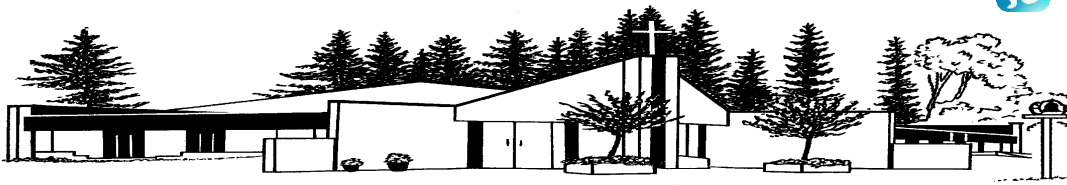


# RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Formed Catechetical Resources: [www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org](http://www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org)

## Father Stanislaw Róg, Pastor/Parish Administrator

Risen Christ Parish and St. Matthew's Parish

Deacon Floyd McCubbins, 406-471-4379, [deaconfloydmc@yahoo.com](mailto:deaconfloydmc@yahoo.com) - Risen Christ

Deacon Charlie Harball, 406-752-6788, St. Matthew's

Helen Tobiason - Religious Formation Coordinator, Grades K-6

Maryruth Fallon, Music Director

Rose Hall, Office Manager ~ Peggy Holton, Office Assistant

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT** ..... **March 10, 2024**  
**Sat., Mar. 9**, Mass for March Collective Intentions of St. Matthew's & Risen Christ .. **6:30 pm**  
**Sunday, March 10**, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew's & Risen Christ ..... **9:00 am**  
**Tuesday, March 12**, Mass for Souls in Purgatory, rb Andrea Wright..... **8:45 am**  
**Thursday, March 14** ..... **NO MASS**

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 16 & 17, 2024

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Deacon Charlie	Deacon Charlie
Cup Minister	Judy Hughes	Bryan McMillan
	Jovita Kottraba	Charlene Harmon
Lector	Vicki Walbruch	Anne Mahoney
	Dixon Rice	Kathy Shanahan
Server		
Greeter	Don Zimmerman ~ Mary Jacobs	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**

- Mar. 10 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**Catholic Relief Services Collection**  
Bake Sale..... After Weekend Masses  
Evening Prayer for Peace..... 6:30 pm
- 12 KC Ladies Dinner, Bonelli's Bistro ..... 5:30 pm  
Knights of Columbus ..... 6:00 pm  
Choir ..... 7:00 pm
- 13 Religious Formation..... 4:00-5:15 pm
- 14 **NO DAILY MASS**  
Soup and Bread Supper ..... 5:30 pm
- 15 Stations of the Cross ..... 7:00 pm
- 17 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
Saint Patrick's Day dinner..... 5:30 pm
- 19 40 Days for Life Vigil sponsored by Risen Christ ..... 7:00 am – 7:00 pm  
**NO DAILY MASS**  
CHRISM MASS at St. Helena Cathedral ..... 12:00 pm  
Choir ..... 7:00 pm
- 20 Religious Formation..... 4:00-5:15 pm  
Eucharistic Presentation, Part 1, presented by Paul Heath..... 7:00 pm
- 21 40 Days for Life Vigil sponsored by Risen Christ ..... 7:00 am – 7:00 pm  
Soup and Bread Supper ..... 5:30 pm  
Eucharistic Presentation, Part 2, presented by Paul Heath..... 7:00 pm
- 24 **PALM SUNDAY**
- 26 Choir ..... 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.

**OUR LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES**

◆**Sunday Evening Prayer for Peace, 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

◆**Knight of Columbus Fish Fry Dates**

Risen Christ March 22, 4:30- 6:45 pm

St. Matthew's March 15 and 22, 4:30 – 6:45 pm

## 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.

### March 2 and 3, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,195
Building	265
Easter	70
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,530</b>

### 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 facility, **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 social area** 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](mailto:mikester55@hotmail.com).

### SAINT PATRICK'S DAY CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

On Sunday, March 17, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., please come to enjoy good food, Irish singing, door prizes, and Catholic trivia.

A free will offering will be taken.

If you would like to help set up, serve dinner, and/or clean up, please call Connie McCubbins at 406-250-5904.

A sign-up sheet can be found in the social area.



### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 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  
Eric Erickson  
Dick Taylor  
Vonda McCubbins

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

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Ruff & Falk Families

**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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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 taking donations of 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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**March 17, 2024**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34   Hebrews 5:7-9   John 12:20-33**

**PRACTICE OF CHARITY**

In Jeremiah's day, covenants were formal agreements or treaties between individuals or nations. Parts of the covenants between nations were often cut onto stone and prominently displayed.

♦Think of formal agreements that you have signed. You have probably also pledged your support and love in many unwritten contracts. Choose one of these covenants, write down the part that is most meaningful to you, and display it in your home.

♦God promises to write his law upon our hearts. Ask God to write upon your heart. What words does God place within 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.

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

Finance Council members are:  
**Peg Gebhardt, Christopher Gill**  
**John Gunnerson, Wally Walbruch**

**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**

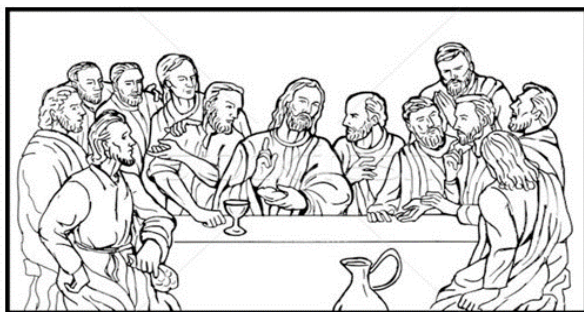
**Judy Stack, 752-4411:**

**Ken Barrett, 755-0269:**

**Jamie Miller, 257-9636:**

**Vicki Walbruch, 758-0170**

## **EUCHARIST New Testament foundation and Liturgical Practice**



Two consecutive evenings at Risen Christ Parish  
March 20 & 21 – 7:00 pm

This opportunity is for both St. Matthew's and Risen Christ Parishes  
Paul Heath, Presenter

### **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)

### **THE EASTER TRIDUUM**

#### **Holy Thursday, March 28**

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at **Risen Christ Parish** ..... 7:00pm

#### **Good Friday, March 29**

Celebration of the Passion of our Lord at **Risen Christ** ..... 12:30pm

Celebration of the Passion of our Lord at **St. Matthew's Parish** ..... 7:00 pm

**Holy Saturday Morning Confessions, Risen Christ, 9:00 – 10:30 am**

**There will be NO afternoon Confessions**

#### **Easter Vigil Liturgy, Saturday, March 30**

NO 4:30 pm Mass

Vigil Mass at St. Matthew's Parish..... 9:00pm

#### **Easter Sunday, March 31**

Mass of the Resurrection at St. Matthew's ..... 7:00 am

Easter Music Risen Christ..... 8:30 am

Mass of the Resurrection: at Risen Christ ..... 9:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt at Risen Christ ..... after Mass

Mass of the Resurrection at St. Matthew's ..... 11:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt at St. Matthew..... after 11:00 am Mass



**HELENA CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**  
**Last Date for Early Bird Registration is March 15th.**

**"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

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY**

We would like to provide Eucharist to the homebound parishioners at  
Risen Christ parish. If you know of anyone who would like Holy Communion delivered to  
their home, let the parish office know. Please call 406-752-4219.

**A QUOTE TO HELP YOU FINISH YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY**

"(Lent) is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not  
with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of  
God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew  
the promises of our Baptism."

-Pope Benedict XVI

**CHURCH ETIQUETTE – PRAYERFUL SILENCE**

Just a reminder to please be courteous to fellow parishioners  
before and after church as they are praying and meditating.

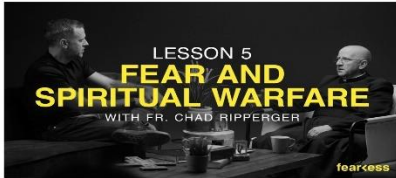
Avoid talking and visiting in the sanctuary.

**You are welcome to visit in the social area. Thank you.**



# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of March 10, 2024



## Fear and Spiritual Warfare w/ Fr. Chad Ripperger | Fearless | Episode 5

Exorcist Fr. Chad Ripperger joins Chris to discuss fear and spiritual warfare. God calls us to walk confidently in his victory over the Evil One, not be slaves to fear. Reject fear's lies and live in the full freedom that comes from claiming the truth of Jesus Christ. Learn from Chris and Fr. Chad how to let Christ's power unshackle your heart and overcome sin in your life.



