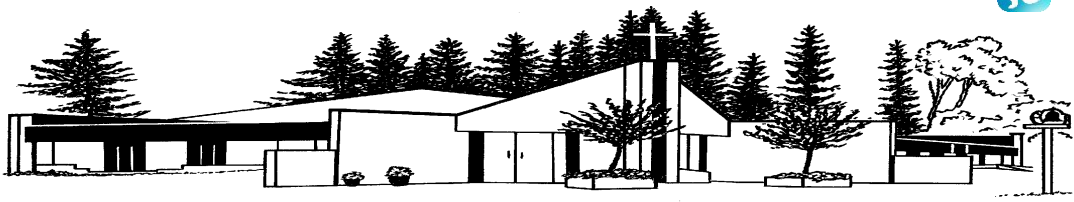


RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT **December 3, 2023**
Saturday, December 2, Mass for December Intentions **6:30 pm**
Sunday December 3, Mass for the Parish..... **9:00 am**
Tues., December 5, Mass for the Int. of Sensei Powell, rb Cas & Chris Moritz .. **8:45 am**
Thursday, Dec. 7, Mass for the Soul of Herman Nieskens, rb Arleen Hughes.... **8:45 am**
 Vigil Mass for **The Immaculate Conception of the BVM**..... **6:00 pm**

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 9 & 10

| MINISTRY | Saturday, 6:30 pm | Sunday, 9:00 am |
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| Plate Minister | Deacon Floyd | Deacon Floyd |
| Cup Minister | Jovita Kottraba | Connie McCubbins |
| | Suzanne Johnson | Kathy Shanahan |
| Lector | Andrea Wright | Pati Heath |
| | Vicki Walbruch | Paul Heath |
| Server | Deacon Floyd | Deacon Floyd |
| Greeter | Don Zimmerman & Greeter needed | Greeters needed |

PLEASE NOTE

Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec. 3 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- 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
- KC Breakfast After Sunday Mass
- Bake Sale After weekend Masses
- Valley Voices Concert 3:00 pm
- 12 KC Ladies’, Water’s Edge Winery 6:00 pm
- Knights of Columbus 6:30 pm
- Choir 7:00 pm
- 13 Women’s Scripture Study 10:00-11:30 am
- Religious Formation Classes 4:00 – 5:15 pm
- 17 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- Christmas baskets assembled and delivered..... After Mass
- EVENING PRAYER FOR THE INTENTION OF PEACE** 6:30 PM

Parish Office Hours this week: 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.

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

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Christmas Food Baskets will be assembled and delivered on Sunday, Dec. 17th after Mass. Please bring donated food items to the church by the end of Mass on the 17th. Some food items needed are **ham** (we would like one for each basket), tuna, canned chili, cereal, rice, soup, peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned fruit, stuffing, yams, potatoes, fresh fruit, buns, pie filling.
Call Julie Berquist at 406-253-4842 if you know of a family in need of a Christmas food basket.



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 25 & 26, 2023

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| Sunday Envelopes | \$5,010 |
| Thanksgiving | 1,185 |
| Total | \$6,195 |

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

“Religious are blessed to serve,” says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

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.

Help Us Help Others!

Please join us for our Advent Breakfast following Mass on Sunday, December 10, 2023. Let us make this event a special time for family, friends, and our Parish community to reflect on the themes of Advent:
Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.



Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism

THANK YOU FROM FLORENCE CRITTENTON FAMILY SERVICES

Dear Friends, Thank you so much for the generous donation by your community to Florence Crittenton Family Services! Best wishes for the coming holiday season.

With gratitude, Mitch Carroll, Development Director

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 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
Eileen Babb rb John & Connie Babb
Tracy Iano, rb John & Connie Babb
Jim Jensen, rb Jackie Jensen
Elmer Alger, rb Hutchens Family
Mitzi Rice, rb Risen Christ Parish
Dorothy McVeigh, rb Risen Christ Parish**

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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Ruff & Falk Families, rb Mary Ruff

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

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**Greg Grace, Joe Riska
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, 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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 10, 2023**

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8

PRACTICE OF HOPE

Throughout the centuries God has brought about wondrous and surprising change. Whenever God's people felt that he had abandoned them, he always revealed himself, renewing their hope and leading them into a new and better future.

♦ How is God patient with you? Is there a person toward whom you can show greater patience? What specific, concrete steps can you take to treat that person with greater patience?

