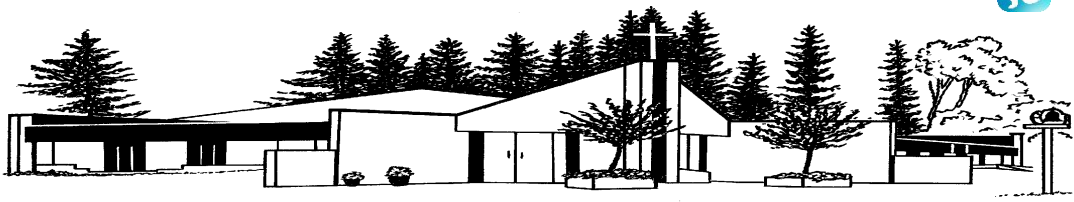


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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEJanuary 14, 2024

Saturday, January 13, Mass for January Intentions..... 6:30 pm

Sunday, January 14, Mass for the Parish..... 9:00 am

Tuesday, January 16, Mass for the Soul of Georg Stenzel 8:45 am

Thursday, Jan. 18, Mass for the Soul of Barbara Snaza, rb Karen Richard Winter 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, January 20 & 21, 2024

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Jovita Kottraba	Jack Lavin
Cup Minister	Bryan McMillan	Anita Lavin
	Suzanne Johnson	Kathy Shanahan
Lector	Vicki Walbruch	Anne Mahoney
	Rachel Cincis	Bryan McMillan
Server	Don Zimmerman	Gary Hembd
Greeter	John & Toni Gunnerson	Howie & Marian Ficek

PLEASE NOTE

Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan.. 14 **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 Bake Sale after Weekend Mass
 Coffee Hour after Sunday Mass
- 16 Choir 7:30 pm
- 17 Women’s Scripture Study 10:00-11:30 am
 Religious Formation Classes 4:00 – 5:15 pm
- 21 **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 Knights of Columbus New Year’s Breakfast After Mass
- 28 **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- 30 Choir 7:30pm
- 31 Women’s Scripture Study 10:00-11:30 am
 Religious Formation..... 4:00 – 5:15 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.



**Join Us for Knights of Columbus "2024 New Year Breakfast" on
 Sunday, January 21, 2024, immediately after Mass.
 See You There!**

RISEN CHRIST RUMMAGE SALE, COMING SOON!

Please save your items for the Risen Christ Rummage Sale
 To be held **February 10, 2024**
 We can use all **CLEAN AND GENTLY USED** donations.
 Please consider volunteering for this fun event.
 More details to follow soon!

FLATHEAD PRO-LIFE

41st Annual Rally & March for Life - Saturday, January 20, 2024, at 11:30 am
 Central Bible Church Gymnasium, 902 1st Ave. East, Kalispell
 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS, Lunch Will Be Served.
 March for Life will begin at the Courthouse following the Rally.

NOT ALL WOUNDS ARE OBVIOUS,
 WALK GENTLY IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS.

YOUR 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.

January 6 & 7, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	\$7,484
Building	510
Mass & Stole Gifts	80
Total	\$8,074

REJOICE IN HOPE

As we celebrate Jesus at Christmas, we're reminded of the glorious future we have in Christ, when he will return for us one day. This gives us hope, and that hope doesn't have to turn off once we stop hearing "Joy to the World" over the holidays.

In Romans 5:2, Paul tells us to rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. He doesn't tell us to do this only in December. Later, in Romans 12:12, Paul tells us again to rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, and be constant in prayer.

Throughout the year, difficult and painful times may come. The happy feelings of Christmas may fade quickly. The hope we have in Christ, which we're so often reminded of at Christmas, remains constant. If we continue to rejoice in that hope, the joy of Christmas can stay with us all year.

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PLAN YOUR VACATION -CONSIDER LEGENDARY LODGE CAMPS

Legendary Lodge camps seek to engage, equip, and serve the young disciples of Montana and beyond. Located on Salmon Lake near the southern end of the gorgeous Seeley Swan Valley, campers embark on a 5-day summer camp experience filled with prayer, fellowship, and outdoor adventure where they will make memories that will last a lifetime. For students entering 5th through 12th grade in the 2024/2025 school year. Current 4th graders are eligible!

A HEART FELT THANK YOU FROM FATHER STAN

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your overwhelming generosity for all the gifts that were showered upon me over the time of Christmas and New Year. Thank you once again. May God be as generous to you as you are to me!

Fr. Stan

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024

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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
Charlene Biederman, rb Risen Christ Parish
Shelley Christiaens, rb Judy Stack

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Ruff & Falk Families

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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

READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 21, 2024

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20

PRACTICE OF FAITH

When Jonah warned the people of Nineveh of God's impending punishment, they promptly repented. When Jesus summoned the Galilean fishermen to participate in the proclamation of God's kingdom, they promptly joined him. When we hear St. Paul urging the Christians in Corinth not to become preoccupied by worldly concerns, we hear that same invitation to ask ourselves if we are truly living as God intends or if we need to make changes in our lives.

