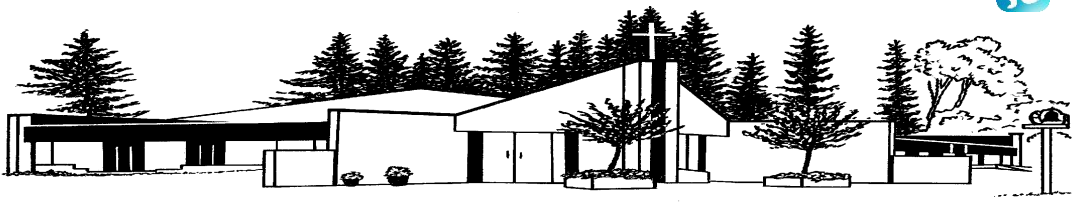


RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 27, 2023

Saturday, Aug. 26, Mass for August Intentions 6:30 pm

Sunday, Aug. 27, Mass for the Parish 9:00 am

Tuesday, Aug. 29, Mass for the Int. of Mike Hanson, rb Rose Hall 8:45 am

Thursday, August 31, Mass for the Soul of Carol Trimble, rb Sue Gregoire..... 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, September 2 & 3

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Judy Hughes	Lilia Hattel
Cup Minister	Jovita Kottraba	Neil Heino
	Missy Kapelanczyk	Mike Hanson
Lector	Suzanne Johnson	Betty Heino
	Maureen Neitzling	Kathy Shanahan
Server	SERVER NEEDED	Gary Hembd
Greeter	Mary Jacobs – Pat Arnone	Richard & Rosemary Brester

PLEASE NOTE

Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Aug. 27 **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- Sept. 3 **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- 5 First day of School, St. Matthew
- 9 Bake Sale after Mass
- 10 **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- Bake Sale after Mass
- Coffee Hour after Mass
- 17 **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- Catechetical Sunday**

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.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY AT RISEN CHRIST

It is time to register your children and grandchildren for Religious Formation classes. Registration forms are available in the social area and can also be obtained in the Parish office. We will begin on September 27th with a Picnic from 4:00 – 5:15 pm.

**Volunteers are needed to help with Grades K-6.
If you would like to volunteer, contact the parish office.
Classes will be Wednesdays from 4:00 – 5:15 pm**

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.

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.

THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF MONTANA

Dear Fr. Rog and friends at Risen Christ Catholic Church,
Thank you so much for your gift! Your generosity and support of our work of serving women, children, and families in need means the world to us. Thank you for your commitment to serving those in need. God Bless, Scott Held, Executive Director

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 19 & 20, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,277
Building	50
Holy Day	10
Mass & Stole Gifts	20
Total	\$5,357

COMING IN OCTOBER

WOMEN IN CONVERSATION *Stand Up!*

Small-group faith-sharing designed for contemporary Catholic women. Women—our experiences are different from men's. Being uniquely female, as God made us to be, involves action. All women are called to live holy lives, but how do we do it? The field hospital of the Church needs women of strength and gentle leadership now more than ever. In this series, feminine spirituality is celebrated through stories of inspiring women, scripture texts, and holy conversations. Get ready to share in a group for women, by women, where we will encounter "ordinary" women who are really rather extraordinary, just as we are.

Scripture Study—Facilitated By Pati Heath

Watch the bulletin for more information or call Pati at 406-249-8149

THE SPARROW'S NEST

And the

GREAT FISH COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

For the past nine years the Sparrow's Nest has been helping our teenage students have a place to call home and build a solid future. The Great Fish Challenge is an opportunity to continue our support of the Sparrow's nest.

