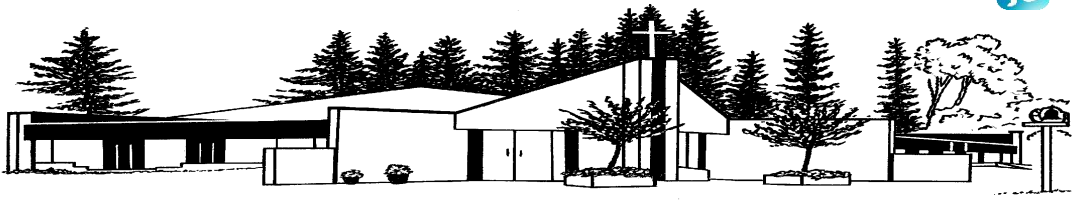


# RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Deacon Charlie Harball, 406-752-6788, St. Matthew

Helen Tobiason - Religious Formation Coordinator, Grades K-6

Maryruth Fallon, Music Director

Sandy Carter, Office Manager ~ Rose Hall, Office Assistant

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** ..... **September 24, 2023**  
**Saturday, September 23**, Mass for September Intentions ..... **6:30 pm**  
**Sunday September 24**, Mass for the Parish ..... **9:00 am**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 26**, Mass for the Souls of Herbold Family, rb Herbold Family ..... **8:45 am**  
**Thursday, September 28**, Souls of Alvin & Helen Krejci, rb Rose Hall ..... **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 30 & October 1

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Missy Kapelanczyk	<b>EM NEEDED</b>
Cup Minister	Vicki Walbruch	Lilia Hattel
	Maureen Neitzling	Kathy Shanahan
Lector	<b>LECTOR NEEDED</b>	Andrea Wright
	Dixon Rice	Jim Galvin
Server	<b>SERVER NEEDED</b>	Gary Hembd
Greeter	Rose Hall – Matt Kapelanczyk	Howie & Marian Ficek

### PLEASE NOTE

Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

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

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept.	24	<b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
	26	Choir .....	7:30 pm
	27	Religious Formation Picnic, Grades K-6 .....	5:30 pm
Oct.	1	<b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
	3	Choir .....	7:30 pm
	4	Religious Formation, Grades K-6.....	4:00 – 5:15 pm
	5	Eucharistic Minister Training .....	7:00 pm
	7	Lector Training.....	10:30 am
		Eucharistic Minister Training.....	11:30 am
	8	<b>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
		Coffee Hour .....	After Mass
	9	Lector Training.....	7:00 pm
	10	KC Ladies.....	6:00 pm
		Knights of Columbus.....	6:00 pm
		Choir .....	7:30 pm
	11	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**

Registration forms for Religious Formation classes 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 at 5:30 pm.**

**Volunteers are needed to help with Grades K-6, please 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 **Tues, Oct. 17** and **Thurs, 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.

### 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 16 & 17, 2023**

Sunday Envelopes	\$7,583
Building Fund	265
Mass & Stole Gifts	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,858</b>

### PARISH POTLUCK PICNIC / OktoberFest

Risen Christ invites all parishioners to an autumnal Oktoberfest potluck picnic on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 6 pm. The Knights of Columbus have offered their culinary services which will include grilled brats and chicken. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the social area—final sign-up by October 4<sup>th</sup> for the sides and desserts. Games for the kids will be available. It's time to gather, rekindle our relationships, and meet those new to the parish.

Consider your talents and the time that you can provide for the parish. A Time and Talent sign-up will also be available.

### 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.

**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**

**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 & Terry Cole, rb Jack & Mary Burgess  
Dorothy McVeigh, rb Allyson Kuechmann

**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

**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.

**READINGS FOR THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 1, 2023**

**Ezekiel 18:25-28**

**Philippians 2:1-11**

**Matthew 21:28-32**

**PRACTICE OF CHARITY**

The Christian community is scandalized when its members behave in a way that is contrary to what they profess. Baptized in Christ, gathered at his table, we believe we are one in him, yet our communities are increasingly divided. We promise to be his hands and feet and continue his work on earth, yet we are cruelly indifferent to a world of pain and sorrow. Without charity, unity, and humility, our prayerful words and reverent thoughts are meaningless – in truth, they are scandalous. Our prayer life must be supported by our actions.

♦As October begins, some children are beginning the school year without proper supplies. Find ways to support these students in your community.

♦October 3rd is Child Health Day. More than 11 million children in the United States are food insecure, and many more globally suffer from malnutrition and hunger. How can you respond to this need?

