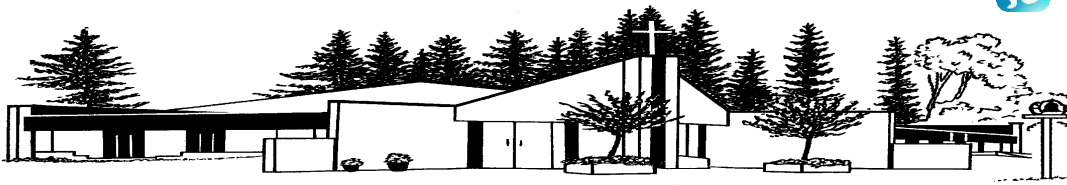

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT February 25, 2024

Sat., Feb. 24, Mass for February Collective Intentions of St. Matthew's & Risen Christ. **6:30 pm**

Sunday, February 25, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew's & Risen Christ..... **9:00 am**

Tues, Feb. 27, Mass for the Soul of John Hammett, rb Ron & Margarite Bauer .. **8:45 am**

Thur, Feb. 29, Mass for the Soul of Bob Redinger, rb Ron & Margarite Bauer **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, March 2 & 3 2024

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Judy Hughes	Paul Heath
Cup Minister	Vicki Walbruch	Pati Heath
	Jovita Kottraba	Kathy Shanahan
Lector	Rick Nease	Jack Fallon
	Shelley Nease	Bryan McMillan
Server	Don Zimmerman	Rick Nease
Greeter	Pat Arnone ~ Mary Jacobs	Richard Brester ~ Fresa Tobiason

PLEASE NOTE

Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

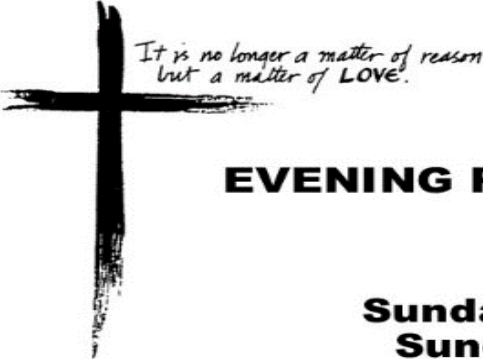
Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday, 9:00-10:30 am, or by appointment

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb.	25	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	
		Evening Prayer for Peace.....	5:30 pm
	27	Choir	7:30 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	
	5	Choir	7:30 pm
	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
	10	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	
		Evening Prayer for Peace.....	6:30 pm
	12	KC Ladies Dinner, Bonelli's Bistro	5:30 pm
		Knights of Columbus	6:30 pm
		Choir	7:00 pm
	14	Soup and Bread Supper	5:30 pm
	17	Saint Patrick's Day dinner.....	4:30 pm
		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.



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 17 & 18, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	\$4797
Building	5
Ash Wednesday	1149
Total	\$5951

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life Spring Campaign has begun, and it will run through Saturday, March 23rd. You can participate by **(1)** praying and fasting at home for an end to abortion; **(2)** sharing the truth about abortion with family and friends; and **(3)** spending one hour praying in front of the abortion mill in Whitefish (prayer vigil).

Vigil hours are 7 am to 7 pm.

Location of the vigil is on the sidewalk outside **All Families Healthcare** abortion mill, **737 Spokane Avenue** (park on Kalispell Ave. at 8th St. and walk down to Spokane Ave.)

Risen Christ is sponsoring Tuesday, **March 19th** and Thursday, **March 21st**.

Please visit our **signup table in the vestibule** after Mass.

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

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday evening, 7:00 pm

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

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry dates

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

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



BLACK & INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

Thank you everyone who participated in the 140th annual Black and Indian Mission Collection last weekend. Your prayerful support enables people to come to know Jesus Christ in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities all over the U.S.A. Spreading the Gospel couldn't happen without your support!

**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

EASTER EGG HUNT

We are once again looking for wrapped candy,
(no little boxes of candy) to fill plastic eggs for the egg hunt.
The egg hunt will be after Mass on Easter Sunday.
If you can help, please bring items to the parish office.



READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 3, 2024

Exodus 20: 1-17

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

PRACTICE OF FAITH

By doing things temporarily stopping the worship in the Jerusalem temple, Jesus reoriented worship around himself.

♦What in your life do you need Jesus to stop and tear down so that you may worship him more fully? Pray for the wisdom to see your life as he does.

♦Is there someone in your faith community with whom you are at odds? Could you meet that person in a comfortable venue, honor that person's perspective, and come to some mutual understanding?

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

"Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to shake us from our lethargy."