For more information about the Great Fish Community Challenge or to make a donation, visit whitefishcommunityfoundation.org/great-fish/ or call 406 863-1781

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
Robert Brockman, rb Brockman Family**

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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**Ruff & Falk Families, rb Mary Ruff
Dorothy McVeigh, rb Allison Kuechmann**

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

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**Fran Cavanagh, Greg Grace, Eileen Kluesner
Maureen Neitzling, Amy Neitzling, Tim & Diane Slobojan
Bob & Barbara Vine, Joe Riska, 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**

**READINGS FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023**

Jeremiah 20:7-9 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27

In some of the strongest language in Scripture, the readings today clearly describe the role of those who follow Jesus: to be dupes, complicit in their oppression; outcasts, out of sync with their time and society, with bodies marked for living sacrifice. And no prophet, no epistle was as unequivocal in this portrayal as Jesus, who make plain that glory comes only through the cross. The social and religious complacency that Jesus decried is no less a factor for Christians now. Jesus' passionate message for his disciples rings true for us: Complacency in the face of suffering is an outrage. Nothing less than full commitment to love of God and love of each other will do, and status-quo systems of violence and discrimination may not be ignored by those who claim to follow Christ. ♦Read *Open Wide Our Hearts*, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' 2018 pastoral letter against racism (<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/upload/open-wide-our-hearts.pdf>). ♦Discern whether you are conforming to systems of injustice or working to transform them and yourself. ♦With members of the parish council or your faith-sharing group, determine ways that the parish can advocate for others.

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.



CHURCH SPEAK

Beatitude means “happiness” or “blessedness.” The Catechism explains that all humans are called to eternal beatitude, which is life with God in the kingdom. Catholics most commonly associate this word with the Beatitudes, which are a series of teachings Jesus gave during the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3-12).

Ref: The Catholic Catechism, c.2008

The Beatitudes:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

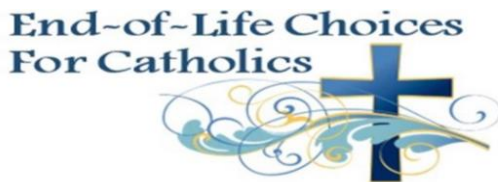
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake.

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



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 27, 2023



Restless Heart: The Confessions of Augustine

This film on the life of St. Augustine offers a message of conversion and redemption. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth.



Confessions of Augustine: Who Is St. Augustine? (Part 1 of 6)

Join these two patristic scholars as they help viewers learn how to read this classic text and draw from the riches of the spiritual life of the doctor of the Church, Saint Augustine.



St. John the Baptist | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. John Sehorn and Taylor Kemp as they talk about St. John the Baptist, the forerunner to Christ.

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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A Gospel meditation for your home
August 27, 2023 – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 16:13-20

On most every night, when the sky is clear, I step outside into our backyard to gaze up to the heavens above and try to imagine all that I am looking at. Being a very amateur astronomer, I know that the extent of my seeing is very limited. For example, all the stars and planets I see exist within our own galaxy, the Milky Way, which is but one of millions, or perhaps billions of similar star collections in the universe. Even on a clear night, I can see only a very small fraction of all that we know exists.

I have, however, when conditions are right, experienced a momentary seeing of our neighboring galaxy, the Andromeda Galaxy. The fuzzy blur that I behold has been traveling to me at the speed of light for over two million years. And now with the “eye” of the James Webb Space Telescope, we now can view galaxies created soon after the first moment of creation 13.8 billion years ago.

All of this is to say that I experience an ever-expanding understanding not only of the incredible magnitude and size of God’s creation, but also of its Creator, the “Ground of all Being” - a term used by the respected theologian, Paul Tillich. Such thinking increased my appreciation of God’s identity, power, and presence. My idea of God became incredibly larger than it was before I learned about the vast extent of God’s creation. What a compelling mystery is the reality of the Creator God of all that we now know about, and who knows what else?

This kind of thinking causes me to ponder anew the confession of Peter in today’s gospel that Jesus is “the Son of the living God.” This is among the most important words in the entire Bible. And quite honestly, borders on the incomprehensible. Especially if we consider the immensity of God as described above. But there it is. God, in the person of Jesus, the Son of God in human form, standing before Peter and the others. This is a “mind blowing” truth if there ever was one! The creator of the entire universe, fully present in one, miniscule part of it. In a person, born of the Virgin Mary.

This leads me to think of God as fully personal, friendly, and supportive of all that has been created and sustained in existence. I can think of God, especially as revealed in Jesus, as someone who deeply knows and loves you and me. God is not just a passive power who winds the clock of creation, but someone who breathes life into it and sees us, embraces us, and desires us to live now and forever in the immediate presence of the One who exists with us here on earth and later in heaven.

David M. Thomas, P