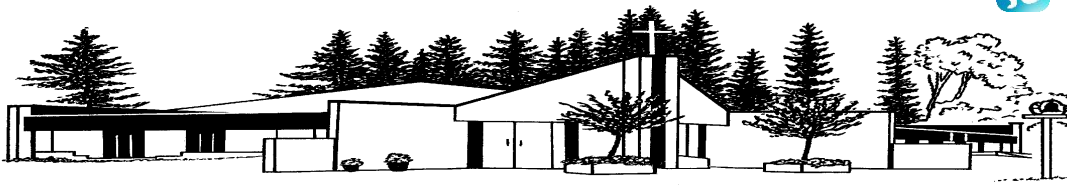


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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT **February 18, 2024**
Sat., Feb. 17, Mass for February Collective Intentions of St. Matthew's & Risen Christ. **6:30 pm**
Sunday, February 18, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew's & Risen Christ..... **9:00 am**
Tuesday, February 20, Mass for the Soul of Donna Bell, rb Rose Sverdrup..... **8:45 am**
Thur, Feb. 22, Mass for the Souls of Bob & Clara Volesky, rb Howie & Marian Ficek... **8:45 am**

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 24 and 25, 2024

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Dn. Charlie Harball	Dn. Charlie Harball
Cup Minister	Jovita Kottraba	Kathy Shanahan
	EM NEEDED	Anita Lavin
Lector	Rachel Cincis	Jim Galvin
	Suzanne Johnson	TJ Higgins
Server		
Greeter	Mary Jacobs, Rose Hall	Howie and 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

Feb.	18	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	
		Black and Indian Mission collection	
	21	Women's Scripture Study	10:00-11:30 am
		Religious Formation.....	4:00-5:15 pm
	22	Soup and Bread Supper	5:30 pm
	23	Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm
	25	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	
		Evening Prayer for Peace.....	6:30 pm
	28	Women's Scripture Study	10:00-11:30 am
		Religious Formation.....	4:00-5:15 pm
	29	Soup and Bread Supper	5:30 pm
Mar	1	Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm
	3	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	
	6	Women's Scripture Study	10:00-11:30 am
		Religious Formation.....	4:00-5:15 pm
	7	Soup and Bread Supper	5:30 pm
	8	Stations of the Cross	7:00 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.

SOUP AND BREAD SUPPER

Soup and bread supper will begin on Thursday, February 22 at 5:30 pm. Please sign up to bring either soup or bread. If anyone can volunteer to take one week each Thursday to help set up and to clean up, please sign up in the social area.



*It is no longer a matter of reason
but a matter of LOVE.*

EVENING PRAYER FOR PEACE

6:30 PM

Sunday, February 25
Sunday, March 10

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.

February 10 & 11, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	\$6,669
Building	170
Ash Wednesday	72
Total	\$6,911

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Our local 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign is here. You can protect mothers and children by joining us to pray and fast for an end to abortion, reach out to family and friends to clear up any misconceptions they may have about abortion, and take part in our peaceful prayer vigil! Key events are:

- **Dates** for the campaign: Wednesday, February 14th - Saturday, March 23rd.
- **Location** of the vigil: Sidewalk outside **All Families Healthcare** abortion center, 737 Spokane Avenue (park on Kalispell Ave. at 8th St. and walk down to Spokane Ave.)
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm

Risen Christ is sponsoring Mar. 19 and 21. **St. Matthew's** is sponsoring Mar. 18, 20, 22. Please visit our signup table in the foyer after all services. **REMEMBER** that it is highly recommended to sign up in pairs.

Point of contact is Mike Hanson at (406) 314-7826 or mikester55@hotmail.com.

OUR LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Evening Prayer for Peace, February 25 & March 10, 6:30 pm

Soup and Bread Supper

Each Thursday, 5:30 pm beginning February 22

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday evening, 7:00 pm beginning February 16

Presentation on Eucharist, March 20 & 21, 7:00 pm

Knights of Columbus Fish Fries

Risen Christ – February 23, March 8, and March 22, 4:30 - 6:45

St. Matthew's – Feb. 16, Mar. 1, and Mar. 15, 4:30 – 6:45 pm



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY FISHING DAY

Sign up for Ice Fishing Fun! Limit of 30 people on the ice.

