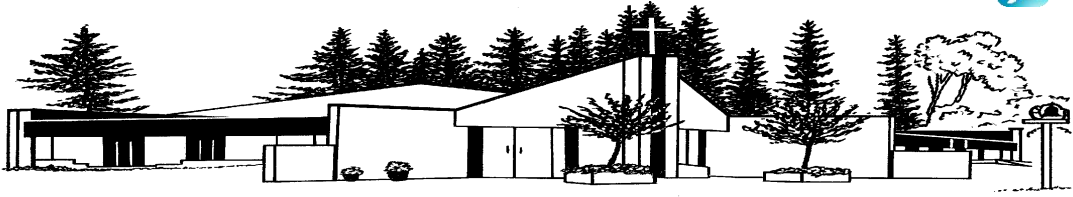


RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Father Stanislaw Róg, Pastor/Parish Administrator

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Deacon Floyd McCubbins, 406-471-4379, deaconfloydmc@yahoo.com - Risen Christ

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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**October 1, 2023**
Saturday, September 30, Mass for September Intentions **6:30 pm**
Sunday October 1, Mass for the Parish **9:00 am**
Tuesday, Oct. 3, Mass for the Soul of Kathy Grise, rb Margarite & Ron Bauer ... **8:45 am**
Thursday, October 5, Mass for the deceased priests of our Diocese **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, October 7 & 8

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Deacon Floyd	Deacon Floyd
Cup Minister	Maureen Neitzling	Connie McCubbins
	Suzanne Johnson	Neil Heino
Lector	Andrea Wright	Pati Heath
	Jackie Jensen	Paul Heath
Server	Deacon Floyd	Deacon Floyd
Greeter	Lee & Dee Heser	Tom & Teri Alger

PLEASE NOTE

Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct.	1	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
	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	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
		Parish Oktoberfest Picnic.....	3:00 pm
	9	Lector Training	7:00 pm
	10	KC Ladies, Nickel Charlie's.....	6:00 pm
		Knights of Columbus	6:00 pm
		Choir.....	7:30 pm
	11	Religious Formation, Grades K-6.....	4:00 – 5:15 pm
	14 & 15	Bake Sale.....	After weekend Masses
	15	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	

Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 10:00am - 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.

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 23 & 24, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,111
Building Fund	65
Mass & Stole Gifts	45
Total	\$5,221

PARISH POTLUCK PICNIC / Oktoberfest

Risen Christ invites all parishioners to an autumnal Oktoberfest potluck picnic on Sunday, October 8th 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 4th 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. There is **no charge** for this event. All are welcome!

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

Deacon Floyd will be available on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00pm – 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. Call 406-471-4379 for an appointment.

WOMEN IN CONVERSATION SCRIPTURE STUDY

Small group faith-sharing designed for contemporary women.

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!

Facilitated by Pati Heath

Ladies group begins November 8th, 10:00 – 11:30 am for 12 to 15 weeks.

Sign-up in the community room.

CHOIR NEWS

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.

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 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
Kathy Grise, rb Margarite & Ron Bauer
Father of Lisa Knight, rb Mary Burgess
Daughter of Julie Knaff, rb Mary Burgess
Kathleen Laura Grise, rb Mary Burgess

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Ruff & Falk Families, rb Mary Ruff
Dean & Terryl Cole, rb Jack & Mary Burgess

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

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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

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!

**READINGS FOR THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 8, 2023**

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43

PRACTICE OF FAITH

Paul tells us how a person of faith behaves: "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayers and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests know to God." This is the faith of a person who is at peace with God. Jesus talks about the faith that is the acceptance of God's salvific action when he explains what will happen to a faithless people: "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." In either case, the outcome is determined as the action of God in our lives is accepted or rejected.

♦Pray a morning offering in which you give to God the "prayers, works, joys, and sufferings" of the day, and remind yourself of this prayer throughout the day.

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.

Thank you to all who have been saving your pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. they are thrilled and grateful when they get a large delivery from Risen Christ.

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

NCYC PILGRIMAGE:

The 21 high school students and four chaperones who are attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis this November would like to thank Flathead Valley parishioners for their generous support. They collected almost **\$16,000** in pledges for their pilgrimage to the Jesus statue on Big Mountain which they completed on Labor Day! The pilgrims will be helping the Knights of Columbus host their pancake breakfast at St Matthew's on October 29th to fundraise the remaining \$6000 for their trip.

WORD OF LIFE

“Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: “Radical Solidarity”

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!**

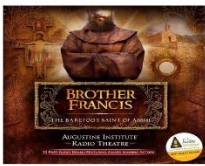
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of October 01, 2023



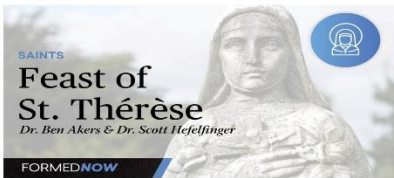
Faustina and the Spread of Divine Mercy | Divine Mercy | Episode 4

This episode of Divine Mercy and the Second Greatest Story Ever Told, reveals how a saint from Poland embarked on one of the greatest missions in the history of the Church, becoming a catalyst for the message of Divine Mercy.



Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi

In this 10-part audio drama, listeners can dive into the life of St. Francis of Assisi as he goes from being a son of wealth and privilege to a man who gave up everything for the sake of Christ.



The Feast of St. Thérèse

In celebration of the feast of St. Thérèse, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger sit down to discuss the life and writings of this great saint and Doctor of the Church.

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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
October 1, 2023 – *Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Matthew 21:28-32

Like so many others I have spent a good part of my life using words to communicate my thoughts and feelings. Most of my education took place through the words of lectures and books in the many subjects I studied. I made my living mostly through the words I said in the classroom and the books and articles I wrote for publication. These Nazareth Pages are constructed with words that are placed in my laptop and find their way around the world. The story of my professional life, and much of my personal life, is almost totally created out of words.

And words also play an important part of today's culture. The words of government turn on the words of elected officials. Talk programs and podcasts delve into the major issues of our time. The rise of mass media and computerization is largely due to their ability to spread words and other symbols that can be communicated to virtually to every corner of the world.

But in today's gospel Jesus boldly asks which is more important, words or deeds (actions). He asks us to judge who is better: someone who says that they will do what is good but fails to do it, or someone who says they won't do what is good but later does it. In other words, what really counts in the end? Good words or good actions?

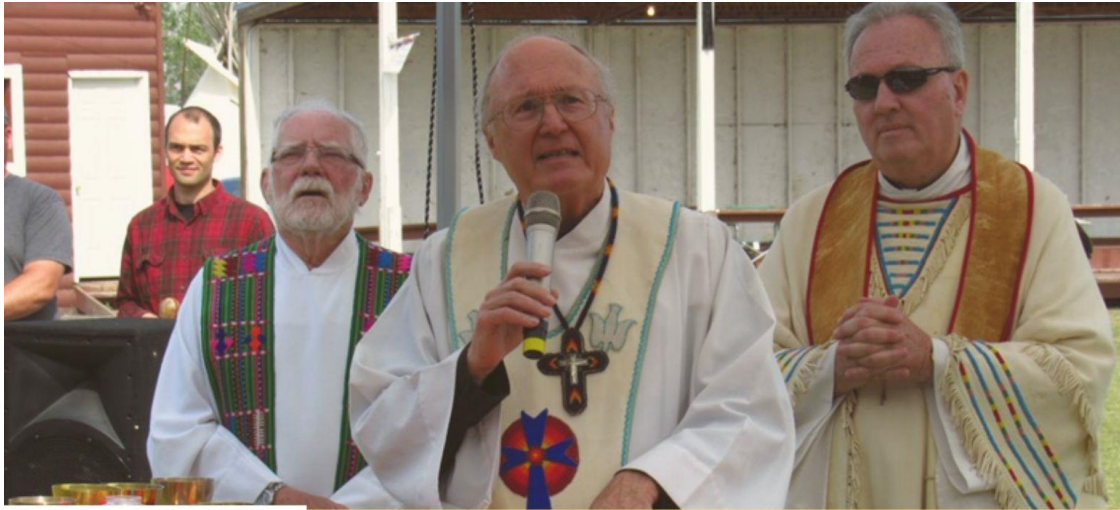
This is not a difficult issue if you know the teachings (and actions) of Jesus. Of course, he both said what is and did the good in its fullest. But what made the strongest impression on others? It was what he did. He showed his love by giving his life for others. He helped those in need and comforted those who suffered. There was no limit to his generosity in serving others.

When I reflect on the Last Supper, what most impresses me was not his words (even though they were some of the most impressive words in all the gospels) but his act of washing the dirty feet of his disciples. His great gesture of service and love.

In one place, the gospel describes Jesus simply as one who went about *doing* good. There is no mention of him only being a great teacher (which he was) or someone who could influence the crowds by his stirring words (which they were).

We all know the phrase: *actions speak louder than words*. We need to be reminded of this simple truth. It's part of the central message of Jesus.

David M. Thomas, PhD



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A CAMPAIGN FOR CATHOLIC LIFE

Care for Our Retired Priests

The priests of our Diocese have given their lives in service to God-and us. Today, we have 26 retired priests receiving retirement benefits. More than a dozen priests currently with assignments are within ten years of retirement. We will soon have more retired priests than active ones. Through this campaign, we seek to grow the trust to meet the anticipated need of our aging priests.

Because He First Loved Us will raise \$4 million to provide greater security to the retirement needs of our priests who have served us so well.

After a lifetime of sacrifice and service, no priest should face retirement with financial uncertainty.

Together we have raised

\$231,000

53% of our \$440,000 goal



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