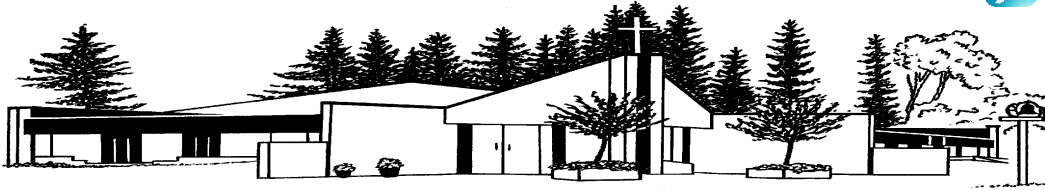


# RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT** ..... **March 19, 2023**  
**Saturday, March 18**, Mass for March Intentions ..... **6:30 pm**  
**Sunday, March 19**, Mass for the Parish..... **9:00 am**  
**Tues. March 21**, Mass for the Soul of Marvin Winston, rb Suzanne Johnson..... **8:45 am**  
**Thursday, March 23**, Int. of 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 25 & 26, 2023

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Jamie Miller	Pati Heath
Cup Minister	Jovita Kottraba	Paul Heath
		Connie McCubbins
Lector	Dixon Rice	Mike Hanson
	Jackie Jensen	Kathy Shanahan
Server	Don Zimmerman	
Greeters	Matt & Missy Kapelanczyk	Fresa Tobiason – Lilia Hattel

### PLEASE NOTE

Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

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

## DATES TO REMEMBER

March	19	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	
		<b>Catholic Relief Services Collection</b>	
		Chaplet of the Divine Mercy .....	8:45 am
		KC Breakfast .....	After Mass
	21	<b>CHOIR CANCELLED</b>	
	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	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	
		Chaplet of the Divine Mercy .....	8:45 am
	28	Chrism Mass.....	St. Helena Cathedral
		<b>NO DAILY MASS</b>	
		Choir.....	7:00 pm
	29	Ladies' Scripture, Stations of the Cross .....	10:00 am
		<b>NO RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASSES</b>	
		Soup & Bread Supper .....	5:30 pm
	30	Penance Service with Individual Confession, St. Matthew .....	6:00 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

- **Chaplet of the Divine Mercy - Prayed 15 minutes before each Mass**
- **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 – March 30, 6:00 pm at St. Matthew.**

### EASTER EGG HUNT

The Risen Christ Easter Bunny is in need of **large** plastic eggs and **smaller** wrapped candy. The candy must be able to fit into the eggs.

The egg hunt will be after Mass on Easter Sunday.

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



### CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY - LEADERS NEEDED FOR MARCH 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.

## 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 11 & 12, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	3,917
Building Fund	215
Mass & Stole Gifts	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,152</b>

### **ST. MATTHEW FISH FRY - FRIDAY, MARCH 24th**

St. Matthew's KC's will be offering Fish Taco Dinners.

"Dine-in" or "take-out" services will be available 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.

### **THANK YOU**

On behalf of Risen Christ Catholic Church, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank **Anthony Fuchsel of Montana Roofing Solutions** for his company's work on replacing the roof shingles on our bell tower. Once notified of this issue, within days, Anthony's company graciously provided new shingles and the labor to correct the problem. Thank You! *Father Stan Rog*

### **BAKE SALE THANK YOU**

A heartfelt thank you to all who baked, purchased bakery items, and tended the sale table. We are so thankful for your participation in this fund raiser for the Seminarians.

The proceeds from this bake sale were \$354.00.

As always, please do not forget to keep the Seminarians in your prayers.

**Please note**, the next Bake Sale will be the weekend after Easter, April 15 & 16.

### **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.

**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**

**Shirley McClarty, rb Risen Christ Parish**

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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, George & Colleen Hutchens, Peg Gebhardt**

**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 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE "Come to Me" - Matthew 11:28**

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

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

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

**READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 26, 2023**

**Ezekiel 37: 12-14      Romans 8:8-11      John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45**

**PRACTICE OF HOPE**

There is a danger embedded in our conviction that God can transform any suffering: rendering suffering meaningless. Sometimes we hear: "It's all for the best." "Everything happens for a reason." God has a plan." Jesus turns these platitudes on their heads when he raises Lazarus and states, "I am the resurrection and the life." Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God, says unambiguously that he is the God of life. He does not will our suffering. He weeps with us as we grieve. He feels the separation of death. Authentic hope is something different than platitudes. It is a belief that in those moments when we most struggle, Jesus is there with us.

♦ Is there someone who is in need of accompaniment during their suffering? Give them the gift of your time.

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**

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

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

## **CHRISM MASS INVITATION**

The Faithful of the Diocese of Helena are invited to attend Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Helena which will take place at Noon on Tuesday, March 28, 2023. The Chrism Mass is a special celebration in the liturgical life of the Church in the Diocese of Helena. Bishop Vetter will bless the Holy Oils for use in the coming year and priests of the diocese will renew their priestly promises.

