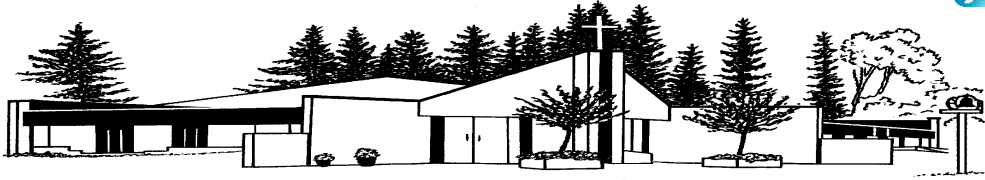


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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTERApril 23, 2023

Saturday, April 22, Mass for April Intentions..... 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 23, Mass for the Parish9:00 am

Tues., April 25, Mass for the Soul of Frank Biben, rb Paul & Pati Heath ..8:45 am

Thurs., April 27, Mass for the Soul of Melvin 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, April 29, 30, 2023

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Missy Kapelanczyk	Anita Lavin
Cup Minister	Suzanne Johnson	Jack Lavin
	Judy Hughes	Kathy Shanahan
Lector	Suzanne Johnson	Jim Galvin
	Vicki Walbruch	Betty Heino
Server	Don Zimmerman	Deacon Floyd McCubbins
Greeter	Pat Arnone – Mary Jacobs	Lilia Hattel – Sam Nease

PLEASE NOTE

Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 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
- 30 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
 - Catholic Home Mission Collection**
 - Coffee Hour After Mass
- May 1 Into the Breach Men’s Faith Formation 7:00 pm
- 2 Choir 7:30 pm
- 3 Religious Formation, Grades K-6 4:00 – 5:00 pm
- 6 First Communion, St. Matthew
- 7 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
- 8 Into the Breach Men’s Faith Formation 7:00 pm
- 9 KC Ladies, Nickel Charlie’s 6:00 pm
- Knights of Columbus 6:00 pm
- Choir 7:30 pm
- 10 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.

CONFIRMATION

Please continue to keep our youth in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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Lord, look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**PRIEST OF THE YEAR**

Fr. Stan has been awarded “Priest of The Year, 2022” for the State of Montana by the Knights of Columbus. **Congratulations Fr. Stan!**



**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 15 & 16, 2023**

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| Sunday Envelopes | \$5,212        |
| Easter           | 346            |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$5,558</b> |

**BAKE SALE**

Proceeds from the Bake Sale last weekend were **\$241.00**. Once again, we extend a heartfelt thank you to all who helped make this a success.

These proceeds will be added to the Seminarian Fund.

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**Risen Christ Parish**

*Spring Cleanup*



**Please Join Us.**

**Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 AM.**

This is a Parish outdoor family event. Please bring gloves, rakes, brooms, leaf blowers, and wheelbarrows.

The Knights of Columbus will serve lunch for all participants.

**Many Hands Make Light Work!**

**HIGHWAY CLEANUP**

The Knights of Columbus Evergreen Council #8329 sponsors highway cleanup every spring and fall. Our assigned portion is Highway 35, from the Rainbow Bar to the Flathead River bridge.

This spring's cleanup will occur on Tuesday, April 25th. We will meet in the Risen Christ parking lot at 4:50 pm, hand out reflective vests and trash bags, and head to our work area. Contact Mike Hanson at (406) 314-7826 or [mikester55@hotmail.com](mailto:mikester55@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

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**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  
Diana Nease, 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

**UPCOMING CONCERTS**

Several Members of the Risen Christ choir will be singing in upcoming community concerts as follows: Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at Flathead High School.



## READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 30, 2023

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

1 Peter 2:20b-25

John 10:1-10

### PRACTICE OF HOPE

The life of Christian discipleship is not always easy. We might sometimes secretly judge those people whom we think pick and choose only some parts of Church teaching to follow while we valorize (give or ascribe value or validity to something) or excuse our behavior. But the truth is a person, a person who “came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

♦Some of the fruits of the Spirit are reflected in the reading from 1 Peter. The fruits are faithfulness, self-control, patience, goodness, gentleness, joy, kindness, peace, and love. Determine which of these is hardest for you to live out and focus on practicing it this week.

♦Walk through your neighborhood and notice the abundance of life that spring has brought to it.

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**

### **THANK YOU FROM CASA**

Dear Risen Christ Parish, thank you for your donation that we recently received. Your support is changing a child's story. Thanks again.  
Megan Kelley, Court Appointed Special Advocations

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

What counterfeit masculine virtues does our society hold up as "manly"? Have you allowed these distorted images to influence your thoughts, words, and actions? We live in a time of crisis for religious faith and family life. The world is under attack by Satan, and we have a "breach," or gap, in our defensive lines.

Join us for ***Into the Breach*** on Monday, April 24th, at 7 pm in the Risen Christ Social Area. We will be discussing what it means to be a Catholic man. Point of contact is Mike Hanson at (406) 314-7826 or mikerster55@hotmail.com.

