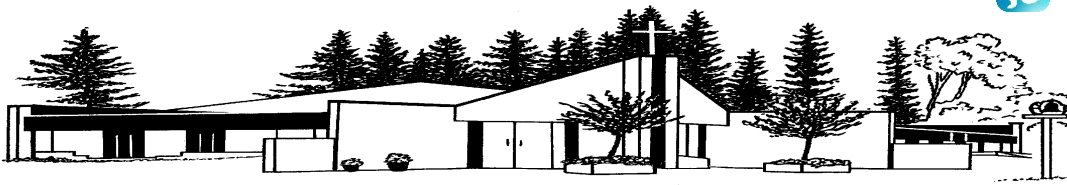


RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Deacon Floyd McCubbins, 406-471-4379, deaconfloydmc@yahoo.com - Risen Christ

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Helen Tobiason - Religious Formation Coordinator, Grades K-6

Maryruth Fallon, Music Director

Rose Hall, Office Manager ~ Peggy Holton, Office Assistant

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT **March 17, 2024**
Sat., Mar. 16, Mass for March Collective Intentions of St. Matthew's & Risen Christ **6:30 pm**
Sunday, March 17, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew's & Risen Christ **9:00 am**
Tuesday, March 19 **NO MASS**
Thursday, March 21, Mass Intention for Carol Anderson, rb Rose Hall **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 23 & 24, 2024

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Shelley Nease	Neil Heino
Cup Minister	Jovita Kottraba	Howie Ficek
	Vicki Walbruch	Marian Ficek
Lector	Cecelia Notess	Paul Heath
	Rachel Cincis	Pati Heath
Server	Don Zimmerman	Gary Hembd
Greeter	Rose Hall ~ Peggy Holton	Dan & Tammy Newton

PLEASE NOTE

Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mar. 17 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
Catholic Relief Services Collection
 Saint Patrick’s Day dinner..... 6:00 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
- 22 KC Fish Fry 4:30 – 6:45 pm
 Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm
- 24 **PALM SUNDAY**
- 26 Choir 7:00 pm
- 27 **NO RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

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.

Please bring your Rice Bowls

to the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, March 28, 7:00 pm



OUR LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

◆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 22, 4:30- 6:45 pm

St. Matthew’s March 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 9 and 10, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,395
Building	55
Mass & Stole Gifts	100
Total	5,550

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life Spring Campaign 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 facility 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**. Your contact is Mike Hanson at (406) 314-7826 or mikester55@hotmail.com.

SEMINARIAN BAKE SALE

The proceeds from last weekend's bake sale were \$293.00. Please remember to keep the seminarians in your thoughts and prayers. The next bake sale will be April 13th and 14th. **Please consider volunteering for this special ministry by donating baked goods and/or tending to the collection of funds.**

Thank you for your continued support for this important ministry.

DECORATING HELPERS NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY & EASTER

We will be joyously decorating for

Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter at Risen Christ.

Palm Sunday -Saturday, March 23 at 10:30 am

Holy Thursday, March 28 at 9:00 am

Good Friday, March 29 at 9:00 am

For Easter-Saturday, March 30 at 10:30 am

We need your help so come join in the fun and fellowship as we beautify the church!

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.

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 Vine
Mary Grace Galvin, Mike & Linda O'Neil, Larry Visocan
Mary Reckin, Ron Bauer
Peg Gebhardt, Mike Hanson
Keith Eckleberry

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 PALM SUNDAY
March 24, 2024

Isaiah 50:4-7 Philipians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1 – 15:47

PRACTICE OF CHARITY

Jesus' passion and death is ultimately a love story.

- ◆ As you move through this story, imagine being with Jesus. How does he seem to you at each stage of his passion? Do you ask him anything? If so, how does he reply?
- ◆ If you know someone in your community who is grieving the death of a loved one, ask that person if a visit from you would be welcome to share stories and memories. You could also offer to pray the Rosary together.

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

Please keep our First Communion candidates in your prayers.
Beckham, Joe, Lola, Luke, Parker, Sebastian.

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



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

SPRING BENEFIT CONCERT

St. Matthew's String Program

April 7, 7:00 pm at St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

Free Admission! A good will offering will be taken.

All proceeds go to purchasing instruments for the

St. Matthew School String Program.



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world.

If you missed the collections, it's not too late to give!

Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for mor information. #iGiveCatholic

Together also accepts donations for this collection (usccb,igivecatholictogether.org).

