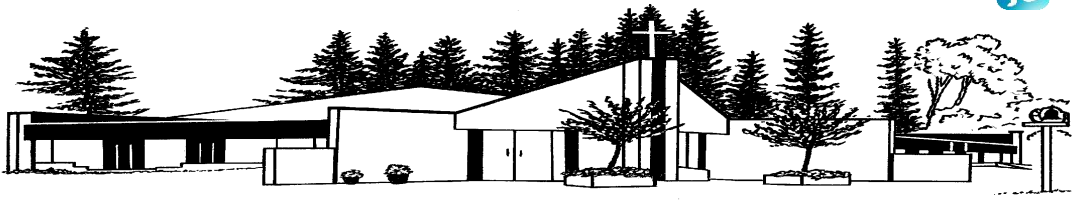


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Deacon Charlie Harball, 752-6788, St. Matthew

Helen Tobiason - Religious Formation Coordinator, Grades K-6

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Sandy Carter, Office Manager ~ Rose Hall, Office Assistant

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **September 10, 2023**
Saturday, September 9, Mass for September Intentions **6:30 pm**
Sunday September 10, Mass for the Parish..... **9:00 am**
Tues., Sept. 12, Mass for the Soul of Arlene Zaremski, rb Ron & Margarite Bauer . **8:45 am**
Thursday, September 14, Mass for the Soul of Rita Homan, rb Rose Sverdrup. **8:45 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 16 & 17

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Deacon Charlie	Deacon Charlie
Cup Minister	Maureen Neitzling	Howie Ficek
	Judy Hughes	Marian Ficek
Lector	Jackie Jensen	TJ Higgins
	Carol Jellison	Anne Mahoney
Server	Deacon Charlie	Deacon Charlie
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

Sept.	10	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
		Bake Sale	after Mass
		Coffee Hour	after Mass
	12	KC Ladies, Hungry Hun, Kalispell Center Mall.....	5:00 pm
		Knights of Columbus.....	6:00 pm
		Choir	7:30 pm
	17	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
		Catechetical Sunday	
	18-21	NO DAILY MASS	
	19	Choir	7:30 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.

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**

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Our fall campaign will run from Wed Sep 27 – Sat Nov 4. You can protect mothers and children by joining us to pray and fast for an end to abortion, reach out to family and friends to clear up any misconceptions they may have about abortion, and take part in our peaceful prayer vigil!

Here's how to take part in the Prayer Vigil:

- **Location:** Sidewalk outside **All Families Healthcare** abortion center, 737 Spokane Avenue (park on Kalispell Ave. at 8th St. and walk down to Spokane Ave.
- **Dates:** Sep 27 – Nov 4
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm

WE WANT YOU FOR OUR CHOIR!

The Risen Christ choir sings twice a month as well as the Christmas and Easter Seasons. Weekly rehearsals are on **Tuesdays, at 7:30 pm.** Weekly rehearsals will begin on September 12th. New members are encouraged to come.

“And while we sing, remembering to sing is to doubly pray. At once in our hearts and our tongues, we offer double prayer sent heavenward on winged notes to praise God dwelling there.” ~St. Cecilia

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.

September 2 & 3, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	\$9,905
Building	463
Total	\$10,368

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

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

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear Lord,

As our students begin a new school year, I pray that you will keep them in your care.
Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good.

Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well. Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom. Help them to be kind to others and lead others to be kind to them.

Give their teachers patience and understanding and help them teach what is just and true. Send your angels to guide and guard our children and to keep them from all harm. Open their young hearts to your presence and enfold them in your peace and protection. Hold them in the palm of your hand and bring them home safely at day's end. Amen.

Ref: dosp.org

**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 & Amy Neitzling, Tim & Diane Slobojan
Bob & Barbara Vine, Kurt Hertrich, 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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

PRACTICE OF HOPE

Peter is looking for a clear, bright line beyond which there is no hope of forgiveness. How much, he seems to be asking, are we to tolerate our brothers and sisters before we can write them off? As humans, we are all drawn to such definite boundaries. What's more, we tend to weigh God's mercy using our finite capacity for forgiveness as a measure. But as Christians, we know that God's forgiveness is limitless, and if we hope in the eternal forgiveness of God, we must also offer that forgiveness to others.

♦Examine your conscience and ask yourself: What sin of mine, or what sin against me, am I hugging tight? Can I let that sin go? Do I truly believe in God's forgiveness? Can I offer that forgiveness to someone who has hurt me?

♦Go to confession.

♦Reconcile, if you can, with someone or some situation in your life that you are at odds with.

