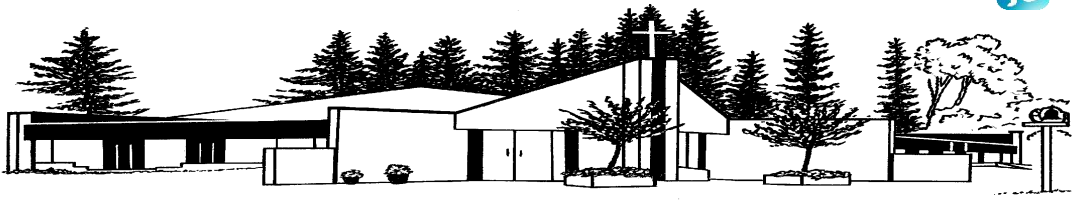


RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **September 17, 2023**
Saturday, September 16, Mass for September Intentions **6:30 pm**
Sunday September 17, Mass for the Parish **9:00 am**
Tuesday, September 19 **NO DAILY MASS**
Thursday, September 21 **NO DAILY MASS**

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 23 & 24

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Deacon Floyd	Deacon Floyd
Cup Minister	Suzanne Johnson	Connie McCubbins
	Jovita Kottraba	Anita Lavin
Lector	Vicki Walbruch	Betty Heino
	Jackie Jensen	Jack Fallon
Server	Deacon Floyd	Deacon Floyd
Greeter	Rose Hall – Don Zimmerman	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

Sept.	17	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Catechetical Sunday	
	18 & 20	NO DAILY MASS , Priest Retreat	
	21	Mass at St. Matthew Parish for the Feast of St. Matthew.....	6:00 pm
	19	Choir	7:30 pm
	23	40 Days for Life Kick-off, Risen Christ	1:00 – 2:30 pm
	24	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
	26	Choir	7:30 pm
	27	Religious Formation, Grades K-6.....	4:00 – 5:15 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 Wednesday, Sept. 27 – Saturday, Nov. 4.

- Pray and fast for an end to abortion.
- Outreach – talk with families and friends about the truth behind abortion.
- Participate in the peaceful prayer vigil during one or more time slots.

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:** Sept. 27 – Nov. 4
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm

Risen Christ is sponsoring **Tuesday, Oct. 17** and **Thursday, Oct. 19.**

Signup sheets will be on a table in the Social Area.

Your point of contact is Mike Hanson, (406) 314-7826 or miker55@hotmail.com.

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** and will begin on September 12th. New members are encouraged to come.

“The one who sings, prays twice.” ~St. Augustine

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 9 & 10, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,876
Building Fund	10
Mass & Stole Gifts	90
Total	\$4,976

Sign Up — After Mass

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

Ladies Study Group Begins November 8th — 10 AM — 11:30 AM

12-15 Weeks

**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

**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
Dean & Terryl Cole, rb Jack & Mary Burgess

**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

SEMINARIAN BAKE SALE PROCEEDS

The proceeds from last weekend's bake sale came in at \$326.00. Mark your calendars for the next sale to be held on the weekend of October 14th and 15th.

Please remember to support and pray for the Seminarians.

**READINGS FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**

Isaiah 27:55-6-9

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Matthew 20:1-16a

PRACTICE OF HOPE

Jesus is always telling his followers what the kingdom of heaven is like. Using parables, he tries to illustrate for us the truth expressed by Isaiah in the first reading: God's thoughts are not our thoughts, nor his ways our ways. To us, with our pettiness and parsimony, God's abundant love and mercy are an unfathomable mystery. In fact, this mystery is *grace*, and it is God's grace that is our greatest source of hope. No matter how assiduously we defend our worthiness as opposed to the unworthiness of others, the grace of God confounds these efforts, leaving us at once confused and hopeful. In the face of such incomprehensible love, what can we do but surrender?

◆Surrendering to grace is an expression of hope. Pray the Act of Hope and teach it to a young person. See next page for Act of Hope Prayer.

◆Consider supporting the work of Show Hope, an organization that cares for orphans by removing barriers to their adoption, providing for their medical care, and much more.

<https://showhope.org>

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.

ACT OF HOPE

O my God, relying on your almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

OFFICE ASSISTANT JOB OPENING

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 twelve to fifteen hours. This individual offers a warm welcome and hospitality as the first point of contact for parishioners, visitors, and volunteers.

Applicant must have organization and communication skills as well as a knowledge of Microsoft Office and Quick Books. If interested, contact the office for more details and an application. 406-752-4219

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.

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

In strengthening the priest, you strengthen the whole church...strengthen the priest and you strengthen the whole foundation, you strengthen everything in the church.

Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, S.P.

DE LA SALLE SCHOOL RAFFLE TICKETS

We have raffle tickets for the De La Salle Blackfoot School located in Browning, Montana for sale. If you wish to purchase tickets, they are available on the table in the community room. Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. Please support this important educational ministry.

