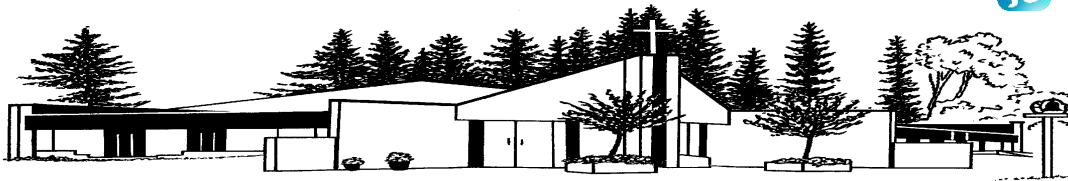


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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY April 7, 2024

Sat., April 6, Mass for March Collective Intentions of St. Matthew's & Risen Christ . **6:30 pm**

Sunday, April 7, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew's & Risen Christ..... **9:00 am**

Tues., April 9 Mass for the Soul of Shelley Stack Christiaens, rb Brenda Van De Hey. **8:45 am**

Thurs., Apr. 11 Mass for the Souls of Benjamin & Kathrine Homann, rb Rose Sverdrup ... **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 13, 14, 2024

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Deacon Floyd	Deacon Floyd
Cup Minister	Judy Hughes	Connie McCubbins
	Jovita Kottraba	Bryan McMillan
Lector	Vicki Walbruch	Jack Fallon
	Suzanne Johnson	Anne Mahoney
Server		
Greeter	Toni Gunnerson~Peggy Holton	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

- April 7 **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament3:00- 4:00 pm
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy and opportunity for confession 3:00– 4:00 pm
- 9 KC Ladies Dinner, Casa Mexico5:30 pm
 Knights of Columbus6:30 pm
 Choir7:30 pm
- 10 Religious Formation.....4:00-5:15 pm
- 14 **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
 Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast.....After Sunday Mass
 Bake Sale..... After Weekend Masses
- 16 Choir7:30 pm
- 17 Religious Formation.....4:00-5:15 pm
- 21 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
 Coffee Hour.....After Mass

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.

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.

TRUST IN GOD

“Cast yourself into the arms of God and be very sure that if He wants anything of you, He will fit you for the work and give you strength.”
~St. Philip Neri

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

On Sunday, April 7th, 3:00 pm, @ Risen Christ, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be sung. Father Stan will hear confessions during that hour, 3 - 4 pm. There will also be Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament.



OPERATION RICE BOWL

THANK YOU for making CRS Rice Bowl a part of your Lenten Journey!
Risen Christ Parish collected a total of \$1123.25 for the Rice Bowls.

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 28, 30 and 31, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,809
Easter	\$4,000
Total	\$9,809

Risen Christ Parish

Spring Cleanup



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!

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 24th 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

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR EASTER EGG HUNT "ANGELS"

A special Thank You to all those who provided their time and talent in donating eggs, candy, money, filling eggs and, of course, our great Easter Bunny helpers in distributing them on the lawn for the Easter Egg Hunt. From all the smiles and laughter and thank you's received, a great time was had by the young and the young at heart.

~ Tammy Newton

**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 Risen Christ Parish
Anna Merrill, rb Peggy Newman
All Veterans
Don Lawrence

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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

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**RISEN CHRIST MASS REQUESTS
FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

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Greg Grace, Joe Riska
Eileen Kluesner, Maureen Neitzling, Amy Neitzling
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

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

READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 2024

Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a) 1 John 2:1-5a Luke 24:35-48

PRACTICE OF FAITH

Imagine eating with the risen Jesus. What would you serve him? What would you talk about? Would you laugh or be serious?

◆ When Jesus appeared to his disciples, “he opened their minds to understand” (Luke 24:45). What aspects of our faith tradition do you struggle to understand?

◆ Join or form a discussion group. Invite a lay or ordained minister to offer you their insights or other resources.

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, 758-017

THE PROMISES OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

PLEASE DON'T MISS OUT!

In the 1930s, Our Lord Jesus requested through Saint Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, that a Feast of Mercy be established and solemnly celebrated in His Church on the First Sunday after Easter, every year.

The Lord said that this feast would be the “last hope of salvation.”

