

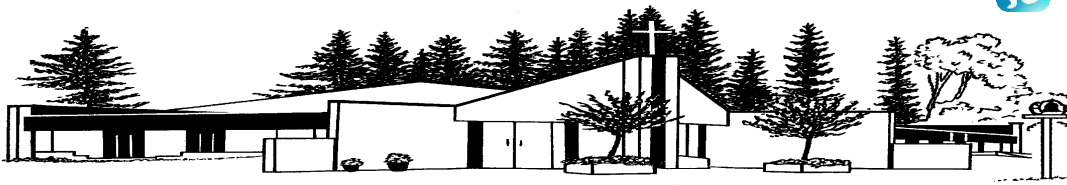
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# RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Website: [www.risenchristkalispell.org](http://www.risenchristkalispell.org)

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 EASTER** ..... **April 21, 2024**  
**Sat., April 20** Mass for April Collective Intentions of St. Matthew's & Risen Christ... **6:30 pm**  
**Sunday, April 21**, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew's & Risen Christ..... **9:00 am**  
**Tuesday, April 23**, Mass for the Soul of Tim Slobojan, rb Sue & Ron Gregoire.. **8:45 am**  
**Thursday, April 25**, Mass for deceased Priests of the Diocese ..... **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, April 27 & 28, 2024

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Deacon Charlie	Deacon Charlie
Cup Minister	Judy Hughes	Howie Ficek
	Bryan McMillan	Marian Ficek
Lector	Dixon Rice	Rick Nease
	Maureen Neitzling	Jim Galvin
Server		
Greeter	Toni Gunnerson~Mary Jacobs	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**

April	21	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
		Coffee Hour.....	After Sunday Mass
	23	Choir .....	7:30 pm
	24	Religious Formation.....	4:00-5:15 pm
	28	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
		<b>Catholic Home Mission Collection</b>	
		Choir .....	7:30 pm
May	1	Religious Formation & Crowning of Mary.....	4:00-5:15
	5	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
	6	Confirmation at St. Matthew's .....	7:00 pm
	7	Choir .....	7:30 pm
	11	First Communion at St. Matthew's .....	12:00 pm
	12	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>	
		Bake Sale.....	After Weekend Masses
		Knights of Columbus Breakfast .....	After Sunday Mass
	14	KC Ladies Dinner .....	5:30 pm
		Knights of Columbus .....	6:30 pm
		Choir .....	7:30 pm
	15	Religious Formation, End of Year Family Barbeque Party ...	4:30 - 6:00 pm
	18	First Communion at Risen Christ.....	12:00 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.

**PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING – WE NEED YOU!**

Volunteers are an integral part of a parish community. They help run most ministries, and their work can result in a lively and thriving Catholic church.

Volunteering is a great way to meet like-minded people and contribute to the well-being of your parish.

Research has shown that volunteering is associated with improved health and well-being, including increased longevity, adoption of healthy lifestyles and reduction in depression and stress. **It's easy! We will train you!**

There are many categories to choose from. Contact the office for more details and to sign up today! 406-752-4219

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“Prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God.” ~St. Philip Neri

## 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.

**April 13 & 14 2024**

Sunday Envelopes	\$6,326
Building	210
Mass & Stole Gifts	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,551</b>

## Risen Christ Parish

Spring Cleanup



**Please Join Us!**

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:00 AM.**

**This is a Parish outdoor family event.**

**Please bring gloves, rakes, brooms, leaf blowers, and wheelbarrows.**

**The Knights of Columbus will serve lunch for all participants.**

**Many Hands Make Light Work!**

### **FREE FINANCIAL SEMINAR & FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER!**

Join us to learn more from Rick Nease, Knights of Columbus field agent, about insurance, investment, and charitable solutions that align with your Catholic values. Sign up today for the upcoming **Dinner & Financial Seminar on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** in the **Risen Christ Social Area** to learn more about aligning your financial decisions with your Catholic values.

Visit the link below to register. We can't wait to see you there!

<https://yourfaithinfinance.com/Contact/Financial-Seminar-Registration>

**Everyone Is Welcome**

**“God is closer to us than water is to a fish”**

**~ St. Catherine of Siena**

**COLLECTIVE MASS INTENTIONS**

**FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 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**

**Karel & David & Terry Barrett, rb Ken Barrett**

**Shelley Hembd, rb Gary Hembd**

**Carol Trimble, rb Bruce Trimble**

**Keith Eckleberry, rb Sandie Eckleberry**

**Tim Slobojan, rb Ron & Suellen Gregoire**

**Anna Merrill, rb Peggy Newman**

**Shelly Christiaens, rb Judy Stack**

**All Veterans**

**Don Lawrence**

**Barbara Rollins Vine, rb Bob Vine**

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**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

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**Ruff & Falk Families**

**Francis Raucci, rb Mike & Jackie Strosnider**

**David Reynolds**

**Fran Cavanaugh, rb Karol Witt**

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**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, Maureen Neitzling, Amy Neitzling, Mike & Linda O'Neil, Mary  
Reckin, Joe Riska, Bob Vine, Larry Visocan**

**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**

Please keep our First Communion candidates in your prayers.

Beckham, Joe, Lola, Luke, Parker, Sebastian.

**READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**April 28, 2024**

**Acts 9:26-31**

**1 John 3:18-24**

**John 15:1-8**

**PRACTICE OF FAITH**

The Holy Spirit brought peace to the early Church. What parts of the world are especially in need of God's peace today?

