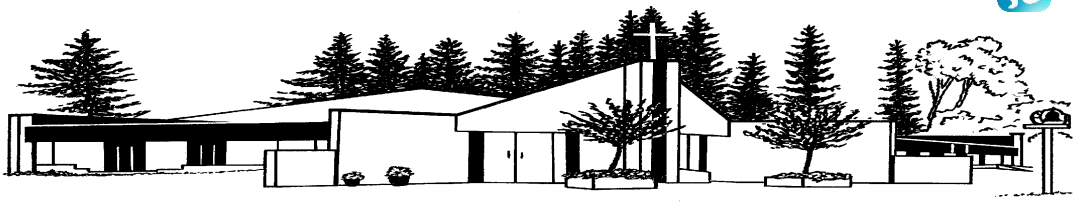


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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **October 15, 2023**
Saturday, October 14, Mass for October Intentions..... **6:30 pm**
Sunday October 15, Mass for the Parish..... **9:00 am**
Tuesday, Oct. 17, Mass for the Souls in Purgatory, rb Andrea Wright **8:45 am**
Thurs., Oct. 19, Mass for the Soul of Rena Desmond, rb Francine Micklewright **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 21 & 22

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Vicki Walbruch	Howie Ficek
Cup Minister	Missy Kapelanczyk	Marian Ficek
	EM NEEDED	Lilia Hattel
Lector	Suzanne Johnson	Betty Heino
	Maureen Neitzling	Kathy Shanahan
Server	SERVER NEEDED	Gary Hembd
Greeter	Matt & Missy Kapelanczyk	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

- Oct. 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
- 24 No Choir
- 25 Religious Formation Classes 4:00 – 5:15 pm
- 29 **THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- 31 Solemnity Vigil, All Saints’ Day at Risen Christ 6:00 pm
Choir 7:30 pm

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, Wednes. The deadline for altar announcements is noon, Thursday.

ALL SAINTS’ DAY MASSES, OCTOBER 31 & NOVEMBER 1, 2023

October 31st Solemnity Vigil, 6:00 pm at Risen Christ
November 1st 8:30 am & 12:00 pm St. Matthew’s Children’s Mass
6:00 pm St. Matthew’s

PART-TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT JOB OPENING

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

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.

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.

October 7 & 8, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	\$7,247
Building Fund	205
Total	\$7,452

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 Mwana Monga.

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

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.

PLEASE DONATE YOUR PLASTIC BREAD TABS

Why do people collect bread tabs? These can be recycled and go towards the purchase of wheelchairs!

You too can make a difference to the lives of people who need a wheelchair. Save your bread tags and get your family and friends to do so too.

The collection jar is in the entryway.



**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023**

FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

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

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

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

WORD OF LIFE

“O Blessed Mother, at the angel’s word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

**READINGS FOR THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 22, 2023**

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b Matthew 22:15-21

PRACTICE OF CHARITY

What belongs to God? Christians believe that all things belong to God and that all we have is given to us by God. How, then, does the Christian live in a world of commercial and civic accountability? After all, the Church abides within the economic and political systems of a given time and place, to which it necessarily conforms much of the time. But it cannot serve two masters, and it cannot deny its identity and mission. This means that Christian life is about seeking balance so that the Church will be what it should be: the light of the world.

♦Call your local homeless shelter to see what items are most needed at this time.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Calling all Parents, God Parents, College, and High School young adults: The children who attend Sunday morning Mass need your Time and Talents. They are looking for some faith sharing companions to lead them in Sunday morning youth ministry during mass. This group is eager to have this opportunity available to them each Sunday, so we need your help. A sign-up sheet is in the social area on the table with the other Religious Education forms.

Thank you for sharing your Time and Talents with our youth.

LITURGY – THE LIFE OF THE PARISH

Risen Christ encourages the active participation of all the people in the following liturgical ministries. There are many more not listed.

