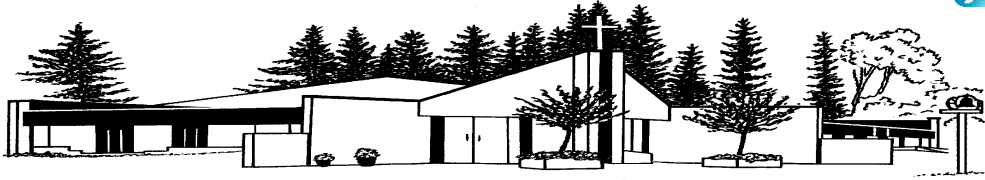

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORDApril 9, 2023

Saturday, April 8, NO MASS 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 9, Mass for the Parish9:00 am

Tuesday, April 11, For the Soul of deceased priests from the Diocese.....8:45 am

Thursday, April 13, For the Soul of deceased priests from the Diocese 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, April 15, 16, 2023

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Jovita Kottraba	Kathy Shanahan
Cup Minister	Vicki Walbruch	Mike Hanson
	Judy Hughes	Lilia Hattel
Lector	Dixon Rice	Betty Heino
	Jackie Jensen	Anne Mahoney
Server	Don Zimmerman	Richard & Rosemary Brester
Greeter	Matt & Missy Kapelanczyk	Gary Hembd

PLEASE NOTE

Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 9 **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**
- 10 Holiday, Parish Office Closed
- Into the Breach Men’s Faith Formation 7:00 pm
- 11 KC Ladies, Nickel Charlie’s..... 6:00 pm
- Knights of Columbus, (Leaders meeting at 5:00 pm) 6:00 pm
- 16 **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**
- Bake Sale After Weekend Masses
- Parish Breakfast, sponsored by Knights of Columbus..... after Mass
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy and opportunity for confession..... 3:00 pm
- 17 Into the Breach Men’s Faith Formation 7:00 pm
- 18 Choir..... 7:30 pm
- 19 Men’s Prayer Group..... 8:00 am
- Religious Formation, Grades K-6..... 4:00 – 5:00 pm
- 23**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
- Confirmation, Risen Christ 4:00 pm
- Confirmation, St. Matthew..... 7:00 pm
- 24 Into the Breach Men’s Faith Formation 7:00 pm
- 25 Choir..... 7:30 pm
- 26 Religious Formation, Grades K-6..... 4:00 – 5:00 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Council 8329 at Risen Christ will meet on Tuesday, April 11. Leaders’ meeting starts at 5 pm. Meal for all members will be served at 6 pm. General meeting begins at 6:30 pm.
Point of contact is Rick Nease, (406) 471-2697, mountainboys75@gmail.com.

OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS

Mr. Victor Hannuneh is part of a group of Palestinian Christians traveling around our country selling exquisite olive wood religious works made by Palestinian Christian families. The revenue generated helps to restore justice to an oppressed Palestinian Christian minority, supports over 300 families of skilled carvers and helps in keeping a Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Victor will display the carvings after weekend Masses here at Risen Christ on April 15th & 16th. Your purchase, however small or big, will be an act of social justice as well as provide an opportunity to own or give as gifts, original folk art from Bethlehem.
There will be great ideas for Confirmation and First Communion gifts.

OUR GIFT TO GOD~

Thank you to everyone who so generously supports our parish.
Your financial support enables us to continue the on-going work of our ministry.

April 1 & 2, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,238
Building Fund	250
Easter	100
Mass & Stole Gifts	45
Total	\$5,633

INTO THE BREACH -FAITH FORMATION

We are in the middle of a spiritual battle in our country. Society is attacking marriage, family, and the right to life from conception until natural death. Over 16 million Catholics have left the faith in the last 20 years. 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 will be sponsoring an 8-week program called *Into the Breach*, to be held on Monday nights at 7pm, beginning Monday, April 10th. See Mike Hanson to sign up in the vestibule.

Points of contact are Rick Nease (406-471-2697 or rick.nease@kofc.org) and Mike Hanson (406-314-7826 or mikester55@hotmail.com).

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

On Sunday, April 16th, 3:00 pm, @ Risen Christ, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be sung.
Father Stan will hear confessions during that hour, 3 - 4 pm.

EASTER – THE GREATEST CELEBRATION

“Many people didn't believe in the teachings and things that Jesus would speak about 2000 years ago, but right after he was resurrected from the dead, many turned their eyes to see that He is our Lord. Jesus' resurrection during Easter, not only renews our faith, but also gives us peace, restores our souls, mends our brokenness and helps us to conquer our struggles, especially when we are overwhelmed.”

“Easter is a time to remember that we are all saved. Jesus died so that we could be saved from sin, and that although we do sin as humans, if we see Him as that light that can bring us out of darkness, we can live in His light continually.”

-Claudia Stevens, Catholic L.I.F.E President

He is risen

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023**

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
Fleckenstein Family, rb Evelyn Fleckenstein
Ronald Brockway, rb Mary Ann Brockway
Rose M. Kocar, rb Mary Ann Brockway
Mickey Duelfer, rb Risen Christ Parish

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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Family of Mike & Shasta
Newton & Kolb Families
Family of Johnnie & Virginia

**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, Laurie Brandon
Peg Gebhardt, George & Colleen Hutchens
Deacon Jay & Charlene Biedermann, Francie Lipp

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

REMEMBER OUR UPCOMING BAKE SALE!