- ◆ Pray the Rosary for those trapped in regions of conflict and for those working to resolve those conflicts peacefully.
- ◆ When Jesus speaks of himself as the true vine, we are reminded of his presence in the Eucharist. The Catholic Church's theology of the Eucharist is rich and vast. Find the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* online and see what it offers in its discussion of the Eucharist.

*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.



**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**

**Jamie Miller, 257-9636**

**Judy Stack, 752-4411**

**Vicki Walbruch, 758-0170**

**Ken Barrett, 755-0269**

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

Finance Council members are:

**Peg Gebhardt, Christopher Gill**

**John Gunnerson, Wally Walbruch**

### **SEMINARIAN BAKE SALE**

The proceeds from last weekend's bake sale were \$317.00.

The next bake sale will be May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

Please remember to keep  
the Seminararians in your thoughts and prayers.

### **♥THE HEART OF OUR LADY♥**



What is your relationship with the Blessed Mother?

Is she an ideal? A distant figure of holiness?

Or someone from whom to beg favors?

Join me and others, for an Evening of Reflection

as we embark on a journey to uncover

**The Heart of Our Lady**

Friend, Mother, and Disciple

Presented by Teresa Chabot, Certified Spiritual Director

Monday, May 13, 2024, ~ 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Risen Christ Catholic Church

Please pre-register by calling 406-752-4219 or sign up in the social area.

Our gathering promises to be an evening of deep reflection, spirited conversation, and soulful exploration. Whether you're steeped in spiritual tradition or just beginning to tread the path of faith, you'll find ample inspiration and insight within our midst.

### **60<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ST. MATTHEW'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION BANQUET**

St. Matthew's Athletic Association Deluxe Dinner Banquet

Friday, May 3, 2024, at St. Matthew's School

7:00 pm sharp ~ Dinner is at 8:00 pm

Tickets are \$100.00

### **CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL**

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

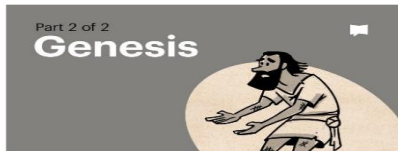
## **SHEPHERD'S HAND VOLUNTEER CAREGIVING**

Residents of Flathead County, age 60+ who are living at home are eligible for services. We offer respite to give primary caregiver time to recharge, friendly visiting, light housekeeping, transportation for essential errands, and organization of mail and help with correspondence.

Services are provided by volunteers, so it is dependent on their availability. Apply to volunteer or to request services. 406-260-3502 info@shephershands.com

# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of April 21, 2024



### **Genesis Part 2 | Old Testament: Book Overviews | The Bible Project**

Watch our overview video on Genesis 12-50, which breaks down the literary design of the book and its flow of thought. In Genesis, God promises to bless rebellious humanity through the family of Abraham, despite their constant failure and folly.



### **Lectio: Mark**

Join Dr. Tim Gray in this powerful 14-part series to discover the Gospel of Mark like never before. Immerse yourself in this action-packed Gospel that offers Saint Peter's account of Christ's life and teaching. Combining the insights of Dr. Tim Gray with the masterful artistry of the Augustine Institute, this Lectio series uses the Church's rich tradition of Lectio Divina to help you better understand and better pray with the Gospel of Mark.



### **Beloved - Session 1: Does Marriage Matter?**

Is your marriage all it can be? Beloved unlocks the sacrament of marriage in 12 sessions, showing how God designed it to fulfill you. Open to all couples, young or old.

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

An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and  IGNACIUS PRESS

To register, please go to: [www.risenchristkalisPELL.formed.org](http://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  
April 21, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Easter  
John 10:11-18

Once again, we are invited to think about one of the ways that Jesus spoke about his own life through the example of being “a good shepherd.” And we are also included in this narration. We play the role of a lost sheep. In the time of Jesus, everyone knew about shepherds and flocks and their care. It was hard work being a good shepherd as sheep tended to wander. And get lost. Yet Jesus used this scenario to teach us about what Jesus (and God) are really like.

Of course, it is quite challenging for us to imagine God acting like a good shepherd. Such attention to us (as wayward sheep) might seem almost too good to be true. Yet here is God in Jesus wanting to find us when we are lost. Or when we were wayward. And all the time wanting to bring us back into the flock. And why does “the shepherd” even leave his flock to do this? Why does this concern for even one lost sheep cause him to do something that many others would call almost crazy, or even reckless?

The answer is found when we examine the two of the most basic aspects of Jesus, his mind and heart. So first, let’s think about this which also gives us a glimpse of the mind and heart of God.

The mind of Jesus would include his thoughts, his imagination, his basic way of thinking about his own life. And about all of us and all of creation. First, let’s compare how Jesus thought in contrast with how many of our contemporaries think. Did he think about his personal safety and security? No. Did he think about success or popularity? It doesn’t seem so. Did he think about money or riches? Hardly. He once wanted to use a single coin in one of his teachings and he had to request one from someone else. He had none. Did he think about his status in society? Never. And did he judge and evaluate others? I can’t think of a single example of this. When you get down to basics it seems he thought mostly about others, their presence, and their needs and how he might help them.

We come to a similar conclusion when thinking about his heart. Or how he loved others. Did he only love those who loved him? Not really. Did he focus on people who liked him and rejected those who didn’t? No. Was he helpful to anyone he met in need? Yes, for sure. If someone slighted him or acted against him, did he retaliate in kind? No way. Did he go out of his way to help others? Always. Even when it was very hard and difficult. In other words, being a really good shepherd is one of the hardest jobs imaginable. Not surprising, there always seems a shortage of them. We could use more.

David M. Thomas, PhD