GREETER – Often the first person to welcome the community as they gather for worship, the greeter helps to establish a friendly and welcoming environment.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER – The call of each Christian is to share the person of Jesus. This ministry provides a special opportunity to share the Lord in His Eucharist with the community.

LECTOR – The Lector shares in the ministry of the word and the privilege of sharing the “Good News” within the assembly.

SERVER – This role assists the priest by serving at the altar. This is a very special part of our parish liturgies.

MUSIC MINISTRY – An essential part of all parish liturgies! Together we express and we share our gifts of faith through sung responses, acclamations, and songs of procession and meditation.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR TIME AND TALENT.

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST PRAYER, FEAST DAY OCTOBER 18TH

Almighty God, you inspired Your servant St. Luke the Evangelist and Physician to set forth in the gospel the love and the healing power of your Son. In faithfully detailing the humanity of Jesus, he also showed the divinity of Jesus and His genuine compassion for all human beings.

May St. Luke intercede for us that we may deepen our understanding of the gospel and grow in compassion of Jesus. May his intercession enable our parish to follow Your way and plan for us.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." ~ Luke the Evangelist

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of October 15, 2023



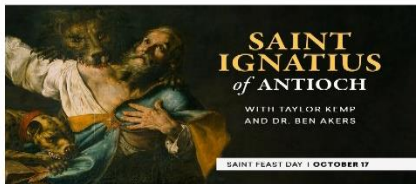
St. Luke the Artist | Sacred Art

In this episode of Sacred Art, Taylor Kemp and Dr. Ben Akers discuss Rogier van der Weyden's painting, "Saint Luke Drawing the Virgin," artistry and what it reveals about St. Luke the Evangelist.



Saint Teresa of Ávila: A Study in Perseverance

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Avila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.



Saint Ignatius of Antioch | Catholic Saints

Learn about St. Ignatius of Antioch, a remarkable saint who died a martyr for his fidelity to Christ in this episode of Catholic Saints with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp.

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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
October 15, 2023 – Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:1-14

Weddings are generally important social events. And the manner in which the wedding is enacted and celebrated is what should be judged as most important. But also, on a lesser scale, is the list of those relatives, friends and associates who are invited to attend. In medieval times, the list of invitees was largely determined by social class. Even seating arrangements were prescribed. No one was allowed to be “out of place.”

Today, however, there’s more creativity and variety entailed in weddings. In general, they come in all styles and shapes. Recently, our family was present to celebrate the wedding of one of our daughters. Besides family, there was a rich variety of friends in attendance. Some from the couple’s work life. Some longtime schoolmates. There might even have been a wedding-crasher or two.

It took place outside with the garage transformed into a bar, a neighbor’s yard (with a great view of the mountains) into a chapel, a side yard became the dining area and as the bar became more popular, the driveway became a somewhat wild dance floor. And a very accommodating Mother Nature smiled overhead into the night.

Jesus knew the importance of weddings in his time and often connected wedding celebrations with his teachings. He performed his first miracle during a wedding feast at Cana. Today’s parable notes that there are two parts to participating in a wedding. Being invited is first, and second is actual attendance. God’s invitation to live a full life of love and service, especially to those in need, is at the heart of life in God’s world. God gives life freely and lovingly and invites all to do the same for others.

We have all been invited to the feast of life, which unfolds during each and every day of our lives. The issue of importance remains the same. Are we going to make the effort to attend and fully participate in the wedding feast?

I used to have a small wall banner that read: Happiness is noticing each sunrise and knowing who to thank. In a similar spirit we might add that living life to its fullest is to recognize each and every opportunity that comes our way to love and serve others, and to respond to it with a full and generous heart. And enjoy the feast.

David M. Thomas, PhD



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Because He First Loved Us will utilize \$1.5 million to restore the exterior of the cathedral and ready it for the next generation of disciples.



Please scan the QR code to learn more at the **Because He First Loved Us** website

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