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 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

UNDERSTANDING CATECHESIS

Catechesis is the education of children and adults in the faith. It's more than catechetical instruction, or religion classes. Catechesis is the "totality of the Church's efforts to make disciples," meaning that it doesn't encompass only classroom education but every aspect of faith-building that helps others believe more fully in Jesus Christ and strengthens his church on earth. The word catechesis comes from the Greek word katechizo, which means to teach orally.

No stone was left unturned when The Catechism of the Catholic Church was written, and anyone who reads it cannot help but come away with a better understanding of the Catholic Church and Catholic faith. If you go ahead and give the Catechism a chance, you are likely to find out things about the Catholic faith that you never imagined, or things that you thought you knew but maybe didn't fully understand.

◆ Just about any question you could possibly ask about the Catholic faith is answered in the Catechism.

◆ If you are going to read only one book this month, why not make it a book that gets you thinking about the big stuff – heaven and hell, life and death, love and murder?

The Catholic Catechism, c. 2008, Chapter 1

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of September 10, 2023



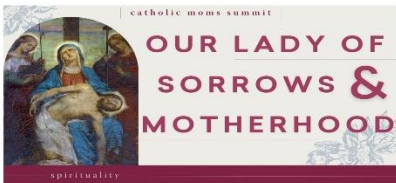
Fun with Exalting the Holy Cross | Catholic All Year w/ Kendra Tierney

In honor of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14, let's talk about . . . talking to kids about Jesus' suffering. Plus a family-friendly at-home Veneration of the Cross, and our favorite feast day foods.



Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows by Kimberly Hahn

Speaker and author Kimberly Hahn, is a convert to the Catholic Faith. Although honoring Mary was difficult for her to understand initially, she began to encounter Mary's loving guidance in little ways on a daily basis. In this presentation, Kimberly reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.



Our Lady of Sorrows and the Power of Prayer

Discover the value of redemptive motherhood by tuning in to Anna Mitchell, co-host of EWTN's "The Son Rise Morning Show." Anna shares the story of her five-year-old's serious illness along with the miraculous intercession of a fourth-century martyr.

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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
September 10, 2023 – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 18:15-20

“Wherever two or three are gathered” You likely know the rest. These words of Jesus remind us of the simple fact that we are not created to be alone. Nor are we to live alone, although we know that close to a third of us do live alone in our primary dwelling. For some this is a choice. For some it is a necessity.

I also noticed that most people seem to drive their cars alone. I rarely do because my wife thinks I might get lost if I drive by myself. I think the same about her. We would qualify to drive in HOV lanes in big cities although where we live in rural Montana, we don't have those road features. We're lucky to have two full-size lanes.

Many scholars who have examined our society and values, agree on one clear conclusion: we are a highly individualistic society and culture. Individual rights seem to be more important than societal rights. As a positive, individualism is not necessarily a bad thing because it can also be the foundation for a strong sense of individual responsibility and achievement. And each individual person deserves protection and support when considering the common good. But I see this as creating a tension where individual rights and communal rights can be in conflict. As often happens around certain issues, which I will leave unstated here.

Back to the words of Jesus about being two or three gathered. Where communality happens, even in its smallest form with only two or three involved, there God dwells. But there's more to it than just a comment about interpersonal life among us. Deep down, this is also an instance of reflecting on God's own life.

I refer to God's life as interpersonal, as trinitarian. I fully admit that this understanding of God is a great mystery, yet it can at least be partially known through our experience of loving interpersonal life -- where two or three of us are together, accepting each other as equals and fully human, communicating with honesty to each other in words and actions and helping each other in the many challenging situations which come our way. We provide for each other a great blessing, an opportunity to receive more fully God's gift of life and to experience in some measure the happiness that will be ours with God and each other up ahead.

Therefore, treasure each moment when we are with one another. Not only are we not humanly alone, but God is also there in the loving spaces between us.

David M. Thomas, PhD



Together we have raised

\$188,000

43% of our \$440,000 goal



Risen Christ is participating in the **Because He First Loved Us** Campaign for Catholic Life along with every parish in the Diocese of Helena. This extraordinary effort seeks to raise \$30 million for parishes, including ours, as well as meeting the pressing needs of our Diocese by supporting formation of our seminarians, providing a secure retirement to our retired priests, restoring the Cathedral of St. Helena, and importantly, leading others to discover Christ.

Risen Christ will receive 40% of all funds collected in our parish, in order to provide support for faith and outreach and an endowment for future needs.

During the initial weeks of the campaign, parishioners have already pledged \$188,000 towards this effort!

We are grateful for the ongoing commitment of our parish community.



Numbers are current as of 09/06/23