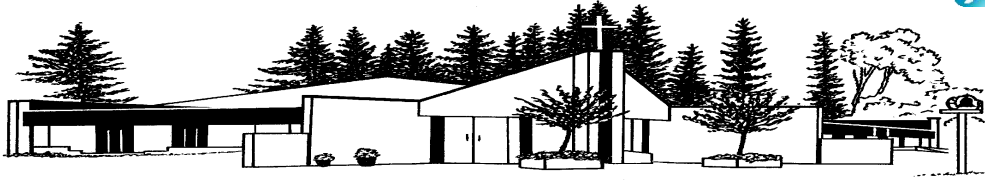


RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Father Stanislaw Róg, Pastor/Parish Administrator

Risen Christ Parish and St. Matthew Parish

Deacon Floyd McCubbins, 471-4379, deaconfloydmc@yahoo.com - Risen Christ

Deacon Charlie Harball, 752-6788, St. Matthew

Helen Tobiason - Religious Formation Coordinator, Grades K-6

Maryruth Fallon, Music Director

Sandy Carter, Office Manager ~ Rose Hall, Office Assistant

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 20, 2023

Saturday, Aug. 19, Mass for August Intentions 6:30 pm

Sunday, Aug. 20, Mass for the Parish 9:00 am

Tuesday, Aug. 22, Mass for the Soul of Rita Homan, rb Rose Sverdrup 8:45 am

Thurs., August 24, Mass for the Soul of Caroline Nieskens, rb Arleen Hughes.. 8:45 am

Funeral Mass for Carol Trimble 11:00 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, August 26 & 27, 2023

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Deacon Charlie	Deacon Charlie
Cup Minister	Vicki Walbruch	EM NEEDED
	Missy Kapelanczyk	EM NEEDED
Lector	Carol Jellison	TJ Higgins
	Dixon Rice	Anne Mahoney
Server	Deacon Charlie	Deacon Charlie
Greeter	Rose Hall – Matt Kapelanczyk	Lilia Hattel – Fresa Tobiason

PLEASE NOTE

Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug. 20 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
27 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sept. 5 First day of School, St. Matthew

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.

PLANTS AND FLOWERS MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY!

Flowers serve the purpose of reminding us of **God's creation** and the beauty of his handiwork.

We are looking for someone who can help water the plants and tend the flowers in the sanctuary. The plants need to be watered on average once a week. The flowers will need attention twice a week, such as changing the water, cleaning the vases, and filling them with new flowers. If this sounds like a task custom made for you, please contact the office at 406-752-4219.



We appreciate our volunteers!

RELIGIOUS FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY AT RISEN CHRIST

Father Stan would like to remind everyone that it's time to register your children and grandchildren for Religious Formation classes. Registration forms will be available in the social area after Masses this weekend and can also be obtained in the Parish office. We plan to have classes starting soon with all safety precautions and sanitation in place.

Stay tuned for the upcoming start date of these important classes.

Volunteers are needed to help with Grades K-6.
If you would like to volunteer, contact the parish office.



ATTN: PARENTS WITH YOUNGSTERS

Please consider helping with Children's Liturgy at Mass on Sunday mornings. Being a leader is enjoyable, fulfilling, and easy. There are approximately 2 hours of initial Virtus training required. Please contact the office if you can help.

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.

August 12 & 13, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,239
Building	5
Holy Day	1,095
Total	\$6,339

JOB OPPORTUNITY

There is a position opening in our parish office for a part-time office assistant. This job will consist of two days per week for a total of ten to fifteen hours. Applicant must have knowledge of Microsoft Office and Quick Books and good interpersonal skills.

If interested, contact the office for more details and an application. 406-752-4219.

QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, FEAST DAY AUGUST 22ND

Pope Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But the Blessed Virgin Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, she is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship.

The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power.

Ref: franciscanmedia.org

SEMINARIAN BAKE SALE PROCEEDS

We would like to thank the bakers and the purchasers once again for supporting this fund raiser for the benefit of the Seminarians. The proceeds from our bake sale were \$436.00.

Please mark your calendars for the next bake sale to be held on **September 9th & 10th**.

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 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
Carol Trimble, rb Bruce Trimble
David Jacobs, rb The Jacob's Family
Christopher George Baldwin, rb George & Teresita Baldwin
Kyan L. Bowman Wheeler, rb George & Colleen Hutchens
Gloria Brockman, rb Brockman Family**

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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**Ruff & Falk Families, rb Mary Ruff
Robert Brockman, rb Brockman Family**

**RISEN CHRIST MASS REQUESTS
FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

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**Corrine Reinbold, Fran Cavanagh, Greg Grace, Joe Riska
Eloise Hoskin, Eileen Kluesner, Maureen Neitzling, Amy Neitzling
Tim & Diane Slobojan, Bob & Barbara Vine
Mary Grace Galvin, Mike & Linda O'Neil, Larry Visocan
Mary Reckin, Ron Bauer, Peg Gebhardt, Mike Hanson**

FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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**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**

BLESSING PRAYER

Lord and Bountiful Creator, giver of grains and seeds, of fruits and berries and all that grows from the earth, we thank You and we bless You for this year's harvest. We lift up our hearts in gratitude to the sun, which, together with rain, wind and earth, worked in harmony to produce this bountiful harvest. Amen.

