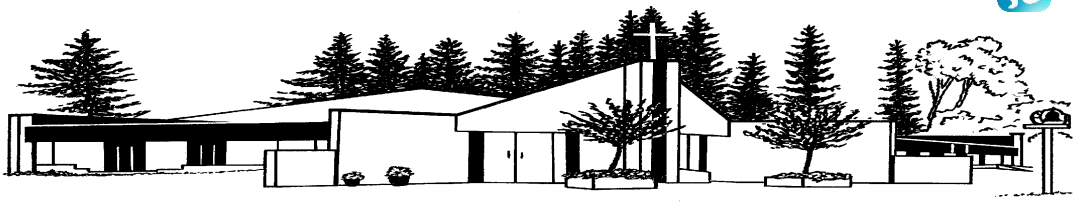


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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE November 26, 2023
Sat., Nov. 25 Mass for The Deceased listed in The Book of the Names of the Dead **6:30 pm**
Sunday November 26, Mass for the Parish..... **9:00 am**
Tuesday, November 28, Mass for the Soul of Mike Wright, rb Andrea Wright ... **8:45 am**
Thurs., Nov. 30, 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, December 2 & 3

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Vicki Walbruch	Neil Heino
Cup Minister	Shelley Nease	Howie Ficek
	Judy Hughes	Marian Ficek
Lector	Dixon Rice	Jack Fallon
	Jackie Jensen	Jim Galvin
Server	SERVER NEEDED	Gary Hembd
Greeter	John & Toni Gunnerson	Richard & Rosemary Brester 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

- Nov. 26 **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**
- 28 Choir 7:00 pm
- 29 Women’s Scripture Study..... 10:00 – 11:30 am
- Religious Formation **FAMILY NIGHT** 5:30 pm
- Dec. 2 Advent decorating 10:30 am
- 3 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- Coffee Hour After Mass
- 5 Choir 7:00 pm
- 6 Women’s Scripture Study 10:00-11:30 am
- Religious Formation Classes 4:00 – 5:15 pm
- 7 Vigil Mass for the **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** at Risen Christ. 6:00 pm
- 8 **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
- HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**
- 8 **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** Masses at St. Matthew 8:30 am & 6:00 pm
- 10 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- Retirement for Religious
- Bake Sale..... After Masses
- KC Breakfast After Sunday Mass
- Valley Voices Concert 3:00 pm

Parish Office Hours this week: Monday through Wednesday, 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.

DECORATING HELPERS NEEDED FOR ADVENT

We will be decorating for Advent awaiting the celebration of Christmas.

We need your help so please join us!

Come join in with the camaraderie and excitement of the upcoming season!

Saturday, December 2 at 10:30 AM

PRAYER

“There is nothing the devil fears so much, or so much tries to hinder, as prayer.”
St. Philip Neri

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER — 6:30 PM

**Please plan to attend Evening Prayer for the intention of Peace,
especially in Israel & Ukraine.**

3rd Week of Advent – December 17

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.

November 18 & 19, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,180
Thanksgiving	25
Building	50
Mass & Stole Gifts	60
Total	\$5,315

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

- O most Holy Mother, receive my prayers as I present them to God.
O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son.
O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us.

USHERS NEEDED—Men & Women Invited

Risen Christ is growing and COVID has become less prevalent.

Our Church pews are becoming full again!

The ministry of Church Ushers plays a vital role in the hospitality
and welcome ministry of the local church. Assigned ushers are needed.

Generally, the ministry of church ushers focuses on the following areas of responsibilities:

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| Assist in seating members and visitors. | Select families to bring gifts forward. |
| Collect the offering. | Pick up Liturgy sheets & books. |
| Be watchful & vigilant in case of emergency. | Attendance counting. |

Think of the ministry of church ushers as responsible for inside the sanctuary, starting
from the interior entry doors—Not outside security.

Contact the Parish Office 406-752-4219 or Pati Heath 406-249-8149 to sign up.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources."

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

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 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
Jim Jensen, rb Jackie Jensen
Kathleen Laura Grise, rb Jack & Mary Burgess
Stu Sorenson, rb Jack & Mary Burgess

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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Ruff & Falk Families, rb Mary Ruff
Dean & Terry Cole, rb Jack & Mary Burgess
Benjamin, rb Jack & Mary Burgess

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

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Greg Grace, Joe Riska, Dorothy McVeigh
Eileen Kluesner, Maureen Neitzling, Amy Neitzling
Tim & Diane Slobojan, Bob & Barbara Vine
Mary Grace Galvin, Mike & Linda O'Neil, Larry Visocan
Mary Reckin, Ron Bauer
Ruff & Falk Families, Peg Gebhardt, Mike Hanson

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

THE CLOTHES CLOSET

The Clothes Closet in the basement of Calvary Lutheran needs bedding as well as men's & children's clothing. You may take them directly to Calvary church or bring to Risen Christ during office hours and Maryruth will deliver the items. Many thanks!

