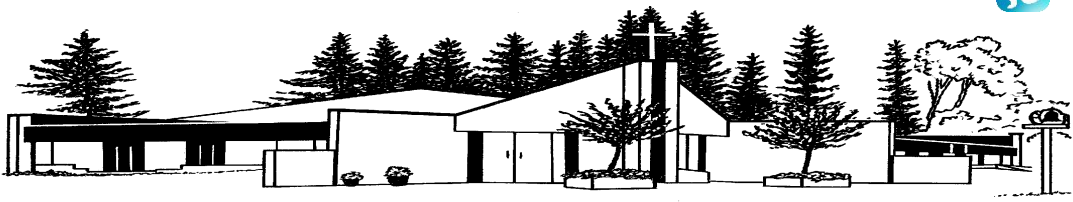


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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **October 29, 2023**
Saturday, October 28, Mass for October Intentions..... **6:30 pm**
Sunday October 29, Mass for the Parish..... **9:00 am**
Tuesday, October 31, Mass for the Deceased Priests of the Diocese..... **8:45 am**
 Vigil Mass, **All Saints' Day** **6:00 pm**
Thursday, November 2, ALL SOULS' DAY..... **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, November 4 & 5

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Deacon Charlie	Deacon Charlie
Cup Minister	Rick Nease	Howie Ficek
	Shelley Nease	Marian Ficek
Lector	Vicki Walbruch	Paul Heath
	Jackie Jensen	Pati Heath
Server	Deacon Charlie	Deacon Charlie
Greeter	Rose Hall – Don Zimmerman	Tom & Terrie 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. 29 **THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- 31 Solemnity Vigil, All Saints' Day at Risen Christ 6:00 pm
- Choir 7:30 pm
- Nov. 1 **ALL SAINTS' DAY, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**
- Religious Formation Classes 4:00 – 5:15 pm
- 2 **ALL SOULS' DAY**
- 5 **THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- Coffee Hour
- 7 Choir..... 7:30 pm
- 8 Women's Scripture Study 10:00-11:30 am
- Religious Formation Classes 4:00 – 5:15 pm
- 12 **THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- KC Breakfast After Mass
- 14 KC Ladies' Nickel Charlie's 6:00 pm
- Knights of Columbus 6:30 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, Wednesday. 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 & 12:10 pm St. Matthew
6:00 pm St. Matthew'

LECTOR & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

A make-up training session will be held for both Lectors and Eucharistic Minister's on Saturday, November 4th.
Lector training is at 10:30 am and Eucharistic Minister training is at 11:30 am.
You must attend a session to be current on your training.
If you are unable to attend, contact Pati Heath.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Our Fall campaign has begun and will run through Saturday, November 4th.
Please keep this campaign in your thoughts and prayers.

The Book of the Names of the Dead is on display near the Baptismal Font this weekend and during the month of November. Please enter the names of your deceased loved ones.

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 21 & 22, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,995
Building	250
Mass & Stole Gifts	25
Total	\$5,270



THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY

We will be doing the Reverse Offering for the food baskets
the weekend of November 11th & 12th.

Please bring in your food items the weekend of November 18th & 19th.
The baskets will be put together after Mass on Sunday, November 20th
and will go out to the needy that day. **Volunteers are needed:**

- To separate food and fill up the baskets on Sunday, November 19th right after Mass.
- Drivers will deliver the food on Sunday, November 19th at 11:30 am.
- Provide a turkey. Each basket gets one turkey.

Please call Julie Berquist @406 253-4842 if you can donate a turkey or to sign up a family in need.

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.

FALL CLASSICAL MUSIC RECITAL

Featuring the music of Bach, Handel, Schubert & More

Selections for the organ performed by Leif Homme - Arias performed by Elise Homme

Sunday, October 29, 3 pm at St Richard Catholic Church Columbia Falls

******* SAVE THE DATES! *******

EVENTS COMING SOON

Sunday, November 5th - Coffee Hour

Sunday, November 12th – Breakfast after Mass

Friday, November 17th – Turkey bingo!

**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 & Terry Cole, rb Jack & Mary Burgess
Benjamin, 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, Anthony Olmes
James Semling, Jamie Severson, Carter Anderson
Shae Bills, Lane Buus, Matt Keck

TUESDAY SESSIONS WITH DEACON FLOYD

Deacon Floyd will be available on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 pm – 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.

**READINGS FOR THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 5, 2023**

Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13 Matthew 23:1-12

PRACTICE OF FAITH

“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled.” With these words, Jesus delivers a warning and an instruction, referring specifically to religious habits and practices to make his point. A worshipping community becomes one if humble enough to allow it, and through this humility, true encounter with each other and with God is experienced.

♦Extend the practice of your faith outside the walls of your parish church by praying every day as a family, for a blessed day, a peaceful night, or for those in need.

