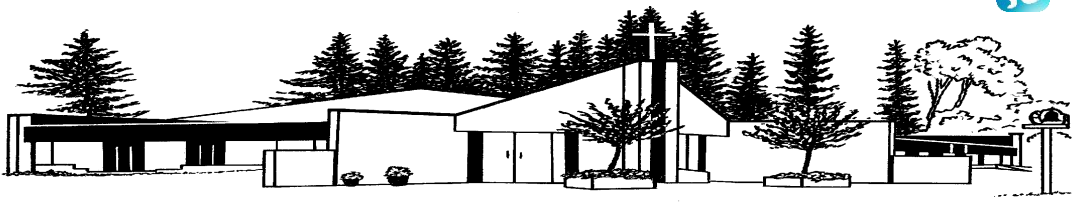


# RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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](mailto: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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ..... September 3, 2023**  
**Saturday, September 2**, Mass for September Intentions ..... **6:30 pm**  
**Sunday September 3**, Mass for the Parish..... **9:00 am**  
**Tuesday, September 5**, Mass for the Int. of Chris Moritz, rb Cas Moritz ..... **8:45 am**  
**Thursday, September 7**, Mass for Deceased Priests for the Diocese of Helena **8:45 am**  
**September 7**, Funeral Mass for Rena Desmond ..... **11:00 am**

Wednesdays 8:30 & 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 9 & 10

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Deacon Floyd	Deacon Floyd
Cup Minister	Vicki Walbruch	Connie McCubbins
	Suzanne Johnson	Kathy Shanahan
Lector	Andrea Wright	Jack Fallon
	Dixon Rice	Mike Hanson
Server	Deacon Floyd	Deacon Floyd
Greeter	Matt & Missy Kapelanczyk	Tom & Terrie Alger

### PLEASE NOTE

Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

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

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 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**  
18-22 **NO DAILY MASS**

**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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**

**ATTENTION: 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 26 & 27, 2023**

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,667
Mass & Stole Gifts	120
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,787</b>

**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU**

Thank you one and all involved with the funeral Mass of Carol Trimble.  
With a special thanks to Father Stan, Sandy Carter, Rose Hall, Maryruth Fallon,  
Marc & Mary Connolly, Ken Barrett, Margarite Bauer, and the luncheon crew.

We would also like to thank all the other parishioners for your kind thoughts and prayers.  
.....With love, The Bruce Trimble Family

**SEVEN SISTERS' APOSTOLATE**

The mission of the Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest (Father Stan). A "holy wasting" (Mt 26:10) or lavishing of prayer.

**A Seven Sister:** One holy hour, one priest, each week, one heart of prayer.  
If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Joyce Harris at either 406-334-3760 or [jkh.1685@gmail.com](mailto:jkh.1685@gmail.com)

**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**

**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 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  
Vernon Babb, rb John & Connie Babb  
Christopher George Baldwin, rb George & Teresita Baldwin  
Robert & Gloria Brockman, rb Brockman Family

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**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

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Ruff & Falk Families, rb Mary Ruff

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

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Fran Cavanagh, Greg Grace, Joe Riska  
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

**READINGS FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**

**Ezekiel 33:7-9**

**Romans 13:8-10**

**Matthew 18:15-20**

**PRACTICE OF CHARITY**

Week after week, we read the story of the Church's belief and activity through time. The book is never closed – as the living Church, as a community of believers, we are always in the process of writing a new chapter and we must constantly renew our understanding of the gospel message as it pertains to our time. Today we learn, with the early disciples, that we are indeed our brother's keeper, our neighbor's watchman. Even in the smallest of gatherings – as few as two or three together – we are bound by and accountable to the greatest of loves. The point of the Gospel is not to gauge when we may cast our brother out; rather, it is to learn how zealous we must be to preserve our unity.

◆Start or join a small faith group at your parish.

◆This week, check on someone you may have lost touch with.

