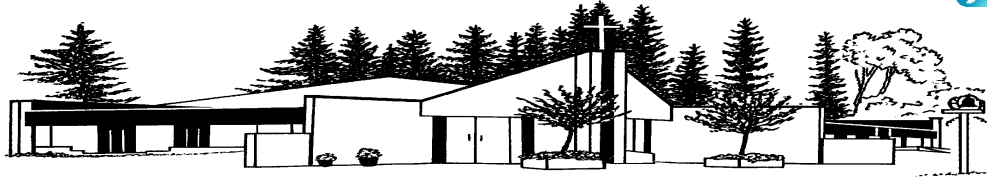

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER..... May 14, 2023

Saturday, May 13, Mass for May Intentions **6:30 pm**

Sunday, May 14, Mass for the Parish **9:00 am**

Tuesday, May 16, Mass for the Soul of Jim Jensen, rb Jackie Jensen **8:45 am**

Thursday, May 18 Mass for the Soul of Carol Trimble, rb Bruce Trimble **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, May 20 & 21, 2023

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Deacon Floyd	Deacon Floyd
Cup Minister	Missy Kapelanczyk	Connie McCubbins
	Judy Hughes	Mike Hanson
Lector	Vicki Walbruch	Jack Fallon
	Andrea Wright	TJ Higgins
Server	Deacon Floyd	Deacon Floyd
Greeter	John & Toni Gunnerson	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

May	14	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
		Rosary	8:40 am
		Bake sale.....	After weekend Masses
	15	Into the Breach Men's Faith Formation	7:00 pm
	16	Choir.....	7:30 pm
		Religious Formation, Grades K-6.....	4:00 – 5:00 pm
	20	Risen Christ First Communion and Reception	12:00 pm
		Rosary	6:10 pm
	21	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	
		Rosary	8:40 am
	22	Into the Breach Men's Faith Formation	7:00 pm
	23	Choir.....	7:30 pm
	27	Rosary	6:10 pm
	28	PENTECOST SUNDAY	
		Rosary	8:40 am
	29	Memorial Day, Parish Office Closed	
	30	Choir.....	7:30 pm
June	4	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	

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.

ROSARY BEFORE MASS

The month of May is dedicated to Mary. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the praying of the rosary before all weekend Masses during the month of May. Please sign up to lead the rosary. The list is located on the desk in front of the office.

Thank you,

Thank you Father Stan and Risen Christ Parish for your gifts of prayers and condolences for Carol and her family in her illness and passing.

Bruce Trimble and Family

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT RISEN CHRIST – May 20th Mass @ Noon:

We have been having a great year learning more about our Catholic Faith, receiving the gift of Reconciliation and now the highlight of our year, receiving our First Holy Communion. We thank all of you for praying for us and supporting our journey. We would like to invite our Parish Family to join us for this very special celebration and also afterwards with a luncheon in the church social area.

Thank you and God Bless,

Adilyn Penney, Aaron Bedtelyon, Charlotte Hattel, Emma Patzer & Kaden Roberts

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.

May 6 & 7, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,266
Building	285
Mass & Stole Gifts	30
Total	\$5,581

RAGS TO RICHES RUMMAGE SALE

May 19 from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm and May 20 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
at St. John Paul II Parish, Bigfork

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY THANK YOU!

Dear Friends at Risen Christ Catholic Church,

You are Habitat, I am thankful for you! A community that embraces us, supports us, spreads the story, the stories of the results we create. That's you. Thank you again.

Bob Helder, ED Habitat for Humanity of Flathead Valley

BRISKET CHALLENGE

The Knights of Columbus' 2nd Annual BBQ Brisket Challenge will happen on Saturday, July 15th, at the Kalispell Fairgrounds. Proceeds go to the St. Matt School (upgrading their security posture) and to the Special Olympics spring games. We can use some help in the following areas:

- Join our Sponsorship Team (ask area businesses for sponsorship donations)
- Help us sell raffle tickets in front of local stores
- Form your own BBQ team and enter the contest (\$250 to join; grand prize \$1000)
- Help with the Concessions Committee (preparing lunches in the food truck)
- Ask local dignitaries to spend time in the dunk tank
- Donate auction items
- Donate money

Point of contact is Mike Hanson at (406) 314-7826 or mikester55@hotmail.com.

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 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
Fleckenstein Family, rb Evelyn Fleckenstein
Christopher George Baldwin, rb George & Teresita Baldwin
Carol Trimble, rb Risen Christ Parish

FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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Ruff and Falk Families, rb Mary Ruff

**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, Sharon Coursey
Mary Grace Galvin, Mike & Linda O'Neil, Larry Visocan
Mary Reckin, Ron Bauer, Peg Gebhardt, George & Colleen Hutchens
Deacon Jay & Charlene Biedermann

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

RETROUVAILLE

Marriage Troubles? If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you have grown cold and distant; even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it, Retrouvaille can help, as it has helped tens of thousands of others. Our next program begins August 4, 2023. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence

READINGS FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 21, 2023

Acts 1:12-14 1 Peter 4:13-16 John 17:1-11a

PRACTICE OF FAITH

As they awaited the coming of the Holy Spirit, the disciples and Jesus' family gathered in prayer. Sometimes we might have great intentions for how we might change the world. But without inviting God's participation in our lives, we can get caught up in activism that does not have the Gospel at its core.