We adore you and we bless you, Lord Jesus Christ, here and in all the churches which are in the whole world, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Stations of the Cross

JOURNEY REUNION/ULTREYA MARCH 24

You are invited to a Journey Reunion Gathering (Formerly called Ultreya) Sunday, March 24, at 2 pm, Saint John Paul II Church, Bigfork, in Brady Hall (Downstairs, North side of Church). Potluck lunch begins at 2 pm. For more information Call 406-885-2377 or 406-471-2144

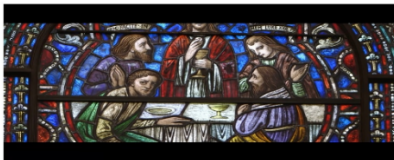
THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of March 17, 2024



Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



An Encounter with Mercy

We are not defined by our mistakes. In Confession, Jesus invites us to encounter his mercy and be healed by his love. When he tells us "Go and sin no more," he also gives us the grace to do so.



The Trials of Saint Patrick

The Trials of Saint Patrick, a powerful journey through hardship, loss, mercy, and forgiveness. With skilled actors and cinematic elements, this captivating story comes to life, stirring the imagination and sparking inspiration.

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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A Gospel meditation for your home
March 17, 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Lent - John 12:20-33

Jesus is coming to the end of his life on Earth. He tells his followers that he is approaching death. He is still relatively young, but he sees opposition building around him. Perhaps he looked back on his recent years, his public life as we call it, and wondered whether it was all good. Did he accomplish what he had hoped to do? And was he always happy?

While the gospels are silent on much of what he experienced, it seems clear that he accepted his past and was not seeking escape from what seemed ahead of him. He recalled good moments, but also those when it was difficult and discouraging. And he likely expected even harder moments ahead. In other words, he had good days, but also times from a human perspective were not always as good. Just like us.

But perhaps not like how we would like to be. I'm not a fan of television commercials, but they are difficult to avoid. Recently, I have been made aware of the fact that 99% of them have a basic message: Try to buy what we are selling, and you will be happy. There is no need to be in pain, to worry over life's challenges (financial or otherwise) or live without continuous happiness.

After hearing this a thousand times, we might begin to doubt the value of our lives where things are not as wonderful as we might wish. We too have good days and days that are not. Just like Jesus. We often find ourselves facing very difficult challenges and wonder whether this is part of God's plan for us or not. Again, just like it seems Jesus did.

When he prayed before his death in the garden, he asked God to allow him to take another path. An easier one. One without suffering and ridicule and the cross. He wanted to take an easier way. Then, as we know so well, he moved to acceptance. He eventually took up his cross and, as today's gospel notes, he was lifted up.

Each of us will experience the carrying of our own cross. Each of us will complain and wonder whether this is part of what God intends. God understands our desire to enjoy the lives we have been given. And understands our concerns and questions, even complaints. God has heard this before, even from Jesus, himself. Yet we continue on. We accept our lives as part of what it means to follow Jesus to the end.

David M. Thomas, PhD

Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you



An adult education opportunity for reflection just before Holy Week

EUCCHARIST – Biblical foundations and liturgical practice

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

Presentation for both **St. Matthews and Risen Christ parishes** Paul Heath, presenter

Companions on the Journey of Grief

“The capacity to love requires the necessity to mourn.”

PRESENTED BY

HELEN BEAUSOLEIL, LCSW

Friday April 5 6:30-9 PM

And continues

Saturday April 6 9AM-12PM

Helen Beausoleil, LCSW currently facilitates grief groups. She has many years of experience in ministry in our Diocese as a Youth Minister and Social Worker for Catholic Social Services.

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FREE WILL OFFERING ACCEPTED—CALL 406-752-4219 TO REGISTER



An invitation to explore grief and mourning. Presentations will explore grief, share resources, and provide time for prayer and reflection on stories of loss. Based on the model of companionship there will be input on stages of grief and mourning, and the process of reconciling. We all have loss in our life, whether your loss has been recent, months or years you may want to participate in a sacred time with others, sharing faith and hope on the sacred journey of grief.



An Old Irish Blessing for St. Patrick's Day

May your days be many, and your troubles be few.
May all God's blessings descend upon you.
May peace be within you, may your heart be strong.
May you find what you're seeking wherever you roam.
May the strength of God pilot us,
may the wisdom of God instruct us.
May the hand of God protect us, may the word of God
direct us.
May thy Salvation, O Lord,
be always ours this day and for evermore.
Amen.

Written by St. Patrick

