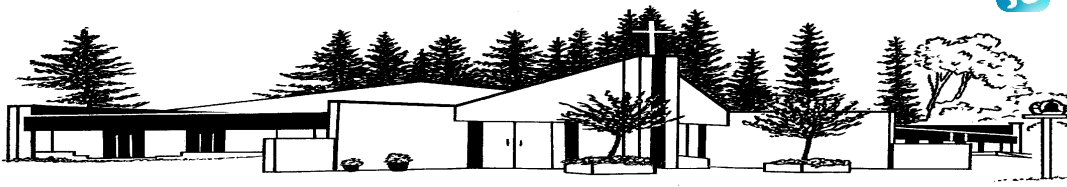

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEJanuary 28, 2024

Sat., Jan. 27, Mass for January Collective Intentions of St. Matthew's & Risen Christ... 6:30 pm

Sunday, January 28, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew's & Risen Christ 9:00 am

Tuesday, January 30, Mass for the Soul of Shelley Christiaens, rb Judy Stack . 8:45 am

Thurs., Feb 1, Mass for the Soul of Lois Hammett, rb Ron & Margerite Bauer.... 8:45 am

SATURDAY, FEB. 3 – NO 6:30 pm MASS DUE TO THE BLUE AND GOLD AUCTION

Masses at St. Matthew's Parish:

Wednesdays 8:30 & 12:10 pm; Fridays 8:30 am; Saturdays 4:30 pm.

Sundays 7:00 am and 11:00 am

Ministry Schedule, February 4, 2024

MINISTRY	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Deacon Floyd
Cup Minister	Neil Heino
	Connie McCubbins
Lector	Jack Fallon
	Kathy Shanahan
Server	SERVER NEEDED
Greeter	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

- Jan. 28 **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Coffee Hour.....After Sunday Mass
30 Choir 7:30 pm
31 Women’s Scripture Study 10:00-11:30 am
Religious Formation..... 4:00-5:15 pm
- Feb. 3 **NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS AT RISEN CHRIST**
Blue and Gold Auction, Hilton Garden Inn
- 4 **FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
6 Choir 7:30 pm
7 Women’s Scripture Study 10:00-11:30 am
Religious Formation..... 4:00-5:15 pm
10 Risen Christ Rummage Sale 9:00 am-4:00 pm
11 **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Seminarian Bake Sale After Weekend Masses
- 13 KC Ladies Dinner, MacKenzie River North 5:30 pm
Knights of Columbus 6:30 pm
Choir 7:30 pm
- 14 **ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES**
Saint Matthew’s Children’s Mass, 8:30 am; 12:10 pm
Risen Christ..... 6:00 pm
Women’s Scripture Study 10:00-11:30 am
NO RELIGIOUS FORMATION, attend Mass with Family

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.

THIS WEEK’S DAILY READINGS

- Mon. 1/29/24 - Monday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**
2Sm 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3,4-5,6-7; Lk 7:16; Mk 5:1-20
- Tue. 1/30/24 - Tuesday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**
2 Sm 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30-19:3; Ps 86:1-2,3-4,5-6; Mt 8:17; Mk 5:21-43
- Wed. 1/31/24 – Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest**
2 Sm 24:2,9-17; Ps 32:1-2,5,6,7; Jn 10:27; Mk 6:1-6
- Thur. 2/01/24 - Thursday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**
1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12; 1 Chr 29:10,11ab, 11d-12am12bcd; Mk 1:15; Mk 6:7-12
- Fri. 2/02/24 - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**
Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7,8,9,10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:32 Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32
- Sat. 2/03/24 - Saturday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**
1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9,10,11,12,13,14; Jn 10:27; Mk 6:30-34
- Sun. 2/04/24 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Jb 7:1-4,6-7; Ps 147:1-2,3-4,5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23; Mt 8:17; Mk 1:29-39

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 20 & 21, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,448
Building	5
Mass & Stole Gifts	10
Total	\$5,463

RISEN CHRIST RUMMAGE SALE, FEBRUARY 10, 2024!

Please save your items for the Risen Christ Rummage Sale.

We can use all **CLEAN AND GENTLY USED** donations.

Please consider volunteering for this fun event.

You may drop your donation items at the church on

Friday, February 9th between 10 am and 2 pm.

SAINT BLAISE'S STORY – FEAST DAY FEBRUARY 3rd

We know more about the devotion to Saint Blaise by Christians around the world than we know about the saint himself. His feast is observed as a holy day in some Eastern Churches. In 1222, the Council of Oxford prohibited servile labor in England on Blaise's feast day. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor, and for decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual Saint Blaise blessing for their throats.

We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary *Acts of St. Blaise* were written 400 years later. According to them Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blaise was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions, and bears.

Legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone.

Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused; he was beaten. The next time, he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. Finally, he was beheaded.

St. Blaise, pray for us.