RED MASS* AT THE CATHEDRAL OF HELENA

Bishop Austin Vetter and Bishop Jeffrey Fleming will be celebrating a **Red Mass** in Helena at the Cathedral of St. Helena on Wednesday, October 4 at 12:00 noon. Following Mass, there will be a luncheon in the Brondel Center of the cathedral.

A special invitation is extended to all judges, lawyers, legislators, government officials and law school students.

Registration is required for the luncheon and the deadline is Monday, September 25th. To register, please contact Matt at the Montana Catholic Conference at 406-442-5761 or director@montanacc.org. Please register with your name, phone number, email address and number attending.

*Red Mass is celebrated in cities across the nation to initiate the opening of the Fall Term of the courts. It provides an opportunity for attending members of the legal community - judges, attorneys, law school professors, law enforcement and governmental agencies - to reflect on the God given power attached to their office. Participants ask God to imbue all members of the legal community with the virtues and gifts of the Holy Spirit - wisdom, understanding, counsel and fortitude - for the right and just administration of their respective office.

TUESDAY SESSIONS WITH DEACON FLOYD

Call Deacon Floyd for comfort, reassurance, or solace.

Deacon Floyd will be available on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. He is open to visiting with you on any topic such as marriage issues, suicide, walking through grief or just to talk about last week's homily.

This service is provided at no cost to you.

Please give him a call to schedule your appointment at 406-471-4379.

THANK YOU FROM THE FLATHEAD FOOD BANK

Dear Risen Christ Church,

Thank you so much for this generous gift of \$100.00.. What a great testimony and a blessing! Thank you for being such a good neighbor and friend.

Sincerely, Chris Sidmore, Executive Director, Flathead Food Bank

WHITEFISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION THANKS YOU!

Thank you for your generous gift of \$100.00 to the Great Fish Community Challenge and for supporting the work of our local nonprofit community. Your gift will make a difference in the greater Flathead Valley.

Sincerely, Alan Davis, President/CEO

The Lord has given me a well-trained tongue, that I may speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. – Isaiah 50:4

Lector Training Brushup

October 7th @ 10:30 AM & October 9th @ 7:00 PM

**All Lectors Must Attend One Session
New Lectors Welcome!**

Eucharistic Minister Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training

October 5th @ 7:00 PM & October 7th @ 11:30 AM

**All Eucharistic Ministers Must Attend One Session
New Ministers Welcome!**

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

St. Matthew's Catholic School is partnering with Snowline Acres again for the Christmas Wreath Fundraiser. The funds raised will go to improving the School's technology and new laptops. Shipping will be available for the 24" wreaths purchased that need to go OUT of town. If you have an order that needs shipping, please email the Auction Committee at stmattsau1@gmail.com Orders may also be made online at <https://wreath23.givesmart.com> or text wreath23 to phone number 76278.

Annual Fatima Rosary in the Square Saturday, October 14th @ Noon In front of St. Matthew's School

It takes about 30 minutes, rain or shine. Children are welcome. Please join us to pray for America with 20,000 other rallies around the world! For more information, please call Ray Leopold at 406-250-6272.

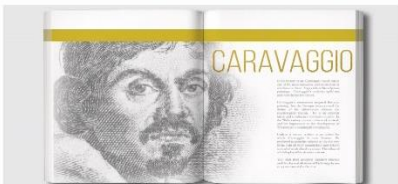
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Week of September 17, 2023



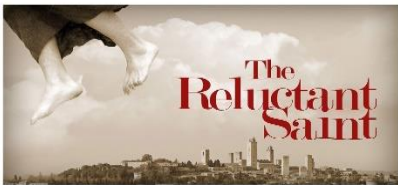
Padre Pio: Miracle Man

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.



The Calling of Matthew

Dr. Tim Gray provides an extended analysis of Caravaggio's The Calling of St. Matthew.



The Reluctant Saint: The Story of St. Joseph Cupertino

This film portrays the life of St. Joseph of Cupertino, the humble Franciscan friar who literally rose to sainthood. In the impoverished village of seventeenth century Cupertino, Italy, Joseph's peasant mother convinces the reluctant abbot to accept her son into the monastery. With the support of the kindly local bishop who sees in him a great deal more than others do, and by a series of miraculous incidents, the simple but pious Joseph is ordained a priest.

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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
September 17, 2023 – Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 18:21-35

A well-founded tradition notes that before Matthew left his occupation to follow Jesus, he was a tax collector. Those serving the Romans, who ruled Palestine in the time of Jesus, depended on tax collectors to support them by gathering sufficient funds from the locals. The Romans wanted exact population counts and precise records of how much was expected and how much was acquired each year. The health of the Roman Empire survived on precision. Its roads were straight, and its coffers were full.

