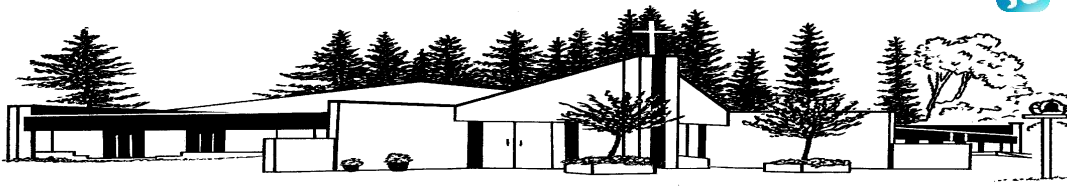


RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

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EASTER SUNDAY **March 31, 2024**
Saturday, March 30,..... No Mass
 Easter Sunday Music..... **8:30 am**
Sunday, March 31, Mass of the Resurrection..... **9:00 am**
Tuesday, April 2, Mass for the deceased Priests of the Diocese..... **8:45 am**
Thursday, April 4, Mass for the deceased Priests of the Diocese..... **8:45 am**

Ministry Schedule, April 6 & 7, 2024

MINISTRY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Plate Minister	Deacon Charlie	Deacon Charlie
Cup Minister	Maureen Neitzling	Neil Heino
	Shelley Nease	Kathy Shanahan
Lector	Suzanne Johnson	Betty Heino
	Cecilia Notess	T J Higgins
Server		
Greeter	Don Zimmerman, Mary Jacobs	Pat Arnone, 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

Mar	31	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
April	2	NO CHOIR
	5	Companions on the Journey of Grief Workshop 6:30-9:00 pm
	6	Companions on the Journey of Grief Workshop 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
	7	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 3:00 pm
		Chaplet of Divine Mercy and opportunity for confession 3:00 – 4:00 pm
	9	KC Ladies Dinner, Casa Mexico 5:30 pm
		Knights of Columbus 6:30 pm
		Choir 7:30 pm
	10	Religious Formation..... 4:00-5:15 pm
	13	Bake Sale..... After Weekend Masses

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.

HELP NEEDED! PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING
Ministries and Roles within the Liturgical Assembly at Mass

All the baptized need to understand that part of their duty regarding liturgy is to accept some responsibility for the liturgy, to place themselves and their God-given talents at the service of the liturgical community whenever possible. If liturgy is a duty as well as a right, then part of that duty for those able to undertake these tasks is the responsibility to assume such key roles as those of **lector, server or acolyte, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, usher, choir member, etc.** . Whether one brings up the gifts, reads the Word of God, assists with the distribution of Communion and brings the Eucharist to those unable to be present at Mass, serves at the altar, provides music that augments the joy, solemnity and festivity of the celebration or serves the assembled community as an usher, he or she is contributing to the worship of the community and fulfilling the responsibility that comes with Baptism.

~An excerpt from an article at USCCB.org

REMINDER TO SAVE POP TOPS

Thank you for continuing to save your pop tops for the Ronald McDonald House. Your efforts are very much appreciated for this important cause.

BREAD TAG RECYCLING CAN BUY WHEELCHAIRS!

Wheelchairs may be purchased from the proceeds of recycling plastic bread tags. Supporters like you and many others care enough to save those tiny plastic tags to help this worthy cause. It is inspiring and reminds us how little things add up to make a big impact for people and the planet.

It takes at least 260,000 bread tags to purchase one wheelchair.

YOUR GIFT TO GOD - March 23 & 24, 2024

Thank you to everyone who so generously supports our parish!
Your financial support enables us to continue the on-going work of our ministry.

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,341
Ash Wednesday	25
Rice Bowl	500
Easter	20
Mass & Stole Gifts	50
Total	\$4,936

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.

HOSTED BY: RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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.

**COLLECTIVE MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024**

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FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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
Keith Eckleberry, rb Sandie Eckleberry
Don Lawrence
For all Veterans

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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Ruff & Falk Families
Francis Raucci, rb Mike & Jackie Strosnider
David Reynolds

**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

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 undertaking. Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 7, 2024

Acts 4:32-35

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

PRACTICE OF CHARITY

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” Do you believe easily, or do you sometimes doubt that God is with you?

- ◆ Ask for St. Thomas’ intercession as you bring your concerns to God. Imagine yourself in the upper room, seeing the risen Jesus and receiving the peace he offers you.
- ◆ Out of devotion to Christ and his Church, early converts brought their material wealth to the apostles. Review your monthly household budget. Are you making a suitable financial contribution to your parish?

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 Sherry Miller, 406-257-9636 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

COUNSELING SERVICES - TUESDAY SESSIONS WITH DEACON FLOYD

Call Deacon Floyd for comfort, reassurance, or solace.