### **SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPRING GAMES**

The Special Olympics Spring Games are taking place at Legends Stadium on Thursday and Friday, April 27-28. Volunteers are needed on Thursday for Bocce and cleanup. Volunteers are needed on Friday for Throwing, Cycling, Announcers, Timers, Award Organizers, Medal Runners, and cleanup.

Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d45a9ad2aa1f8c25-2023#/> for details and to sign up.

### **BRAVEHEART MINISTRY**

Braveheart Chaplain Ministry is holding a fundraiser at 6:30 pm on Friday, April 28th, at Snowline Acres. This ministry is committed to providing effective, relevant, and timely support services to emergency responders, their families, and citizens in crisis throughout the Flathead Valley.

The price is \$100 per couple. This includes hors d'oeuvres and the musical entertainment of the Mike Murray Duo. Call (406) 250-9457 for info and tickets or go to BraveheartMinistry.com.

### **THEOLOGY OF THE BODY RETREAT IN LIBBY**

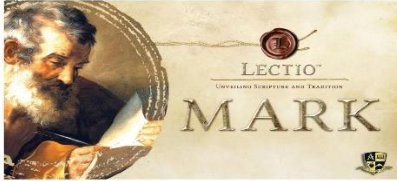
*"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." Genesis 1:27 (RSV)*

Pope St. John Paul II recognized that humanity images God most of all in our "capacity for communion," a capacity fulfilled in marriage between one man and one woman, open to offspring. Never before has culture conspired so vehemently against the likeness and image of God present in marital and family life. Never before have basic assumptions about the inherent dignity of manhood, womanhood, conception, and love been so obscured. Thanks be to God for John Paul II's wonderful witness to love and life, especially through his "Theology of the Body."

Join us for a Saturday afternoon, April 29th, as John Bacon guides us through some of Theology of the Body's core teachings on manhood, womanhood, and the Gospel of Life. The retreat will occur at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Libby, from noon to 4:30 pm.

# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of April 23, 2023



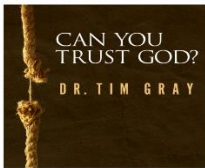
## Episode 1: Saint Mark the Evangelist

Just who is St. Mark, the author of this short but action-packed Gospel? Using outside sources, other books of the Bible, and the Gospel itself, Dr. Gray takes a closeup look at St. Mark, and his connection with St. Peter and the Christians of Rome.



## Who is St. Catherine of Siena?

In light of St. Catherine of Siena's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein, as they celebrate this holy woman: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church.



## Can You Trust God? by Dr. Tim Gray

To be a saint, we must trust God wholeheartedly. Since the fall of our first parents, however, humanity has been tempted to mistrust the Father's love for us. Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray takes us on a journey that addresses the pervasive misconceptions about God, showing us that there is no reason not to follow him.

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Fr. Stan

*The Nazareth Page*  
*A Gospel Meditation for the Home*  
*April 23, 2023, Third Sunday of Easter*  
*Luke 24:13-35*

If you mark a map locating the various appearances of Jesus after he had risen from the dead, you will notice that they happen in a variety of places throughout what we call today, the Holy Land. Sometimes it happened behind locked doors (last week's gospel) and at times outside, like the one happening along a road outside Jerusalem. One place that he did not appear was at the quarters of Pontius Pilate.

Quite noteworthy too is the variety of activities he engaged in after the resurrection. I have two favorites. First, at the shore of the Sea of Galilee where he prepared breakfast for his disciples. And next in today's gospel,) with a couple as they walked away from Jerusalem to a town called Emmaus, which was a well-known stronghold for the Roman army – although this point is not made in the gospels. Nevertheless, there he suddenly appears to two walkers on that road. Some contemporary commentators suggest they might have been a married couple. (I like to think so as well.)

Every post-resurrection appearance has its idiosyncrasies. Today's gospel describes a scene where he appeared to those who didn't seem to recognize him. No explanation is given. They walked and talked with each other for a while and when they reached their destination, the couple invited him to stay with them and share supper. It was nearing sunset when it might have been dangerous to continue. All very understandable.

So, they stopped. They shared an evening supper that involved the breaking of bread. While the gospel gives few details, aside from their engaging in this time-honored custom, something remarkable suddenly happened. They recognized him. And they recalled what had recently happened in Jerusalem. He, Jesus, was the one who was crucified. And now he was sharing a meal with them. No more was recorded other than how they felt while with him. Almost poetically, they are described by Luke as having burning hearts. Later they told others. Likely that was how it became part of Luke's gospel.

It is important to note that Jesus chose to appear after his resurrection during meals. There's the breakfast on the beach in Galilee and dinner at Emmaus. We can also recall his Last Supper. And on his way into Jerusalem before that meal, we recall that delightful account of him inviting himself to enjoy supper at the home of the local tax collector, Zacchaeus. What I notice is that Jesus was never described as eating alone. Sharing food seemed a time to feel the sacred presence of God. Then and now!!!

David M. Thomas, PhD