Ref: Gbdio.org

**READINGS FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 27, 2023**

Isaiah 22:19-23 Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20

PRACTICE OF FAITH

“You Are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” This Sunday, the gathered Church hears its faith declared by Peter for all time. For this, Peter becomes the steward and leader of the new Church, against which even death will not prevail. The intercessions of the Eucharistic prayer from the *Order of Dedication of a Church and an Altar* state that each church is to be “a house of salvation,” where the “Gospel of peace resounds,” and the faithful, on their pilgrim way, are formed and fed in order “to reach the eternal Jerusalem.”

♥Do you see your parish in this definition? What can you do to help your parish achieve this? Before or after Mass, say a prayer in thanksgiving for the nourishment you find in your parish.

♥Volunteer for your parish foodbank or meal for the homeless. 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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Council represents the interests and needs of the entire Parish community.

Jovita Kottraba, 212-8461 - Judy Stack, 752-4411- Ken Barrett, 755-0269

Jamie Miller, 257-9636 - Vicki Walbruch, 758-0170

FINANCE COUNCIL

Finance Council members are:

**Peg Gebhardt, Christopher Gill,
John Gunnerson, & Wally Walbruch**

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 would like to make a purchase during the week, please stop in the office.





THE FOUNDATION FOR THE DIOCESE OF HELENA

***Not to us, Lord, not to us
But to your name give glory
Because of your
Mercy and faithfulness***

Psalm 115:1

The Foundation has awarded.

\$103,379

TO PARISHES AND MINISTRIES

within our Diocese

through our

2024 Faith in Action Grants Program

**End-of-Life Choices
For Catholics**



Have you or your loved ones wondered about making final life decisions that reflect your faith? Please join us for a workshop on end-of-life issues for Catholics.

Saturday, September 23, 2023

10AM – 2:30PM

St. Richard Parish

1210 9th Street West, Columbia Falls MT 59912

Agenda: strichardsparish.org

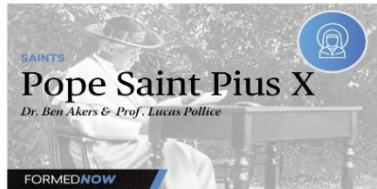
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Suggested Donation of \$5.00 includes lunch

Call (406) 892-5142 or email strichards@bresnan.net

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of August 20, 2023



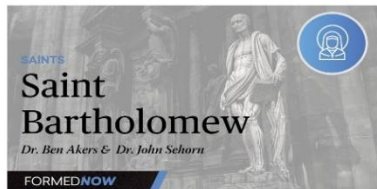
Pope Saint Pius X

Join Dr. Ben Akers with Lucas Pollice as they discuss the life of Pope St. Pius X and his work to restore all things in Christ.



The Queen Mother | Lectio: Mary | Episode 4

Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title.



Saint Bartholomew

Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the great apostle, St. Bartholomew. Grab your Bible and follow along. We recommend The Augustine Bible.

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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
August 20, 2023 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 15:21-28

Cheer, cheer, cheer for the home team – a line common to most of us. Around the world stadiums, sports arenas and fields fill with local fans urging their local teams to victory. In similar fashion, various regions, even whole countries stand in support of local citizens in pursuit of victory over “outsiders.” And unfortunately, this favoritism of locals can create battles and even wars over foreign enemies. And lastly, this “tribal” hostility and aggression can infect religions. We are all familiar with the concept of “religious warfare.”

I grew up in a city that was filled with churches. While our family belonged to one Catholic parish, we frequented others. I recall my dad preferring to take us to a different parish in the summer where there was no sermon. However, we were also prohibited from attending services that were not Catholic. If we found ourselves invited to a non-Catholic church for a wedding or funeral, we were to remain passive. The same directive was given to non-Catholics attending our religious events. Except bingo.

Jesus was also affected by similar restrictions as is described in today’s gospel. A Canaanite woman (non-Jewish) approached him who had likely heard that he had special religious powers over the presence of evil. We are told that her daughter was “tormented by a demon.” Such beliefs were common in his time.

Jesus might simply ignore her request. After all, he told her that his work was to be limited to his own people, the Jews. Yet she persisted with her plea for his help. He was impressed with her faith in him, and he eventually responded in a positive way to her request. Is there a message here for us? I think so.

We live in a very divided country, while all kinds of divisions seem common throughout the world. These divisions are sometimes based on religion, but can also involve race, politics, geography, and any number of differences that cause people to divide our world into an “us” and a “them.”

And while Jesus in today’s gospel does not say that such differences are evil in themselves, he seems to act as if we should not prevent them from our doing what’s good and helpful. We might be reminded that all people are beloved creations of the one God and that there will be times when it’s better to help each other than not.

David M. Thomas, PhD