Deacon Floyd will be available on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

He is open to visiting with you on any topic such as marriage issues, suicide, walking through grief or just to talk about last week’s homily.

This service is provided at no cost to you. Please give Deacon a call to schedule your session with him. 406-471-4379

SPRING BENEFIT CONCERT

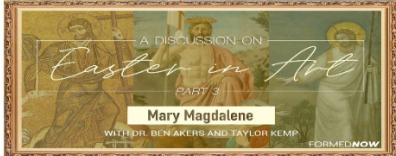
St. Matthew's String Program, April 7, 7:00 pm at St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

Free Admission! A good will offering will be taken.

All proceeds go to purchasing instruments for the St. Matthew's School String Program.

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of April 01, 2024



Easter in Art: Mary Magdalene (Part 3 of 3)

Learn about the "apostle to the apostles" in this discussion with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp. They take a look at a famous painting of Jesus's encounter with Mary Magdalene following the Resurrection.



He is Alive! | Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids

Why can we have hope? Because we know how the story ends . . . with the most incredible miracle ever! Follow along and experience the joy of Jesus' friends as they discover He defeated death and rose from the grave.



Am I Saved? | The Search | Episode 6

In this episode of The Search, explore how Jesus' profound act of love, revealed through his life, death, and resurrection, is a personal salvation for each of us. Despite feeling unworthy or burdened, God enters our messy human condition to transform us from within. His generous love, beyond what we deserve, reflects the amazing reality of God's mercy, shaping a relationship that forever changes our lives.

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

An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and  gracias 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
March 31, 2024 – Easter Sunday
John 20:1-9

Officially, the Catholic Church lists Easter as the most important day of the year. Personally, I was inclined to give Christmas that designation. Now I give them both a #1 rating. They are the meaningful celebration of our faith that recalls the beginning and the end of the life of the human Jesus. Yes, Easter is his final culminating moment.

Therefore, his death was not his last day. Easter was! Which means that his last day was also his first day of all the rest. I know that this idea is a challenge to think about and affirm. Our society can be overly materialistic in this regard. And further worth noting is that Easter is not just about him, but also about us. Easter is called in Scripture the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

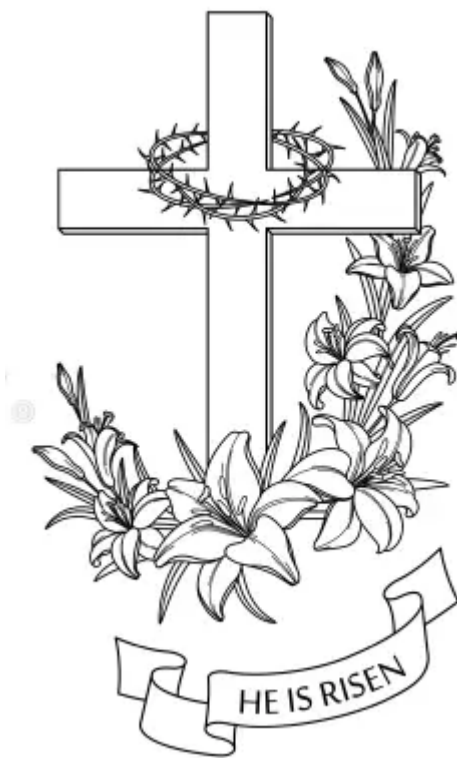
St. Paul puts it; Jesus now lives in glory. And we are invited to join him there. His risen self is now present in our future too. This day of Easter begins the first day of the New Creation. And it has been created not just for the human Jesus, but also for you and me. As each day passes, we move one day closer to our own risen lives after our last breath.

In today's gospel we recall the person who first experienced this greatest mystery of our faith. It was his close friend, Mary Magdalene. Think of her as the first witness to the resurrection of Jesus. After her brief visit to the empty tomb, she immediately went to tell the close followers and friends of Jesus. While there is no mention of this in the New Testament, I imagine her first going to Mary, the mother of Jesus. After all, they are mentioned as being with each other at his death. Why not be the first to learn that he has risen from death?

And would they not also begin thinking and talking about not only Jesus, but also themselves? What is ahead for them? Is death in God's plan an ending or a new beginning? They could think about these matters in a new way of understanding of the death of Jesus. And their own deaths. Briefly, it was now possible to imagine continued life with Jesus, with God and, can we add, with one another?

Thus, the message of Easter is not so much about springtime, but about human life as rooted in God and God's promise that we will live well beyond our lives here in our fragile planet. Scientists tell us that life here will end for all someday as the Sun expands. But that's not the end for us. Like Jesus, we will "rise from the dead" and be with God and each other forever.

David M. Thomas, PhD



FATHER STAN
AND
THE RISEN CHRIST STAFF
WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OF YOU
A HAPPY EASTER AND
A BLESSED EASTER SEASON!