♦Spend time in silence today, listening for God's voice.

♦In the Gospel, Jesus prays for his followers. Bring to prayer the staff and volunteers in your parish.

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



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.

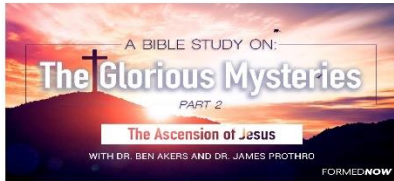
PASTORAL COUNCIL

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 May 14, 2023



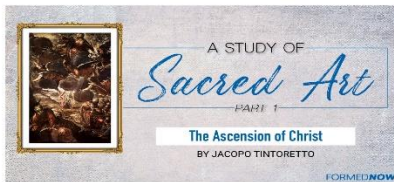
A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: The Ascension (Part 2 of 5)

Join Dr. Ben Akers and professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School as they walk through the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary through the lens of Sacred Scripture.



Station 13 | Via Lucis Commentary | The Ascension

Pray with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Tim Gray as they walk through the Stations of the Resurrection. In this meditation, you will reflect on the mystery of Christ's ascension into Heaven.



The Ascension | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode on FORMED, they discuss The Ascension of Christ by Jacopo Tintoretto.

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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
May 7, 2023 – Fifth Sunday of Easter
John 14:1-12

Most religions offer a list of truths to believe in, a set of moral laws to obey and a few practices and rituals to observe. For Catholics, these elements of religion can be summarized in books, like *the Catechism of the Catholic Church* or in the collected *Documents of Vatican II*.

Yet if we carefully read today's gospel, Jesus takes a slightly different approach. Instead of those religious "things" just mentioned, he offers us a deeper, more challenging approach. Just before he died, he said to his closest disciples the following: Look at me. Recall the ways that I related to you. Think about how all that I considered important. Recall how I relate to others, both friends and strangers.

Then he spoke some of the most important words that he ever said: I am the way and the truth and the life. He offered himself, his example, his daily life as the foundation for religious living. He was saying that being deeply religious does not mean following directions that might be written in a book, but rather by recalling his personal path, the way he was and lived among us.

The first book I read when I entered seminary life eons ago was *The Imitation of Christ*. It was and remains a classic spiritual book although it was originally written almost 500 years earlier. I read brief passages almost daily and tried to follow its guidance for many years. It was rooted in the wisdom of Jesus as embodied in his example that we find in the four gospels.

In John's gospel today, we recall what's called the last discourse of Jesus, words he said at the Last Supper. Recalling these words today, as Christians have been doing for centuries, makes one thing very clear: the "way" of Jesus is not easy. We might recall Jesus saying on another occasion: Take up your cross daily and follow me. Hours after he gave that last discourse, he carried that cross without complaint or hesitancy. It clearly required all his strength to do so.

If we are serious about imitating the example of Jesus, we can be assured of a life with great challenges and moments requiring our last bit of strength. We will be living amidst a deep paradox where we will find in the same place, our greatest difficulties, and our deepest happiness.

David M. Thomas, PhD

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
May 14, 2023 – Sixth Sunday of Easter
John 14:15-21

All the times his disciples were with Jesus were good. He was so inspiring, so generous with everyone, so loving of life and enthusiastic about the future. One day he told them that he wanted to visit Jerusalem, a place they knew as unlike any other city in their world. And upon their arrival there, they were greeted in an extraordinary way. People stood by the side of the road welcoming them, treating them all like heroes. Of course, they knew that their renown was totally due to Jesus. But they were closely connected with him. They were his and he was theirs. They began to imagine great things happening up ahead.

In one sense, great things did occur, but not in the way they imagined. Soon after their grand entry into Jerusalem, Jesus was arrested by the authorities, jailed, and tortured by the Roman soldiers and then killed in a way that was vicious, humiliating and most painful. His disciples not only fell in deep sadness and fear for themselves, but wondered whether their connection with Jesus was not only destroyed, but their own future was then fully uncertain. They must have felt that they had fallen into the depths of fear and loneliness. Including a wonder over whether they had been misled.

We know what happened next. He reappeared and assured them that all that had happened was not a mistake, a lost cause or for naught. In fact, it was God's great victory over loss, hatred, and even ultimate death. Directly emerging from all that Jesus had experienced was God's offering a new kind of life, a deeper degree of hope and most of all, the promise of an enduring, life-giving relationship with God.

Jesus came to be with us offering us a gift, something he called abundant life. And nowhere is that abundance shown more than in our life of relating with others. First with God, our Creator, and then with our neighbor, those close to us, as family and friends, and then to all others. This relational life does not come without difficulties, but we are never asked to face them without God's assistance, and more importantly, as today's gospel states, never alone. God is always with us, closer to us than, as one theologian put it, closer than we are to ourselves.

Each night I go outside and gaze into the great emptiness of space. Then I combine those moments of awareness with something a little different, namely the thought of God's presence within me and around me. A presence that is as real as my own existence. And reading today's gospel reminds me of that, and lots more to think about.

David M. Thomas, PhD