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

In week four of Restore, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on almsgiving and how it heals your relationships with others. One of the most powerful ways to heal your brokenness is to give—not only money or clothing, but also your presence and love—to those whom God has placed in your life, even those who have wounded you.



## Where are You?

This captivating series explores Catholic themes of redemption, grace, and forgiveness through compelling storytelling and thought-provoking narratives. It offers a profound understanding of the transformative power of forgiveness and its significance in personal growth and spiritual renewal.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and  IGNATIUS PRESS

To register, please go to: [www.risenchristkalisPELL.formed.org](https://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  
March 10, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Lent  
John 3:14-21

Lent is often thought of as a retreat time for active believers. The actual word, Lent, comes from an earlier word associated with springtime, a time when warmer days come our way, and nature creates new buds and sprouts around us. And the primary message of the liturgy is that new life with God is renewed through our deeper awareness of God and God's attitude and intent for us. The holiest week of the year is on the horizon when we recall the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. All of this takes place because of God and God's reason for creating life, especially our personal lives during this time of Creation.

Perhaps you have pondered the provocative philosophical question: Why is there something and not nothing at all. I certainly have. Many times! And for me the most satisfying answer is what I have learned from my religious faith. And from the catechism that I learned in my youth.

Today's gospel includes this sentence: "For God so loved the world that he sent his only Son ... (that we) might have eternal life." So why is there something and why are you and me living right now? It's because the basic attitude of God is that of love. God not only loves, but God's very nature is loving. God will not do otherwise than share God's own life with others, with you and me. With everyone. It's both that simple and that amazing, and that's wonderful.

That we have this reality remembered and recorded in the gospels is remarkable in itself. I like to think that God's Spirit had a hand (metaphorically speaking) in this happening. Sadly, some do not take these words, or this reality to heart.

Years ago, there was widespread conversation in church circles that the gospels are "good news" to those who know its message. This was necessarily noted because there have been those who had used the Bible and the gospels mostly to accuse people of their weaknesses, their faults, and their sins. In other words, its "bad news." That's not to ignore that there is sin in the world because there certainly is.

But of more power and might is the message of God's forgiveness and God's persistent attitude of love toward everyone who has lived here, who lives here right now, and who will live here in the time ahead. To put this another way, the primary reason for Jesus coming to be with us was to show us God's love. We come into life as an act of love on God's part and will be sustained in life by God who deeply loves us forever.

David M. Thomas, PhD



# Saints In Action

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SCAN ME

St. Matthew's Catholic School

February 2024

**St. Matthew's Catholic School provides a nurturing and enriching environment that teaches Gospel values and promotes academic excellence in the Catholic tradition.**

## Denim & Diamonds Gala

Together we raised over  
**\$230,000.00!**

\$75,000 will be used to  
update our gym!

Starting in April

THANK YOU  
SO MUCH!

## February Choir Competition

To gather dry goods for local charities



Our CGS Atrium  
is open!

## HOLY HOOPS 2024

**MARCH 10th - 14th**  
Join us for action packed  
basketball featuring our 5  
- 8 grade students and  
their alumni coaches!

## Montana Tax Credit

Do you pay Montana State Taxes?

If your answer is YES, then tell the state revenue  
department what to do with those taxes.

Earn a \$ for \$ tax credit in 2024 for donating to St.  
Matthew's Catholic School. You decide where your  
Montana tax dollars go - Donate today!

Call the school office for more information, 406-752-6303

Deadline: When the money runs out

**We have raised \$241,710.00**

There is still \$294,000.00 left!

# Donate Today!



Matthew Bliven,  
8th grade, earned  
2nd place and a  
chance to  
compete at the  
State Spelling Bee  
in Bozeman!



Mardi Gras Sip N' Paint!  
Thank you to Tanya  
Lambrecht, Art Teacher, and  
Sophie Burke, Teacher, for  
planning such a fun event!

Thank you for your support of St. Matthew's through your gifts of your time, your talents, and your treasure.  
We appreciate your support of Catholic education in the Flathead Valley!