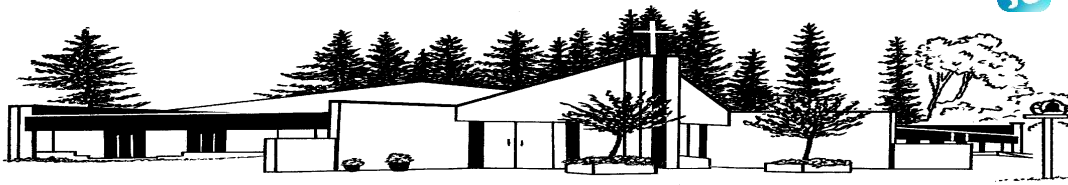

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Deacon Floyd McCubbins, 406-471-4379, deaconfloydmc@yahoo.com - Risen Christ

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

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Rose Hall, Office Manager ~ Peggy Holton, Office Assistant

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER **April 28, 2024**
Sat., April 27, Mass for April Collective Intentions of St. Matthew's & Risen Christ .. **6:30 pm**
Sunday, April 28, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew's & Risen Christ..... **9:00 am**
Tues., Apr. 30, Mass for the Soul of Christopher G. Baldwin, rb George & Teresita Baldwin **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, May 4 & 5, 2024

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Deacon Floyd	Deacon Floyd
Cup Minister	Maureen Neitzling	Paul Heath
	Judy Hughes	Pati Heath
Lector	Suzanne Johnson	Rick Nease
	Dixon Rice	Cecelia Notess
Server		
Greeter	Lee & Dee Hesper	Mary Anne Cahill ~ Richard Brester

PLEASE NOTE

Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

April	28	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
		Catholic Home Mission Collection	
	30	Choir	7:30 pm
May	1	Religious Formation & Crowning of Mary.....	4:00-5:15 pm
	5	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
	6	Confirmation at St. Matthew's	7:00 pm
	7	No Mass at Risen Christ	
		Choir	7:30 pm
	8	Religious Formation.....	4:00-5:15 pm
	11	First Communion at St. Matthew's	12:00 pm
	12	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	
		Bake Sale	After Weekend Masses
		Knights of Columbus Breakfast	After Sunday Mass
	14	KC Ladies Dinner, MacKenzie River north.....	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
	16	No Mass at Risen Christ	
	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.

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING – WE NEED YOU!

It's easy! We will train you!

There are many categories to choose from. Some examples include Music,
Art & Environment, Administrative, Hospitality, Prayer and many more!
Contact the office for more details and to sign up today! 406-752-4219

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” -Helen Keller

“A tree is known by its fruit, a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows
courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.” Saint Basil

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	\$5,649
Building	5
Mass & Stole Gifts	60
Total	\$5,714

Risen Christ Parish



Please Join Us!

Saturday, May 4th, 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!

*******NEW ONLINE GIVING!*******

GIVE CENTRAL.ORG

Great news for online giving.

Instructions are as follows:

Go to givecentral.org and find your charity.

Type Risen Christ or St. Matthew in search bar and enter. Click on your church name.

The next screen reads "Ways to support Risen Christ Parish".

Click on Sunday offering and fill in the next screen with your dollar amount, date, and frequency.

Check the box if you are covering the processing fee.

Add to gift basket and go to checkout. Hit Continue if correct. You may set up log-in information or give as a guest.

Fill in donor information and payment information. There are two options to make your contribution either by credit card or your bank account. Confirm gift.

That's it! Simple, safe, and saves paper too!

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

Christopher George Baldwin, rb George & Teresita Baldwin

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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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

PRACTICE OF FAITH

Jesus tells us to love one another, but sometimes this commandment is hard.

- ◆ Each day this week, pray for those whom you struggle to love. By loving others, we imitate God, who first loved us, and we invite others to become more loving people, too.
- ◆ Gather family members or friends. Ask them to share stories in which a loving, compassionate response to an act of wrongdoing changed the outcome of a particular situation.

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

COUNSELING SERVICES - TUESDAY SESSIONS WITH DEACON FLOYD

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

♥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.

BACCALAUREATE MASS

🎓 ✨ **Attention 2024 High School Graduates and Families!** ✨ 🎓

You are cordially invited to a **Baccalaureate Mass** in celebration of your achievements.

Bishop Vetter will preside over this special occasion, which will take place on **Wednesday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Matthew's.**

It's a time to reflect, give thanks, and embrace the next chapter of your journey. Please reach out to **Niki MacLean** if you have any questions at **970-710-9630**. Congratulations, graduates! 🎓🙏 May this Mass be a beautiful and memorable moment as you step into the future. ✨🙏

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2023

Greetings from your Stewardship Department! We have almost reached our 2023 ACA goal as a Diocese...thank you to everyone that has contributed. I apologize for any bumps you may have encountered as we moved to different software just as we kicked off the ACA. I truly appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we navigated the changes. While we are still about \$140,000 short of the goal, we have 6 months to go and remain optimistic we can reach it. In fact, if every family that has not yet given to the ACA would commit \$10...we would hit our goal. As you have been made aware, these monies fund programs throughout the Diocese and support our many ministries.