◆Today is World Suicide Prevention Day; ask a friend to join you in praying for those who may be cut off from hope or help by despair. 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.



## 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 9<sup>th</sup> Street West, Columbia Falls MT 59912**

**Agenda: [strichardsparish.org](http://strichardsparish.org)**

### **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

**Suggested Donation of \$5.00 includes lunch**

**Call (406) 892-5142 or email [strichards@bresnan.net](mailto:strichards@bresnan.net)**

### **THE SPARROW'S NEST**

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### **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/](http://whitefishcommunityfoundation.org/great-fish/) or call 406 863-1781.

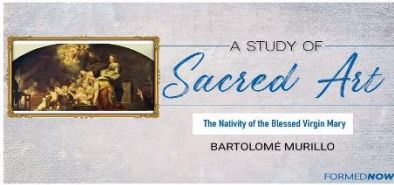
### **THE DESIRE TO KNOW GOD**

The Catechism says that the "desire for God is written in the human heart" and that the truth and happiness people seek can be found only in God. People who seek out God and make Him a regular part of their lives tend to see His presence in both the extraordinary and ordinary aspects of the world around them – from the natural beauty of the earth and the mystery of the universe - to the truth, beauty, moral goodness, and spiritual longing of the human person. We express our hunger for God through prayers we say, sacrifices we make, and meditations and rituals we incorporate into our lives.

Ref: The Catholic Catechism, c.2008

# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of September 03, 2023



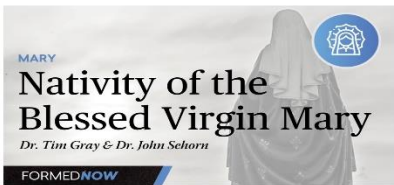
## The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Sacred Art

By studying Sacred Art, we fuel our prayer and contemplation. In this episode, Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Taylor Kemp to examine the theological nuances contained in Bartolome Murillo's depiction of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



## Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.



## Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In this episode, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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Fr. Stan

*The Nazareth Page*  
*A gospel meditation for your home*  
September 3, 2023 – *Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Matthew 16:21-27*

Everyone's existence is rooted in a presence and power that lives outside us. We are not the cause of our own being. We are given living existence as humans. And we are also given the ability to freely choose a direction for our lives. Sometimes this is referred to as "God's plan for us" or "God's will." To use language drawn from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, we are then challenged to "discern" the path we chose to walk.

The teachings of Jesus help guide our choices. Today's gospel reminds us that the best way to live is to imitate the life of Jesus, which as he notes, involves carrying a cross. Not his, but ours. This may not be a direction that we would prefer, but there it is, in plain view in his recorded words. Take up your cross and follow me. These are not words that would get extra votes if one was running for political office.

The invitation to carry one's cross should be placed right next to the words of Jesus, "love one another as I have loved you." Jesus' death on his cross is his fullest expression and most telling act of love of us. His love for us was and is without limit. Also, his love was universal. He loved everyone he met, and to see the full picture, everyone who ever has lived or will live. We learn more about this from other words he said, like we should "Love your enemies and do good to those who harm you."

It is extremely important to connect carrying our cross and loving one another. Christianity is not masochistic. It is not primarily about self-denial or self-abuse. We are to love ourselves as much as we love others. Christianity is not a religion of total self-denial, or certainly not self-abuse. It focusses on loving all.

So, carrying one's cross basically means to help one another, care for those in need, be sensitive and responsive to those we meet each day, and be forgiving of others' weaknesses and faults. In other words, love as God loves! Carrying our cross includes generously loving others.

Love like this can be difficult. Our neighbors, near or far, in agreement with us or not, like us or very different from us, can provide us with a need (and an opportunity) to be generous and forgiving. At times, setting aside our own need of the moment and being considerate, kind and helpful to others with greater needs. Like the Good Samaritan. Like Jesus. Like the One who brought us into existence to extend God's love to all.

David M. Thomas, PhD