The Oil of the Sick is used in Sacrament of the Sick to bring the strengthening and healing power of Christ who is at work in the Church by the action of the Holy Spirit. The Oil of Catechumens is used at Baptism, to strengthen (with wisdom and courage to live the Gospel) and purify candidates (from original sin) before baptizing with water. The Oil of Chrism, or Sacred Chrism, is a mixture of olive oil and balsam fragrance used just after Baptism, and to seal candidates for Confirmation. It is also used to anoint the hands of priests and the heads of bishops at Ordination.

## **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)).

## **An Opportunity to Help Your Parish!**

It's time for the **ANNUAL PARISH ENDOWMENT MATCH** program!

**\$ 300** Is how much the FOUNDATION will give each parish endowment.

**\$ 300** If a parish receives \$300 worth of gifts to the church endowment by March 31, 2023, the church will receive another . . .

**+ \$ 300** matching gift from the FOUNDATION!

**\$ 900** Will be added to your parish endowment to help perpetuate our faith for generations to come!

*Last year the FOUNDATION gave \$30,000 to our parishes through these grants and matches!*

Mail your tax deductible donation to **FDOH, PO Box 1729, Helena, MT 59624** and put the name of your parish on the memo line, or **donate online at [fdoh.org/giving](http://fdoh.org/giving)**. Questions? Contact the Foundation at 406-389-7050.

*Match donations must be postmarked by March 31, 2023.*



**FOUNDATION**  
for the Diocese of Helena

# 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.

## **SYMBOLISM OF THE EASTER EGGS**

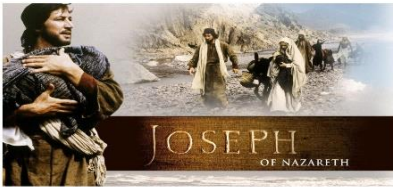
The Easter egg is one of the most widely recognized Easter symbols, but because it has been widely secularized, we sometimes forget the Resurrection symbolism of the egg. Here is the explanation of the symbolism of the egg.

The custom of having Easter eggs is very widespread, so much so that the Christian meaning has been all but forgotten. Of course, these Easter eggs are symbols of the Risen Christ. As a chick breaks the shell when it is hatched and begins life, so Our Lord comes forth living from the tomb. Consequently, it is a good custom to paint figures of Christ, the Easter Lamb, etc. on the colored eggs. Many of the other symbols which the Church uses in her liturgy may be used also.

[Catholicculture.org](http://Catholicculture.org)

# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of March 19, 2023



## Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



## The Annunciation | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene.



## St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father

While the Gospel has not preserved any of his words, his actions have resounded through the ages. St. Joseph stands out as the model par excellence of Christian virtue. Encounter St. Joseph in a new way with St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

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To register please go to: [www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org](https://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  
March 19, 2023 – Fourth Sunday of Lent  
John 9:1-41

When I was fifty years old, while teaching at a Jesuit university, I was invited by a kindly Jesuit priest to take the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. I accepted his invitation. So, each day I would reflect and pray about a specific incident in the life of Jesus. The purpose of these daily “exercises” was to provide me with a more honest understanding of myself, and more importantly, increase my awareness of God’s presence and love for me. (Actually, for all of us!) At the conclusion of these spiritual meditations about a year later, I was given the charge “to see God in all things.”

Part of the wisdom upon which the exercises are based is that God is everywhere and involved in most all the events of our lives. In failing to recognize God’s immediate presence, we suffer from spiritual blindness. We see surfaces but not the totality of all that is there. Recalling Graham Green’s brilliant novel, *The Heart of the Matter*, we may overlook exactly that, the matter that is most important.

Sometimes we are too busy or distracted by other things or too focused on our own unmet needs or worried about what’s going on in our own lives. This is not surprising given the many possible distractions filling our days. Our world today offers many possible ways we might suffer from missing or not attending to God’s presence. Or even consciousness of ourselves and we move through each day. Partial awareness might also be called a form of “spiritual blindness.”

So how might we be cured of this? First, it’s important to recognize that we might easily suffer from impaired vision. If we don’t “see” God’s presence in us and around us, maybe it is because we are not looking for it.

Or perhaps we are simply preoccupied with other matters, like the need to keep updated on the latest news, emails, social media content and so forth. Or the many demands for our attention arising from family, home, work and a thousand other places. Some of these matters rightfully require our attention. They make up the central agenda of our being a responsible Christian, citizen, family member and good neighbor.

And God should be conscious part of all that. But again, are we seeing these matters as related to God’s presence among us and with us and even in us? Seeing God requires a special kind of vision, but it’s one that’s available to all of us.

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