At Home With the Word 2023

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 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.

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.

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**

APPLE PIES!! – ORDER YOURS NOW!

St. Matthew School is selling fresh take and bake apple pies for \$15.00.

All proceeds go to St. Matthew School. Your orders are due by Friday, November 4th and pick-up will be on November 9th or 10th.

Please bring a box or a plastic bag to transport your pies.

If you have any questions, please contact Chaela Manning @ 406-890- 5397.

There are order forms in the social area.

THE BAG LADY PROJECT

In 2017 the Bag Lady Project was started to help keep the homeless people that were sleeping outside in Kalispell warm.

The project provides coats that turn into sleeping bags that are weather resistant and will keep a person warm in subzero temperatures. They are purchased from Empowerment Plan, a nonprofit group in Detroit, MI that sews and sells the coats for \$150.00. The Empowerment Plan has made over 70,000 coats which have been used in all fifty states, Canada and 20 other countries.

Please pray for the Bag Lady Project, and if you would like to help, donations of any size are accepted and tax deductible. I will be in the Parish social area at Risen Christ after the Masses with more information. Thank you and stay warm. God Bless!

Barb St. John, The "Bag Lady"

ALL SAINTS' DAY AND ALL SOULS' DAY

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

Although millions or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints --that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church.

All Saints' Day is also commemorated by members of the Eastern Orthodox Church as well as some protestant churches, such as Lutheran and Anglican churches. Generally, All Saints' Day is a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day, unless they have an excellent excuse, such as serious illness.

All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day, which follows All Saints.

It is important to remember these basic facts:

Halloween is a secular holiday that comes the night before All Saints' Day.

All Saints' Day is on November 1, and it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

All Souls' Day is on November 2, and it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation. Source:catholic.org



Help Us Help Others!

Please join us for a long-awaited Parish Breakfast following Mass on Sunday, November 12, 2023. Let us make this event a particular time for family, friends, and our Parish community to thank those who served our country in uniform.

Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism

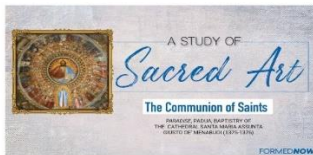
THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of October 29, 2023



Saint Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd

As the Cardinal-nephew of Pope Pius IV, Saint Charles Borromeo was one of the wealthiest and most powerful men in all of Rome. Yet he chose the extraordinary challenge of reforming the enormous Archdiocese of Milan to the pampered life of a Renaissance prince, and willingly spent himself in the service of his flock.



The Communion of Saints | Sacred Art

In celebration of All Saints' Day, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down to discuss Giusto de' Menabuoi's "Paradise" and how the saints give us hope by showing us that holiness is possible.



Brother Francis - All Souls Day

In this episode of Brother Francis, kids can learn about All Souls Day and how we take time to remember those who have passed away.

To register please go to: www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org Click on register now and create your account. Be sure to follow the password requirements and check the square that you have read and understood the Terms of Service. After you have created your account, you'll have access to FORMED-provided materials (like the one above) purchased for you by our parish. Please take advantage of this beautiful opportunity to learn more about your faith.

Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
October 29, 2023 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:34-40

My initial reaction to learning that *love* was at the very center of Catholic Christian life, was one of surprise mixed with a little confusion. I had progressed through many years of Catholic education and this emphasis on love was hardly mentioned. I knew the two commandments of loving God and neighbor were part of the package, but that it all could in some way be boiled down to just those two commandments seemed overly simple. Although I would have to add, I did not think this was a bad idea. And it was certainly worth further investigation.

What followed was more than a decade of formal education that led to my earning a PhD in Historical and Systematic Theology from a school that was just one inch short of recently defeating a tough football team from Ohio State University. (The luck of the Irish?)

My formal education was followed by close to fifty years of teaching theology at three Jesuit universities. During all that time, I continued to learn more and more about our shared Catholic Christian faith. And that certainly included much of my continued reading, research and theological exploration focused on the meaning and application of those two great commandments - the ones that are the substance of this Sunday's gospel.

At the Last Supper, Jesus again addressed the place of love in his teachings and stated it could be further refined into one commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you." He "personalized" love by pointing to his life which fully combined the love of God (the Father) with the love of you and me and everyone else.

Most of us are familiar with the statement that "God is love." That means that God is certainly not indifferent or distanced from the Creation that God caused. In fact, if God separated from Creation, it is thought that all Creation would simply return to the nothingness that was at "the beginning." While this is close to being an unimaginable idea, its point is clear. Creation needs a Creator.

And why did God create all that is, most especially us? Did God need us for any selfish divine purpose? No, God created to share existence and life with us – all of us. God loved and we became. Which may include billions of others should we not be alone in the universe. A thought growing in possibility among today's cosmologists and astronomers. So too, I suspect, is belief in a loving God.

David M. Thomas, PhD