Please consider helping us reach our final goal! Giving is simple through our online giving portal, by envelope at your parish or call me to make a gift over the phone. Thank you for your generous stewardship! Sharon Witham 406-389-7062



Join Us
this Summer

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School June 24th-June 28th Watch the bulletin for more information in the upcoming weeks

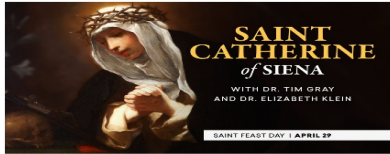
TEACHING POSITION

St. Matthew's Catholic School is seeking a full-time teacher to contribute professionalism and demonstrate a commitment to supporting students in a learning environment that supports Gospel values and promotes academic excellence. For further information please call Theresa ~ Human Resources at 406-751-6811 hr@stmattsaints.org

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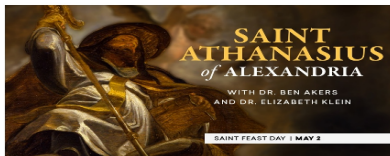
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of April 28, 2024



Who is St. Catherine of Siena?

In light of St. Catherine of Siena's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein, as they celebrate this holy woman: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church.



Saint Athanasius of Alexandria | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they discuss the early Church Father, St. Athanasius. A bishop and Doctor of the Church, St. Athanasius is remembered as the great defender of the Nicene Creed. He was exiled five times from his own diocese under four different emperors. A great teacher, his writings are accessible to both beginners and experts in theology, writing works that serve different needs in the Church.



Guard What Has Been Entrusted To You - A Sermon for the Feast of St. Joseph

Guard What Has Been Entrusted To You A Sermon for the Feast of St. Joseph by Bishop Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet.

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Fr. Stan

THE SILVER ROSE

The journey of the silver rose begins each year in March and ends on Dec. 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. During that time, Silver Roses travel from town to town along eight routes throughout North America. Several of those routes begin in Canada and end in Mexico.

The Silver Rose Program began in 1960, when the first rose, a real, live one, was blessed by a bishop in Ontario. The rose then traveled to New York and then to Texas where it was taken across the border into Mexico. The rose ended its pilgrimage at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey on Dec. 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. To better ensure future annual trips, a silver rose was ultimately made. Today, due to the popularity of the program throughout the North American continent, eight silver roses travel unique routes.



In 2001, when Carl Anderson, Past Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, expanded the Silver Rose Program, he commented: "Through the Silver Rose Program we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe and express the unity of the Knights of Columbus, but we also reaffirm the Order's dedication to the sanctity of human life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. As we think in terms of 'One Life, One Rose', it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses."

The Silver Rose will be at St. Matthew's Church on May 12, 2024, Mother's Day. On May 12th, a Rosary will be said before the 11:00 am Mass starting at 10:30 am.



The Nazareth Page
A Gospel meditation for your home
April 28, 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Easter
John 15:1-8

Knowing how nature works can help us understand how our own lives can be lived in a way that God intends. After all, God has created the entire universe. Within the workings of created nature, there are processes that can be traced back to the blueprint God used from the beginning.

For most of my life I have been deeply interested in the connection between the miracles of nature and the meaning of my own life. I have learned that there are two basic books to learn about God: The Bible and the Book of Nature. God is the author of both books.

This is also why Jesus often turns to the processes of nature to help us understand our own lives. Today we listen to Jesus using the making of wine from grapes that come from vines and branches to teach us that we best stay connected with God, with each other and with all creation. When connected in mind and heart with all, we will be most alive.

People in the time of Jesus would be quite familiar with the way in which wine was made. Historians have noted that many ancient societies depended on wine, not just to enhance a good meal, but to survive. We forget that many years back, water was often contaminated. And there were few processes available to purify it. But people still needed liquids to survive. And for many, drinking wine met that need.

And there were additional benefits as well. Recall the first miracle of Jesus at the wedding feast at Cana when he changed water (some biblical scholars say that water was there for foot washing) into wine. Very good wine too!

Today's gospel is taken from the farewell address of Jesus at the Last Supper. I don't need to mention that this is one of the most important sections of the entire bible. On that occasion Jesus offered to those with him an important image: He said that he is the vine, and we are the branches. He pointed to the vital connection between Jesus and us, a living connection. If that connection is broken, we, the "branches" will wither and die.

This gospel is selected by the church during the Easter season because the Risen Jesus is not limited by his former earthly body. He is now connected with us in many ways. As St. Paul often notes in his letters, we are now part of the body of Christ. We continue the work of Christ through our own acts of kindness, generous love, and forgiveness.

David M. Thomas, PhD