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.





***A study published in Australia in 2008 revealed that on average, choral singers rated their satisfaction with life higher than the public.*** That's good news for all who like to sing! Even better, you don't have to travel to Australia to experience this benefit. Just join the Risen Christ 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 have already begun.

Bring your energy and enthusiasm! New members are encouraged to come.

#### **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

#### **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.

#### **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 [stmattsauktion1@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsauktion1@gmail.com) Orders may also be made online at <https://wreath23.givesmart.com> or text wreath23 to phone number 76278.

*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!**

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## **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!**

### **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.

### **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. There will be a luncheon after Mass in the Brondel Center of the cathedral.

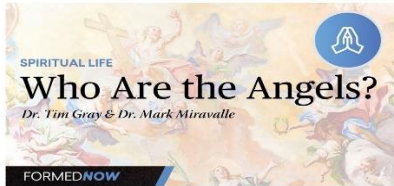
A special invitation is extended to all judges, lawyers, legislators, government officials and law school students.

**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](mailto: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.

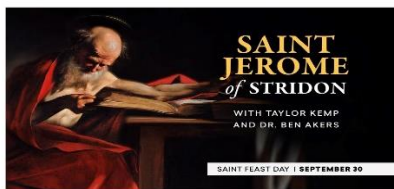
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Week of September 24, 2023



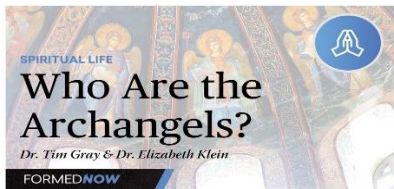
## Who Are the Angels?

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, to discuss the angels. What is an angel? What are the choirs of angels? How do we engage with our guardian angels?



## St. Jerome | Catholic Saints

An early Church Father from the 4th century, St. Jerome translated the Bible into Latin with the desire to make Scripture more accessible. St. Jerome is the patron of biblical scholars, translators, and archivists and famously said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."



## Who Are the Archangels?

Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein discuss archangels and what role they have in our lives.

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Fr. Stan



*The Nazareth Page*  
*A gospel meditation for your home*  
*September 24, 2023 – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Matthew 20:1-16*

I grew up in a family where there were four children. Three daughters and one son. That was me. We were a family of limited resources and our parents tried not to favor one of us over another. My mother was especially adept in matters where being fair was at play. Take for example desserts.

One of our favorites was chocolate pudding – the kind you cook and pour into equal portions in bowls. Naturally, my sisters and I each wanted the largest portion. If my mom poured a portion into each bowl, there was a good chance that one would have a bit more pudding than others. Thus, a stampede would ensue to get that larger portion.

One day she came up with a new plan. We sibs would take turns in filling the bowls. But then her parental brilliance showed through because she said that once the bowls were filled, the person who originally filled them would pick last! From then on, the bowls were exactly the same. Fairness and justice prevailed.

Which brings us to today's gospel. The gospel that seems to support unfairness. Those who worked a full day were paid the same wage as those who worked but one hour. I personally find it a real challenge to accept or understand the parable. Like so many of the parables of Jesus, they test our thinking and encourage our analysis.

So, what follows is one possible explanation. The landowner Jesus describes, I believe, is God. Those who study personal religious development say that for many their first concept of God is like a parent. As the years pass, more refined images of God enter our personal belief system. We think of God as a force, a power, a benevolent presence, a creator of not just us personally but as the one who from nothing creates everything! Our image of God seems to expand day by day.

As we progress through life, our early simplistic views of God are set aside for more complex thoughts. I recited the Creed each Sunday, and I even devoted my professional life to the study of theology. But now, well along my earthy journey, I have to agree with one of the greatest theologians ever, St. Thomas Aquinas, who said toward the end of his life that all his writings were but straw. God is basically a great mystery but one who loves us now and forever. Questions about God will remain, even increase. This may indicate we are getting closer to the truth. Reflecting on today's gospel helps.

David M. Thomas, PhD

## 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



## Growing Priestly Vocations

By God's grace, many men in the Diocese of Helena are responding to the call to discern a vocation to the priesthood. Our Diocese is blessed to have had 15 seminarians studying for the priesthood last year. While a great blessing, the total cost to the Diocese to educate and house these seminarians is more than \$750,000 each year.

**Because He First Loved Us** will raise \$8 million to establish an endowment fund for ongoing seminarian education and priestly formation to ensure, in perpetuity, that no vocation is hindered due to financial need.



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