♦ What particular change do you need to make in your life "to be found without spot or blemish" (2 Peter 3:14) before the Lord?
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"



Advent Giving Tree For The Flathead Warming Center

As you may recognize, Kalispell has a very large homeless population and an even more significant affordable housing situation. The Flathead Warming Center located on Meridian Drive has been housing about 50 homeless individuals and/or families over these cold winter nights. Everyone deserves a warm place to sleep!

This Advent, Risen Christ is again sponsoring the Flathead Warming Center. Over the last several years your generous contributions have helped provide needed comfort to save the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves through the Giving Tree.

Starting immediately the Giving Tree with donation receptacles is located in the Church entry. Cash or checks written to the Flathead Warming Center may be inserted in the receptacles or given to the church office. NEW hats, mittens and gloves are welcome and can be put under the tree.

Your cash or check donations will be greatly appreciated!

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
Flathead Warming Center**

**Blessings to you during this season of hope
and thank you for your support!**

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. Admission is free.

December 9, 7:00 pm, St. John Paul II Catholic Church

December 10, 3:00 pm, Risen Christ Catholic Church



THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of December 03, 2023



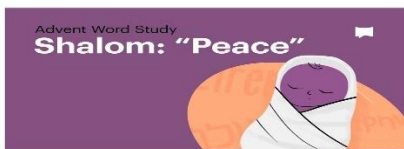
What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.



St. Nicholas Day | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney

Kendra shares her favorite recipes and traditions for celebrating the feast of St. Nicholas (a.k.a. Santa!). Learn how to make mulled wine and cider, speculaas cookies, and deep-fried Dutch meatballs



Shalom/Peace | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

"Peace" is a very common word in English, that means different things to different people. It's also a very important word in the Bible that refers not only to the absence of conflict but also to the presence of something else.

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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
December 3, 2023 – First Sunday of Advent
Mark 13:33-37

“How’s it going?” my neighbor asks me as he passes by our home with his dog in tow. “Okay.” I answer. “But you never know what’s ahead,” I add. He nods and proceeds on his way. Thus transpires a common, but meaningful exchange about the nature of life. The past is set but the future is open-ended, uncertain. We best be prepared for almost anything. And greet the future being fully present to whatever it offers.

Today we celebrate the beginning of the church year, the first Sunday of Advent. And we are given important advice on how to best welcome and enter our own personal futures. “Be watchful (keep your eyes wide open). Be alert (focus on all that is happening around you). God’s Spirit is present and invites each of us to live more fully. But you may miss it if you are not present to its arrival or not as fully aware of its potential as you might be.

Scientists tell us that what makes us most human is our capacity for consciousness. Spiritual teachers remind us to develop the ability to be fully present to ourselves, our lives and what’s around us. Such consciousness is at the heart of a vibrant spiritual life. Often silence is encouraged, not to quiet us, but to lead us beyond the noise and distractions that come our way 24/7. We often find ourselves in a milieu of constant noise. We move along in our day often distracted by all sorts of stimuli. Do you even find yourself “awakened” suddenly asking yourself, “where am I? or what am I doing?” One of my favorite biblical reminders is when we are told that *now is the acceptable time*. And when is that *now* that’s being mentioned? It’s during all the *nows* that we are given each day of our lives.

Advent means “coming.” In the time of Jesus many were hoping for the coming of a messiah, one who would free them from the oppressive rule of foreigners. In their imagination they hoped for the restoration of Israel, like it was during the reign of King David, a thousand years before.

In our secular society, children hope for the coming of Santa bringing gifts they had described in their letter to the North Pole. Adults hope for good health, family harmony and peace on earth, a wish seemingly always timely.

But today’s gospel doesn’t so much focus on what’s ahead in the future, but what’s there in the next moment of our life. Be watchful and alert! God is there, waiting.

David M. Thomas, PhD



**NEXT WEEKEND IS
LEADERSHIP WEEKEND**

A Message from Father Stan

Please prayerfully consider your contribution to **Because He First Loved Us**.

Next weekend, I invite you to participate in Leadership Weekend by placing your pledge commitment card into the collection basket with the weekly offering.

I want to thank you in advance for your generosity to the **Because He First Loved Us** campaign. I am excited to see the transformation this campaign will have on Risen Christ and the Diocese of Helena,



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