**COLLECTIVE 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
Randy Dorrington, rb Risen Christ Parish
Bob Redinger, rb Risen Christ Parish
Jerry Reckin, rb Risen Christ Parish

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Ruff & Falk Families
Pete Shea, rb Mary Burgess

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

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Greg Grace, Joe Riska, Andre Anderson
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, Shae Bills,
Jamie Severson, Carter Anderson, Lane Buus, Matt Keck

READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 4, 2024

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Mark 1:29-39

PRACTICE OF CHARITY

Although The Book of Job doesn't explain suffering, the text invites us to talk with God about the pain we see and might be dealing with. As we hear in the Gospel passage, our loving God cares about our health and well-being.

- ◆ Bring into your mind the times you have suffered physically or mentally. Talk openly with God about how you feel about your suffering.
- ◆ Spend some time praying for people you know who are in pain.
- ◆ Offer them your loving compassion. Send a card or a note to one of those people telling them you are keeping the individual in your prayers.

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.

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

HELENA CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

"COME TO ME" Matthew 11:28 Mary Our Mother

Friday, April 12, 2024

Cathedral of St. Helena 5:30 pm Mass & Rosary offered for families All are welcome

Saturday, April 13, 2024, Women's Conference, Adoration, Confessions, Vendors,

Fellowship Helena Civic Center Visit Helenacwc.com

😊 ON THE LIGHTER SIDE 😊

To make it possible for everyone to attend church next Sunday, we are going to have a special "No Excuse Sunday. Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep in." We will have steel helmets for those who say, "The roof would cave in if I ever came to church." Blankets will be furnished for those who say it is too cold and fans for those who say it is too hot. We will have hearing aids for those who say the priest speaks too softly, and cotton for those who say he preaches too loud. Scoreboards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present. Some relatives will be in attendance for those who like to go visiting on Sundays. There will be TV dinners for those who can't go to church and cook dinner, too. One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to see God in Nature. Finally, the sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter Lilies for those who have never seen the church without them.

BLUE AND GOLD AUCTION

FEBRUARY 3, 2024

Denim & Diamonds Gala

Our Blue & Gold Auction will now be at the Hilton Garden Inn.

1840 US 93, Kalispell, Mt 59901

Tickets may be purchased in the St. Matthew's School and Parish offices.

Individual tickets are \$100.00.

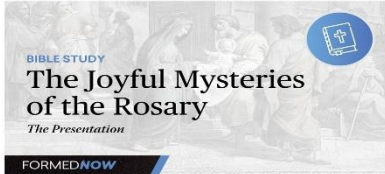
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Table of 10 - \$950.00

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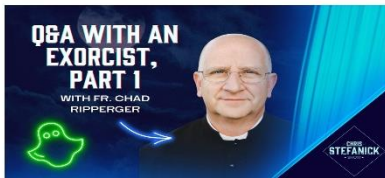
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Week of January 28, 2024



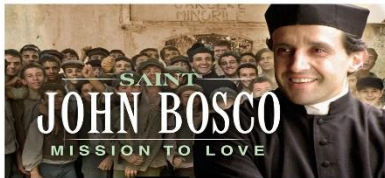
A Bible Study on the Joyful Mysteries: The Presentation

What is the importance of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple? Join Dr. James Prothro and Dr. Ben Akers as they unpack this great mystery and how it can apply to your spiritual life.



Exorcisms: What Catholics Need to Know | Chris Stefanick Show

Scripture says, "Be sober and alert. Your opponent the devil is prowling like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, solid in your faith." In other words, the Christian life involves spiritual combat. But a lot of Catholics aren't really familiar with this idea. So to start unpacking it, we're talking to Fr. Chad Ripperger, an exorcist priest.



Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.

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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
January 28, 2024 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mark 1:21-28

When in college, I took a course on speech and drama. As part of the course requirements, I was required to select a poem and recite it to the rest of the class. We were allowed to choose any poem we wanted, but it should be one where we had strong feelings for its message. In other words, no “Roses are red ...” selections.

My favorite poet of that time was Robert Frost. Partly because I liked his messages, and it was clearly presented. The poem I selected was called “Mending Wall” and tells the story of two men who met each spring in a field they shared, each one owning half. Between their sections they had built a rock wall, which required repair each spring because the frost had made some rocks fall on the ground.

As I read today’s gospel “my poem” of choice back then came to mind. Jesus enters the synagogue and meets there a man who is described as having an unclean spirit. He was likely segregated from the regular congregation because the text reads that he asked Jesus why he was associating with him (and implied, “others like him.”)

At that time there were literally hundreds of rules about being pure or unclean. This categorization didn’t have to do with who had recently bathed or not, but rather with certain physical or spiritual aspects of a person. The point being this: there was a division in that gathering between one group and another. To use the imagery of Robert Frost, all walls of division divide the world between those assumed good and those who weren’t.

To be brief, I believe that Jesus came to challenge our judgments about people whom we judge as “different” and therefore of less value. We are painfully aware of the damage caused by racial prejudice or religious bias, or today, political differences. The major wars of the last century were often rooted in hostile judgments about those who were “different.”

Jesus overcame the hostile judgment of the one who possessed “an unclean spirit” by directly connecting with him. He treated him as a good person and that was the real miracle of that day. So, I wonder whether the unclean spirit departed, not because of some magical power of Jesus, but because Jesus befriended the man. He dismissed their differences and restored health to the whole community.

David M. Thomas, PhD