MT State Fishing License is required to fish. Win Prizes – Categories for Perch & Pike Fellowship with Friends at Smith Lake – Kila, MT Feb. 24, 2024, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**COLLECTIVE MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 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
Olga Hammond
Robert Look
Vonda McCubbins, rb Risen Christ Parish
Barbara Vine, rb Risen Christ Parish

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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Pete Shea
Russell Mallams
Ruff & Falk Families

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

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

FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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Carter Anderson, Dillon Armstrong, Shae Bills, Lane Buus
John Cooney, Riley Helgoe, Matt Keck, Kaleb Mitchell,
Anthony Olmes, Brett Rotz, James Semling, Jamie Severson

PARISH DIRECTORY

Risen Christ would like to update our photo directory and would like to have this done in-house. We are looking for a photographer as well as a coordinator who would like to lead this project.

Please contact the office if you have the skills and time for this endeavor. Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 25, 2024

Genesis 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Romans 8:31b-34 Mark 9:2-10

PRACTICE OF HOPE

Jesus' sudden transformation bewilders his closest disciples who would be able to make sense of it only after Jesus' resurrection.

- ◆ Once the disciples understood what Jesus' transfiguration meant, they might have recalled it when they needed the strength to persevere in the face of adversity.
- ◆ Spend time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this week. Gaze upon Christ who gave himself for you and intercedes for you.

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

+++PARKING SPACES FOR SENIORS+++

Please leave the parking spaces bordering the building and the row just west of that for seniors or others who have trouble navigating our icy parking lot.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Fr. Stan and Risen Christ would like to thank the bakers and purchasers of the yummy treats from our bake sale. We so appreciate the support for this fundraiser that goes to benefit the Seminarians of the Diocese of Helena. The total donations for the bake sale were \$184.48.

Mark your calendars for the next bake sale to be held on March 9th & 10th.

RUMMAGE SALE THANK YOU

Fr. Stan and Risen Christ would like to extend a thank you to the many people that volunteered to help with this Rummage Sale project and those who made the many generous donations. The set up and cleanup crew were amazing. A lot of work and time was invested in this task! You have made our annual rummage sale a success! We couldn't do this project without all the many volunteers and donors.

We took in a total of \$2,461.00 in sales which will go for the benefit of the Seminarians of the Diocese of Helena. Thank you again for all your hard work!

DIOCESE OF HELENA, EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

March 22-24, 2024, Carroll College Helena, MT

ENCOUNTER THE LORD/ENTER INTO HOLY WEEK/PROCLAIM HIS LOVE

Learn More & Register at: diocesehelena.org/eucharisticcongress

A REQUEST FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights are collecting good, used, musical instruments for St. Matthew's School Band. If you have a long-forgotten instrument in the closet and wish to donate it, call Saint Matthew's Parish Office @ (406)752-6788 and donate it to the kids.

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

Today, our parish will take up the 140th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.

**FATHERS FORMING FAITHFUL CHILDREN and STRONG FAMILIES
WITH SAINT JOSPEH**

In Patience and Humility Presented by Father Joe Paddock Pastor, Resurrection Parish, Bozeman Diocese of Helena Thursday Evening ~ Saturday Morning February 29th - March 2, 2024, at The Sycamore Tree For more information or to register, please call or email Michelle Jenkins at (406) 754-2429 or email sycamoretreeretreat.org

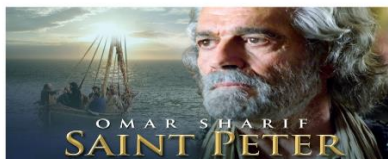
LIFT UP YOUR HEART

Faith and Hope will disappear in Heaven for there is no need of Faith when we see; no need of Hope when we possess, but Love endures forever.

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of February 18, 2024



Saint Peter

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.



The Afterlife | Eternal Rest | Episode 2

What happens after the moment of our death? Once the soul has been separated from the body, then what? What is heaven, hell, and purgatory? This session looks at the truth about what awaits the human person on the other side of death.



Week One | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.

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Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and  GRACIANA PRESS

To register, please go to: www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org, click on register now to 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 will 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
February 18, 2024 – First Sunday of Lent
Mark 1:12-15

We begin the holy season of Lent by recalling the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert before he began his public life. Perhaps this chapter of his life was done in memory of the forty years the Jews wandered in another desert as they made their way from Egypt to the Promised Land. Today, this desert time of solitude in his life is recalled when we spend the forty days of Lent focusing on praying more, some fasting from food on occasion and in doing additional good works. It's a time when we pay more attention to being closer to Jesus.