This year we are reading excerpts from the Gospel of Matthew. This Sunday we learn about the teaching of Jesus regarding forgiveness. And we benefit from the precision with which Matthew recalls the specifics of the directives of Jesus as to exactly how much we are to forgive those who have offended us.

The number “seven” was a very symbolic number in those times. It meant “a lot.” Literally. So, when Jesus is asked by Peter (who is ever-questioning and ever-curious in the gospels) about how many times we should forgive the faults, misdeeds, and offences of others toward us, Peter (always looking for opportunities to impress Jesus) answers his own question first with the number “seven.”

Not quite, responded Jesus. How about seventy-seven times? In other words, much more than you might even imagine. Perhaps there is no limit to forgiveness. Fortunately, Matthew, attuned to recording exact numbers from his tax collector days, wrote the exact amount of times that Jesus said. And we have it today.

We have all experienced times of being hurt, misunderstood, ignored, or offended, both in word and in deed. We have all been tempted in such situations to fight back or get even with those who have offended us. “An eye for an eye” is something mentioned in earlier scripture writings. But that was not the way of Jesus, and not what he calls his followers to do. And it’s not what he did when he was tortured and violently killed on the cross.

So why this call to forgive seemingly without limit? Perhaps it is because that’s how God treats us. We have all given God many reasons to judge and even punish us for our sins, failings, and misdeeds. Yet God forgives us. And if God acts this way with us, we should also act in a similar way with others. And this will certainly make us better people as well.

David M. Thomas, PhD



Together we have raised

\$231,000

53% of our \$440,000 goal



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Risen Christ will benefit from **Because He First Loved Us**. Risen Christ's goal is \$440,000. Of this amount, 40% will remain at our parish to meet locally identified needs

Faith Formation & Outreach

To retain and bring people to encounter Jesus Christ and experience Catholic life

Endowment for Future Needs

To plan for the future and have funds as we grow



Prayerful Silence

“The Lord is about to pass by,” God told Elijah. There followed a great wind, an earthquake, and a fire, but God was in none of them. Then there came “a sound of sheer silence,” in which Elijah perceived God.

“Anyone who wants to be close to God requires 10 things,” Pope Benedict XVI quoted at World Youth Day in 2004: “nine parts silence and one part solitude.”

I once preached on silence in a church where many people came in, selected seats near friends, and chatted with them before kneeling and praying; one even went around the church talking to acquaintances until Mass started; and normal conversation began again as soon as Mass finished.

Afterward, one person objected, “What can I do? If someone talks to me, it’s rude not to reply!”

Another said, “In this parish, we believe in community.”

Anyone who talks to you when you are praying is interrupting your conversation with Jesus. It is not rude to say, “I’ll see you in the social hall or, outside or in the basement” and then finish talking to Jesus first.

Community *is* important. “It is not healthy to love silence while fleeing interaction with others, to want peace and quiet while avoiding activity, to seek prayer while disdaining service,” Pope Francis said in *Gaudete et Exultate*. “Everything can be accepted and integrated into our life in this world and become a part of our path to holiness.”

However, he added, “I ask that we never regard prayerful silence as a form of escape and rejection of the world around us.”

The time before Mass is not “for small talk,” he said in a Wednesday general audience, but “for recollection within the heart, to prepare ourselves for the encounter with Jesus. Silence is so important!”

The Mass is not a “spectacle,” he said. As we enter the church, we should think: “I am going to Calvary, where Jesus gave his life for me.” Then the idea of a “spectacle” disappears, and so does “the small talk.”

“We must foster in our communities the experience of silence,” Pope St. John Paul II told priests in *Pastores Dabo Vobis*. “We need silence if we are to accept in our hearts the full resonance of the voice of the Holy Spirit and to unite our personal prayer more closely to the word of God and the public voice of the Church. In a society that lives at an increasingly frenetic pace, often deafened by noise, and confused by the ephemeral, it is vital to rediscover the value of silence.”

Even before Mass, “it is commendable that silence be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred action in a devout and fitting manner,” the Church’s liturgical instructions say.

Jesus is always present sacramentally in the tabernacle. Accordingly, as St. Pio of Pietrelcina wrote to a correspondent, “enter the church in silence and with great respect, considering yourself unworthy to appear before the Lord’s majesty. Then take holy water and Sign of the Cross carefully and slowly.

“As soon as you are before God in the Blessed Sacrament, devoutly genuflect. Once you have found your place, kneel down and render the tribute of your presence and devotion to Jesus ... Don’t turn your head here and there to see who enters and leaves. Don’t laugh – out of reverence for this holy place and also out of respect for those who are near you. Try not to speak to anybody, except when charity or strict necessity requires it.” The same is true after Mass. “To guard yourself vigilantly after Communion” is as necessary as “devout preparation before,” Thomas à Kempis said in *The Imitation of Christ*. “Beware of much talk.”

“The first requirement for prayer is silence,” St. Teresa of Calcutta warned. “People of prayer are people of silence.”

God bless you! Fr. Stan