The next bake sale will be held on April 15th and 16th. Bring your wallets and be sure to check out our delicious pies, cakes, and other yummy desserts.

As always proceeds will go to the Seminarian Fund.

READINGS FOR THE SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

APRIL 16, 2023

Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

PRACTICE OF CHARITY

“Peace be with you.” His closest friends had run away in fear at his time of greatest need. The risen Christ begins not with scolding, but with the gift of peace.

◆Perhaps you have relationships that are in need of this gift of peace. We know that human beings are prone to hurting one another, failing one another, falling short of their own ideals when it comes to love of God and love of neighbor. Reach out. Offer the peace of Christ.

◆Take some time this week to pray Psalm 118, focusing on the words, “His mercy endures forever.”

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

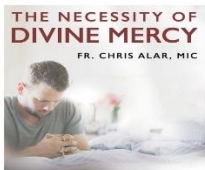
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of April 09, 2023



Divine Mercy Chaplet | Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

Consider praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in a new way with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. This video on FORMED includes breathtaking footage of Catholics across the world performing works of mercy and asking God to have mercy on us.



The Necessity of Divine Mercy by Fr. Chris Alar

Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, reveals the urgency to live and share the powerful message of Divine Mercy. He explains the basics of the Divine Mercy feast, image, novena, chaplet, and hour of mercy, and how to incorporate them into your spiritual life.



Misery Meets Mercy: Saint Faustina

St. Faustina is known as the "secretary of Divine Mercy" because of the revelations of the Lord to her about His unfathomable mercy. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz as they discuss her proclamation of the message of Divine Mercy.

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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
April 9, 2023 – Easter Sunday
John 20:1-9

Here's a good question for all of us: Why is Easter the most important feast of the church? There are many good answers for this question, but one of the most important ones is that if Jesus had not risen from the dead and his life had not continued, there is good reason to think that his memory would have been soon forgotten and lost in the shadows of history. He would have come and gone.

But he lived on and appeared to his followers on multiple occasions and in various places. Thus began a new chapter in the lives of his followers, one that has continued to the present day. In Jesus we encounter not only the Risen Christ, but a promise of our own future. Yes, we too will die, but we will continue to live on. God has created us to live forever. Exactly how and where will be shown to us once we, like Jesus, end our existence here on Earth. Death for all of us is the supreme rite of passage.

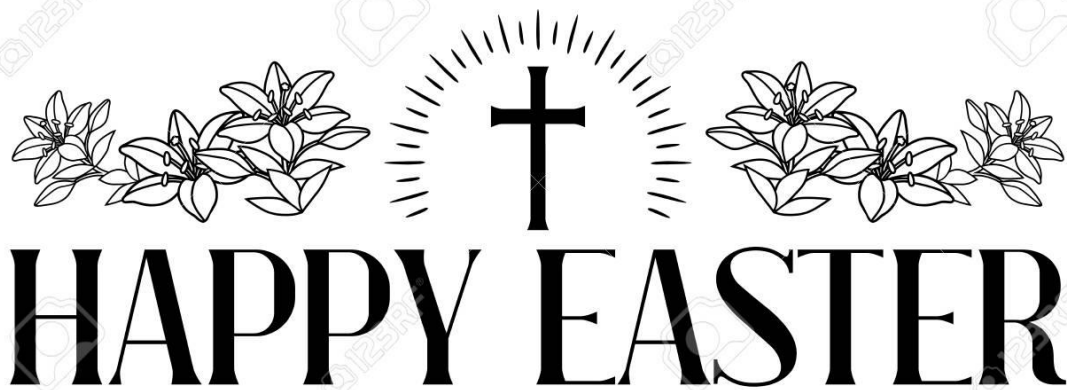
This should be good news for all of us. Philosophers and religious thinkers around the world have described a kind of insatiable hunger for life in us. While circumstances for some initiate a willingness, even a desire for death, a desire that human death be an absolute end for us is uncommon. Thus, there exists in most of us a deep desire that we continue to live after death. While at the same time, we must admit to uncertainty about what that might exactly mean. Jesus himself taught that what awaits us remains a mystery while we pass our days, limited as they are, here on Earth.

In a sense, the great "proof" that more awaits us after we die is celebrated on this day when we recall the resurrection of Jesus himself. His own life beyond death.

As a child growing up in a Catholic family, I learned about a place called "heaven." I was shown images of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, seated on high thrones, surrounded by angels and a host of others. The Last Judgment scene that adorns one wall of the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican, presents Michelangelo's view of what heaven might look like. But it was not created from Michelangelo ever being there. In other words, there exists an impregnable and invisible barrier between life here and life there.

Each passing day every one of us moves a day closer to our own deaths. We live with a deep desire and hope for what follows as we pass to the next place, as I like to call it. The Easter feast reminds us that not only did Jesus rise from the dead and continues to live, but so will we as we join with those who went before us in God's love. Alleluia. Alleluia.

David M. Thomas, PhD



FATHER STAN

AND

THE RISEN CHRIST STAFF

WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OF YOU

A HAPPY EASTER

AND

A BLESSED EASTER SEASON!