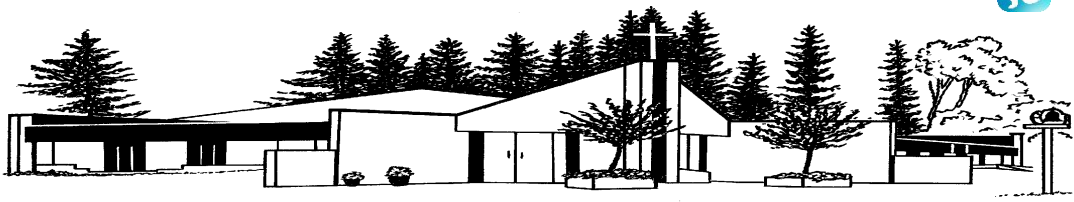


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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEOctober 8, 2023
Saturday, October 7, Mass for October Intentions **6:30 pm**
Sunday October 8, Mass for the Parish **9:00 am**
Tuesday, Oct. 10, Mass for the Soul of Otto Heiniseh, rb Iris Stephens..... **8:45 am**
Thursday, October 12, Mass for the Soul of Rich Heath, rb Paul & Pati Heath. **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 14 & 15

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Deacon Charlie	Deacon Charlie
Cup Minister	Jovita Kottraba	Jack Lavin
	Missy Kapelanczyk	Anita Lavin
Lector	Vicki Walbruch	Jim Galvin
	Dixon Rice	LECTOR NEEDED
Server	Deacon Charlie	Deacon Charlie
Greeter	Don Zimmerman – Mary Jacobs	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

- Oct. 8 **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- 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**
- 17 & 19 - **40 Days for Life sponsorship**
- 17 Choir 7:30 pm
- 18 No Religious Formation Classes.....
- 22 **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- World Mission Sunday**

Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

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 are Wednesdays from 4:00 – 5:15 pm

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Our Fall campaign has begun and will run through Saturday, November 4th. Risen Christ is sponsoring **Tuesday, Oct. 17 and Thursday, Oct. 19** on the sidewalk outside **All Families Healthcare** abortion facility at 737 Spokane Avenue.

You can turn eastward at 8th Street, drive one block to Kalispell Avenue and park there on Kalispell. The vigil hours are from 7 am to 7 pm. Please sign up at the table in the Social Area.

SEMINARIAN BAKE SALE REMINDER

The taste of fall is in the air with apples and spice and pumpkin fare!
Calling all bakers and sweet tooths!

We will be having our monthly bake sale next weekend after both Masses.
Please support this important fundraiser.

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.

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 30 & October 1, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	\$7,366
Building Fund	335
Mass & Stole Gifts	30
Total	\$7,731

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.

8 REASONS TO JOIN THE CHOIR

1. We have lots of fun.
2. Boost your self-confidence.
3. Be part of a team.
4. Make new friends.
5. Be creative.
6. Express yourself.
7. Reduce your stress level.
8. Give your lungs a workout.

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.

LECTOR TRAINING BRUSHUP

Monday, October 9, 7:00 pm

All Lectors must attend.

New Lectors Welcome!

FR. HUGO LUNGU

Fr. Hugo is celebrating his Silver Jubilee (25 years of Priesthood). The sacrifice of the Holy Mass will be celebrated Thursday, October 26, 2023 at Mwanamonga.

The contact information for Fr. Hugo is available in the parish office for anyone wanting to send a card or a gift.

**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 Knapp, 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
Jim & Kathleen Ott

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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 15, 2023**

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

PRACTICE OF FAITH

Do we know yet what the kingdom of God is like? In parable after parable, with increasing urgency, Jesus impels us to understand where the path of faith is leading, and what obstacles we must overcome along our journey. In the parable of the wedding feast, he cautions: once we accept God's invitation into his kingdom (once we become Christians), we still have work to do. Like the underdressed guest, we can still be judged unfit for the banquet. Our limited view may yet get in our way.

♦With others or on your own, begin a regular study of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* to learn more about your faith. 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.



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

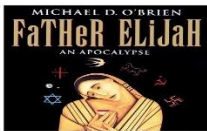
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of October 08, 2023



John XXIII: The Pope of Peace

This movie tells the life story of John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as pope. Elected supposedly as an "Interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council.



Father Elijah: An Apocalypse by Michael D. O'Brien

This audiobook explores the state of the world and the faith through the story of Father Elijah, a Carmelite priest sent on a mission for the Vatican that leads to crises and conflicts ultimately affecting the fate of the Church.



Every Park Needs a Lark | Episode 1 | Benjamin Cello

This episode of Benjamin Cello reveals that every part of creation has a purpose and brings beauty into the world.

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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
October 8, 2023 – Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 21:33-43

I live in one of the largest states in the USA, the state of Montana. While we have a few medium size cities, most of the state is open land where one can travel for miles and miles and not see a single dwelling, or even a fence. A good part of the state is “owned” by the government, which often labels the land as “public.” That means it is land that can be enjoyed by hikers, hunters, and anglers. We also have a wonderful national park (Glacier) where the general rule is this: Take nothing in and take nothing out but good memories, after seeing some of the most beautiful views anywhere.

Yet some feel they have a right to do whatever they want with the land especially if they own it. But they can't because there are rules established by the government to protect and preserve the land right now, and for the future. We are all familiar with the phrase, “environmental protection.”

This can lead to arguments about ownership and responsibility – an issue that is imbedded in today's gospel about a vineyard that was owned by a non-resident landlord. He rented his land to tenants who plotted to make the land all their own. If they succeeded, they could keep all the profits earned from the land for themselves. They wanted full control.

Jesus creates this parable to encourage his listeners (and us) to reflect on matters that we might call “ultimate responsibility.” Does the gift of freedom include our doing anything we want? Do we “own” our lives so that we can do whatever we intend? Can we use others simply to meet our own desires? And what about the Earth itself? Is it there to be plundered in accord with our own personal advantage?

In other words, are we totally in charge? Or does all creation (ourselves included) ultimately belong to God? Is not existence itself for all of us (and the whole universe) nothing less than an incredible gift from God? Is not God the one who sustains our life, freedom, joy, and love?

Are we then “tenants” assigned to work with God to draw forth a harvest of goodness that is possible in creation as it exists on Earth today? 2000 years back the production of good wine from plump grapes was not easy. The task of pruning the vines, assisting their growth, and harvesting their bounty along with all that was needed to create wine was not effortless. Hard work was required. As it is today as we work in the Lord's vineyard.

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