Pope Francis

THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS & PRAYERS

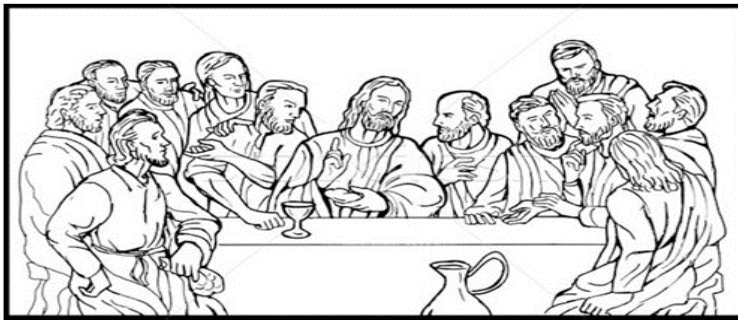
Thank you for all the prayers and support during the passing of our mom Vonda.
We appreciate our Risen Christ family. Deacon Floyd and Connie McCubbins

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The family of Barbara Vine would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for all of the support, thoughts, and prayers offered to us during these difficult days. We would like to offer special thanks to Fr. Stan, Deacon Floyd, and all who made Barbara's funeral services a source of comfort and hope for our entire family. Risen Christ Parish is truly a community of faith and love, and we are so grateful to be a part of this family.  
Mary Anne Gill

**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](http://diocesehelena.org/eucharisticcongress)

**EUCHARIST in the New Testament and in Liturgy**



Two consecutive evenings at Risen Christ parish  
March 20 & 21 7:00

St Matthew's parishioners welcome

Paul Heath, Presenter

**SYCAMORE TREE, MEN'S RETREAT**  
**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](mailto:email@sycamoretreeretreat.org)

## **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 with  
Adoration, Confessions, Vendors, Fellowship Helena Civic Center Visit [Helenacwc.com](http://Helenacwc.com)

# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of February 25, 2024



### **The Three Temptations with Dr. Brant Pitre**

Reflect with Dr. Brant Pitre on the temptations of Jesus in the desert as he gets to the heart of the meaning of Lent.



### **The Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 3**

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.



### **Talking Back: Scripture's to Answer Common Fears | Fearless | Episode 3**

How can the Word of God help us face fear and win back victory from the Enemy's control? Chris continues his conversation with Fr. Dave Pivonka about how people of faith address fear. Scripture provides concrete ways to wield the power of God's Word against the fear of need, abandonment, vulnerability, condemnation, and more. Unlock the means for the Lord to free you from all fear.

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Fr. Stan

## **The Nazareth Page**

*A gospel meditation for your home*

*February 25, 2024 – Second Sunday of Lent - Mark 9:2-10*

On my fiftieth birthday I climbed a famous mountain in Colorado called Pikes Peak. It is over 14,000 feet high and offers a wonderful view of the surrounding landscape. While there was a touristy gift shop atop, I thought it would be a wonderful setting for a home. But I immediately saw the impracticality of that. No one lives on a mountain top.

Today's gospel is one that most of us are familiar with. It describes an event in the life of the closest disciples of Jesus when he was "transfigured" before them. Some biblical scholars say that Jesus assumed an appearance reminiscent of his resurrection. The scene is placed right before the account of his suffering and death. The contrast is obvious, one scene being horrendous and painful, the other being glorious and triumphant.

So, a question arises: Which scene is more ordinary and everyday for us? Most would say neither. But perhaps much of our daily life has more aspects of limitation and frustration than of ecstasy and unbounded happiness. Life can be tough for many, and very challenging.

So, what's the message for us this Sunday? Is it one of despair or hope? The disciples Jesus took to that mountain top wanted to stay there. They wanted to erect permanent dwellings for themselves and Jesus. But Jesus told them that this was not possible. While he wanted to show them what was possible (and what would be theirs after death) but not what it was like to live during their days here on Earth.

St. Paul would later write that we cannot directly see God now, but we can catch a glimpse of God by looking through a dark glass. In a sense, God's presence is hidden behind every element in creation. God is especially there in our lives when we encounter others with love in our hearts. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote those wonderful lines that are found in religious hymns: Where charity and love is there, God is ever found.

And God's presence and wonders are not limited to mountain tops. Jesus said that his chosen disciples needed to come down from that mountain where they would not leave God's presence, but experience God as present in all creation. Achieving this experience of God requires God's help and sustained effort on our part. During the season of Lent, many of us begin noticing life return to nature. The word "lent" is connected with an ancient word meaning "springtime." Noticing new life in nature can bring us a greater appreciation of God in this world, ever hidden, ever springing forth.

David M. Thomas, PhD