- ◆Scrutinize your life. What do you spend time on? What do you spend money on?
- ◆When Jesus called his first disciples, they immediately left everything behind. Is there something in your life you need to walk away from completely?
- ◆Do you know someone who might join you in making meaningful life changes? Talk with that person about how you can support each other.

At Home With the Word 2024

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.

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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

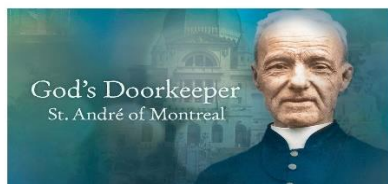
FINANCE COUNCIL

Finance Council members are:

Peg Gebhardt, Christopher Gill, John Gunnerson, & Wally Walbruch

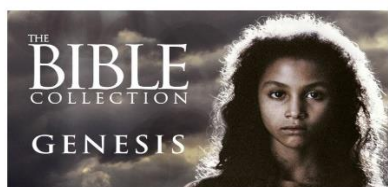
THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 14, 2024



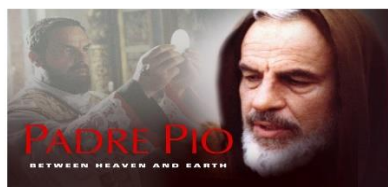
God's Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



The Bible Collection - Genesis

Experience the epic tale of creation in this Christian anthology that details the stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and Noah and the Ark.



Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

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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
January 7, 2024 – The Epiphany of the Lord
Matthew 2:1-12

Two ways of how God communicates are present in today's gospel. Let's start this reflection by rereading the first words in the Bible that describe creation. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." That more or less covers everything. It tells us that God is present if we know where to look. Our search is basically in two places: the Universe around us and our intelligence within us. Outside and inside. The outside includes everything that we "see" when we look upwards toward the whole of the created cosmos. And inside when we turn our gaze within by examining our consciousness, thoughts, feelings, and imagination.

In today's gospel we meet the "magi." They are the scientists of their day. They found meaning in the night sky where they could view not only the moon, but most of our solar system's planets, and, of course, the stars. More than thousands of them. They knew their usual location and if something new appears, they especially noticed that. What exactly they saw, we don't know, but they saw enough to get them to leave the familiarity of their homeland and find their way to Jesus. In other words, they found meaning and direction in creation itself.

And when danger came their way, they became very sensitive to the movement and images within themselves. The gospel calls this dreaming. After finding Jesus, they learned that there was danger lying in the place they were accustomed to travelling. So, they went another way. They were safe.

I find this gospel remarkably informative about being attentive to the many ways God communicates with us. We are extremely fortunate to live in a time of great discovery of what is there around us in the Universe. The magi could likely see about a thousand stars. With scientific instruments today, especially now with the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), we can see billions of stars. We can see more of God's creation than ever before. Here's something to ponder. Why did God, the creator of the vast Universe, come to be present in an infant? How does our new knowledge of creation help us to know God?

And search for God within too. Seek to see the presence of God in our expanding knowledge of ourselves, our world, and the incredible universe in which we live and have our being. How does God "appear" (the meaning of the word, *epiphany*) in our wondrous time?

David M. Thomas, PhD

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
January 14, 2024 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
John 1:35-42

People seem to be paying more attention to naming their children these days. It seems to me that they are trying to use names to identify something special about each child. In today's gospel Jesus changes the name of one of his disciples from Simon to Peter. Jesus wanted him to play a special role in his life as a follower of Jesus. In that sense, the name change was an indicator of a new role, a new life for Peter.

I like the fact that parents today are expressing more creativity in naming their children. That wasn't always so. When I was in grammar school, my two best friends were both named Dave. We were called by some "the three Daves." The founder of Wendy's and I share the same first and last name. (I have tried to get a discount on a Frosty, but this has not worked so far.)

Back to Peter. His role involved him playing a very important leadership role in the life of the church. And subsequent popes all had different personalities and unique ways of leading the Catholic Church. Which leads me to believe also that each of us has a unique and important role to play in God's intent for us. While we often share common qualities with others, God sees each of us in our uniqueness and individuality. And desires that we act in unique ways to spread God's reign on Earth.

Right now, I am a grandfather. I also believe this is part of my calling, my role and my contribution to the life here on Earth. But I best think of this not as simply fulfilling a pre-determined role orchestrated by today's culture, but rather an invitation by Jesus to play a very distinct role in life. I am not to be a generic grandfather, but a kind of grandfather, husband, dad, worker, neighbor and whatever role I play each day that flows from the unique reason God created me (and not someone else).

And that's true for all of us. God does not type-cast us, although our culture (and even our families) might try to do so. While Jesus had many followers or disciples, he did not treat them as simply his "group," but saw each one as an individual, and each one with a role that came from each one's particular nature and personality.

This should not be taken as a license to be unique in a crazy or selfish way, but rather to be true to God and to God's purpose for creating each of us unique. I once

had a student say to me that I was unlike any teacher he had. Good, I replied. You are unlike any student I've taught.

David M. Thomas, PhD