayer vigil in front of the abortion facility in Whitefish this Monday, March 13th, and Tuesday, March 14th. We have a lot of open spots, so please sign up. Our Midway Event will take place on Saturday, March 18th, at 12 noon at Risen Christ social hall.

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.

Please pray and fast for the success of this spring's campaign to end the scourge of abortion. Thank you!

## **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

*"Come to Me" - Matthew 11:28*

*Join women from MT and beyond for prayer, speakers, music, fellowship and more!*

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN**

Saturday April 15, 2023, Civic Center, Helena, Montana

Register online: [www.helenacwc.com](http://www.helenacwc.com)

# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of March 12, 2023



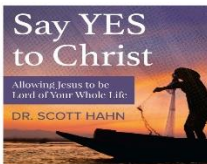
## The Story of Death Eternal Rest Episode 1

Where did death come from? What does death mean for the human person? Is it simply just part of life, or is it something else? In this first session, we discuss the story of death and God's response to it: defeating death by dying and rising from the dead.



## Living Lent as a Family (Part 2 of 4)

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Keenan and Bri Fitzpatrick, parents of four, to discuss liturgical living during Lent and marks of the Christian home in our world today.



## Say Yes to Christ: Allowing Jesus to be Lord of Your Whole Life by Scott Hahn

Mary conformed the entirety of her life to the Divine Will. In doing so, she became the model of perfect discipleship. In this talk, Dr. Scott Hahn discusses why we too should surrender our lives to the Lord.

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Fr. Stan



*The Nazareth Page*  
*A gospel meditation for your home*  
*March 5, 2023 – Second Sunday of Lent*  
*Matthew 17:1-9*

We cannot fully understand the events surrounding Good Friday unless we also think about the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. And we cannot grasp the full meaning of Easter without recalling the events that preceded it, his passion and death, especially toward the end. They are all part of the same narrative, the full reality of the life of Jesus. And in some ways, our own lives as well.

The suffering a death of Jesus would test the faith of his closest friends and followers. Among them were disciples named Peter, James and John. Perhaps they were among the closest of those who accepted his invitation “to follow him.” They might need extra assistance in understanding the full meaning of the mission of Jesus, all its ups and downs..

Each year during Lent the Church places before us an account of a mountain climb that was led by Jesus himself, one made along with three followers close to him. Their trek involved a mountain described in today’s gospel as one that was very high. Living among the mountains of western Montana, I can easily visualize that. Mountaintop views are always impressive and memorable.

Each Lent, through the readings selected by our Church, we are reminded of key aspects of our Christian faith. At the end of Lent, we recall the glorious resurrection of Jesus as human. His humanity was transformed. The Jesus who deeply suffered and died a painful death by crucifixion was, in fact, brought back to risen life to live forever.

And this same future was promised to us, after we have lived lives of goodness and love. And lives that will include difficulties, uncertainties and suffering. But we are not required to face life’s challenges alone. God’s Spirit is with us.

We each (hopefully) have moments in this life when we catch glimpses of what lies ahead. They will be moments when storm clouds clear and we can more easily imagine a future when we will enter a life of eternal joy and happiness. They help us through inevitable hard times. It’s all part of God’s plan when we were created. So, treasure all of life, especially its moments of joy, however fleeting or small.

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*The Nazareth Page*  
*A gospel meditation for your home*  
*March 12, 2023 – Third Sunday of Lent*  
*John 4:5-22*

The woman at the well. That's all that needs be said to many familiar with gospel narratives. It is clearly one of the most interesting and compelling events recorded in the gospels. And this is why I think we are drawn to it. It is so memorable ... and important.

As John's Gospel tells it, this incident in the life of Jesus happened in an unlikely place, Samaria. In the time of Jesus, this area was off-limits to good Jews. Samaritans were thought of as people unfaithful to God. Many had married non-Jews and they did not worship God in the right way nor on the right place. Nevertheless, Jesus visited Samaria and had one of the most important conversations of his life. And to add a further dimension, he spoke with someone who, shall we say, had a quite colorful past.

First worth noting, he spoke with an unaccompanied woman. Not just any woman, but one who had five marriages that had ended, and was currently living with a man outside of marriage. One might think that Jesus would avoid even being seen with such a person. Wrong. She was exactly the kind of person he wanted to befriend and help.

The issue at hand concerned water at the well. Many readers of this gospel might well suspect that this was not only about water to drink, but water to survive. And not only earthly survival, but even survival with God forever. And that would be correct for Jesus came to not only offer us a better way to live here and now, but forever. And he wanted this message to be given not only to Jews, but to everyone. Even to those many Jews at that time considered "outsiders."

And to add an additional dimension to this exceptional narrative, was it not also saying that women were loved by God, but should play an important role in "spreading the word" about Jesus and his message?

This point is not lost on contemporary scholars who carefully study the gospels. They point out that this wonderful woman became one of the first to "preach the gospel" concerning Jesus and the life he came to communicate to all. She would be not only one of the first ones to introduce Jesus, but perhaps the first evangelist! Although we might wonder, why was she not named?

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