In times past most Catholics followed a fixed set of religious practices during Lent. I recall "giving up candy for Lent." If I was given or acquired any candy during that time, I would store it on a container that was in my mom's kitchen and eat most of it the minute Lent ended. Back then this was at noon on Holy Saturday. Looking back, this was a rather stupid practice of mine.

My wife's dad had the custom of not drinking alcohol during Lent. That Lenten practice was much more beneficial than my own candyless one. Adults often fasted from food and abstained from meat on Fridays during Lent. Catholic calendars showed fish symbols on days for "no meat."

Today, what religious people do during Lent varies from person to person. That can make the Lenten season spiritually more effective if this is done in a spirit of greater awareness and generosity. It might involve traditional practices, but also include some freely chosen.

There is genuine wisdom in creating times where special attention is given to one's faith practices. The Church these days often recommends that during Lent we devote additional time for prayer and giving more attention to works of charity.

Today's gospel concludes his time in the desert with Jesus announcing that "the Kingdom of God is at hand." Using an image from the world of sports, it's like him saying that "the big game has begun."

This implies that we are entering a new time, a time directly involving God, when new and wonderful things are now possible. Part of life is preparation and part is fulfillment. Does believing this in any way change the way you think or act in Lent and thereafter? It could and it should. It's all up to you.

David M. Thomas, PhD

LENT

Our observance of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which falls on Feb. 14th this year. It is a day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. At Mass on Ash Wednesday, the imposition of ashes replicates and ancient penitential practice and symbolizes our dependence upon God's mercy and forgiveness. The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The church asks us to surrender ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. The fasting we all do together on Fridays is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and household fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms is some effort to share this world equally, not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not only to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of your hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

LENT REGULATIONS

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are the traditional pillars of our Lenten observance. Lent encourages us to place special emphasis on prayer, both personal prayer and praying together as God's people. The time of Lent offers a heightened awareness of almsgiving works of justice and charity, and tending to those who are in need. Fasting and abstinence challenge us to avoid attachments to the "things" of this world. All between the ages of 18 and 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who are 14 and older observe abstinence on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent. All others are encouraged to fast and abstain in ways appropriate to their circumstances. Fasting means one full meal each day with the other meals not equaling a full meal. Eating between meals is not allowed, but liquids are allowed. Abstinence means that no meat is allowed. If health or ability to work would be seriously affected, fast and abstinence do not apply.

THE LENTEN CHALLENGE

Lent is a season of prayer and penance set apart by the church to prepare us for Easter and to recall Our Lord's fast in the desert. This season of preparation and sanctification can be fittingly accomplished through voluntary amendment of life, acts of penance, and work of charity. Lent is a time to learn to love our souls more than our bodies. Thus, every Christian should make a special effort to practice mortification and strive for holiness during the forty days of Lent.

Do Not Let This Time to Grow in Holiness Pass You By!

Consider the following categories on what you should do for Lent.

1. Voluntary Amendment of Life: Give up those things that you need to give up sooner or later, namely bad habits. Our goal here is to break a bad habit forever and Lent is a good time to do it. **Love your soul more than your body.** Examples: Gossiping, surfing the web without real need, watching TV, overeating, eating between meals, eating junk food, bad drinking habits, complaining, saying vulgar words, not getting up on time, using a snooze alarm, wasting time playing video games, going to movies, etc.

2. Acts of Penance: Perform some kind of penance: Your goal here is to train yourself to say “no” in little things so that you can say “NO” to big temptations later. You may resume doing the things you have given up here once Lent is over. Love your soul more than your body! Examples: Avoid eating or drinking something that you enjoy, such as desserts. Give up eating out, taking hot showers, drinking alcoholic beverages, etc.

3. Works of Charity: Perform some good and holy actions. Your goal here is to strengthen your relationship with Christ and His Beloved Church. Ideally what you start here would continue in some way even after Lent is over. Love God more than yourself.

Examples: Pray the rosary every day, attend daily Mass as much as possible, read the Sacred Scriptures, spend more time with family, increase spiritual reading, make a daily visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament or some shrine of Our Lady.

"O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen." ~Henri Nouwen