**READINGS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 3, 2023**

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37

PRACTICE OF FAITH

As we begin a new liturgical year, we remember that God, our Father, has enriched us with his Spirit. At times, however, we ignore what God has done for us and wander off on our own path. As you look back at the past year, how have you failed to keep alert and walk in God's ways?

♦Find a time this Advent season to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation and to acknowledge your need for God's mercy and guidance.

♦Reflect on the spiritual gifts you have received from God. Give thanks for these gifts. What can you do to strengthen these gifts or to cultivate new ones?

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**

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.

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"

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH CRAB FEED

Crab feed, Friday, December 1st, 2023

Early seating (4:30-6:00 pm) \$45

Late Seating (7:00-10:00 pm) \$60



All you can eat! Fresh Pacific caught Dungeness crab. Adult Beverages & more!
Tickets are going fast, contact a Whitefish Knight of Columbus member to purchase.

VALLEY VOICES CONCERT

Valley Voices Community Choir presents "In Harmony with Christmas" concert. This beautiful concert is directed by Allyson Kuechmann and will have 2 performances.
December 9, 7:00 pm, St. John Paul II Catholic Church
December 10, 3:00 pm, Risen Christ Catholic Church
Admission is free.

WHAT IS ADVENT?

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas. As we prepare for Christmas, the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* notes some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the season. For instance, the priest wears violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose may be worn (GIRM, no. 346). Aside from what the priest wears, other aesthetic changes in the Church can include a more modestly decorated altar.

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SEMINARIAN BAKE SALE PROCEEDS

The proceeds from the bake sale this past weekend were \$208.00.
You do not have to have a sweet tooth to donate to this Seminarian Fund!
We also accept cash and checks!

Please remember to keep the Seminarians in your prayers.
The next bake sale will be on the weekend of December 9th and 10th.

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of November 26, 2023



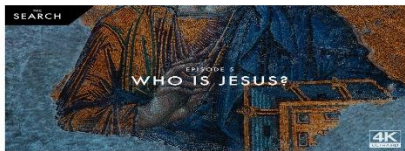
Sacred Art: Christ the King

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.



Who is Jesus Christ? w/ Sr. Bethany Madonna | SEEK23

Sr. Bethany Madonna from the Sisters of Life dives into the truth about who Jesus Christ is. Discover the love of Jesus for yourself and listen to Sr. Bethany Madonna!



Who is Jesus? | The Search | Episode 5

The most beautiful part of this story is this: we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history?

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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
November 26, 2023 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Matthew 25:31-46

We seem to have a strong interest in knowing all sorts of ratings these days. We want to know who is currently the best or the “number one” in everything. For instance, we desire to know like who is ahead in the political polls. We are interested in knowing the top sports teams in every imaginable sport. We watch cooking competitions which determine the best dessert cook on the show. We even have contests to determine the best of the show, which I think has something to do with canines. And we have awards for the best performances each year in music and cinema. And there’s the annual judging to determine the best books of the year, a contest in my view which does not receive as much attention as it should.

Shifting gears, we might also try to rank the teachings of Jesus. Which are the most important for us? Recall the passage in the gospel in which Jesus teaches us that there are two great commandments, love of God and love of neighbor. The first Sunday gospel of this month had Jesus reminding us that the last will be first and the first will be last. Perhaps he was referring to how people were seated in court, or at official events, or even perhaps in places of worship. Talk about a turnaround!

Today’s gospel concludes with a teaching that would certainly be in my listing of top five very important gospel passages. The scene described is the Last Judgment, fitting for the last Sunday of the liturgical year. It’s worth recalling the exact words. “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.”

God’s judgment was founded on our generous love and assistance to our neighbors in this life. It’s not about simply doing good and avoiding evil. And the good that we do for them is also done for God.

Basically, we are called to assist “neighbors” most in need: the poor, the hungry and thirsty, those without clothing, the suffering and the abandoned, those without family, friends or neighbors to help them, especially when facing difficulties. We can each identify people in our lives who might be for us “the least,” the ones most needing help.

We need reminders that our Christian faith is rooted in interpersonal relationships. We serve God by serving others. Our love for God is expressed in acts of helping others, which includes caring responsibly for ourselves. And even our planet which supports life for all.

David M. Thomas, PhD