Divine Mercy Sunday is perhaps God’s greatest gift for our time. The promise of this day is nothing less than **the forgiveness of all sins and punishment due to sin** for anyone who would go to Confession and receive Jesus in Holy Communion on this very special feast.

According to Divine Mercy Productions, one may receive the Sacrament of Confession, also known as Reconciliation, twenty days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all the incredibly wonderful help and enthusiasm as we prepared the church for Passion (Palm Sunday) and the glorious Resurrection of our Lord (The Triduum). I’m always thankful for the support you provide to the Art & Environment each season. Special thanks to Toni Gunnerson for her encouragement and unending help.

Others that I would like to recognize are Paul & Pati Heath, Bob Pearce, Diane Dubai, Toni Gunnerson, Camille Scott, Blanca Villalba, Kimberly Santiago Marian & Howie Ficek, Jody Schweigert, Vicki & Wally Walbruch, Mary Ann Cahill, Laurie Brandon, Diane Hartung, Judy Hughes, Lucia Gomes, Iris Stephens, Ken Barrett, Fr. Stan.



**Please Join Us for Our April Pancake Breakfast
immediately after Mass on Sunday, April 14, 2024.**

COFFEE HOUR IS BACK!

Please join in with fellowship and sharing of yummy treats after Mass on April 21st. Come and interact with your fellow parishioners and become acquainted with each other.

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of April 07, 2024



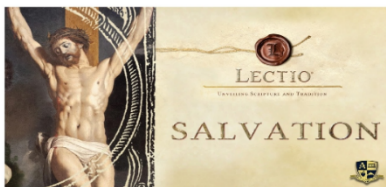
The Rosary: A Special Way to Pray

Join Brother Francis in this entertaining and guidance-filled presentation that will inspire children to deepen their faith by praying the Rosary!



Why Catholics believe in "life everlasting"

The Catholic Church cares about every BODY. Think of relics and funerals—reverence for our bodies and the body's of holy people is part of being Catholic. But why? We find the answer at the end of the Creed: "I believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting." That's a pretty strong statement and it's founded on Jesus. Because Jesus rose from the dead, we can look forward to our own body's being raised at the end of time. Pretty cool, right?



Not Just a Legal Transaction | Lectio: Salvation | Episode 5

After the Fall, each person is born not only with the stain of sin on their soul but also with a fallen human nature. Thanks be to God that his gift of salvation not only frees us from Original Sin but also transforms us from the inside out, healing the root of our brokenness: our hearts. As we will see in this session, salvation is not simply a legal transaction by which we are declared righteous, but by the gift of God's Spirit we are actually made righteous.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit 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, 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 7, 2024 – Second Sunday of Easter
John 20:19-31

From all indications, it appeared that the life of Jesus had ended. He was arrested, judged guilty of some vague crime and according to Roman law and was condemned to die. His death took place in public view. There were witnesses, most sadly his own mother, to his final breath. He was taken down from the cross on which he hung and placed in a nearby tomb.

So many of his closest known followers hid from the authorities because they were worried that they would be next in line for arrest and all the rest. All his teachings about life and its future seemed to have departed with his terrible death. They were confused, their hope was all but gone, and worst of all, they were filled with fear. His closest followers locked themselves in a place where they might have felt somewhat safe. Still, however, they were scared.

Then Jesus suddenly was there in the room, the marks of his wounds still fresh on his body. With his presence came his gift of peacefulness. His basic message was that death is not the last word. Life is.

The gospels offer little in specifics about the exact nature of God's continued gift of life after death, except that it exists. Hardship and struggle may have their moments, but in the end, we will live with God and one another in great joy without end. Toward the end of today's gospel, we read that those who have not seen the risen Jesus, as did his first disciples, are also to be blessed. They too (meaning you and me) are part of this great story of life as created by God.

As each of our days here on Earth passes, we move closer to our future, a future when we will be rejoined by those who were close to us during our earthly days and have moved ahead to a life of unending joy and happiness. Accepting this reality, this more complete story of our existence, offers us hope even during our most trying times here.

The Easter story is not only about Jesus. It is also about us. Like his first disciples, we too face moments of uncertainty, fear, and worry. All of our days on Earth are not guaranteed to be happy ones. I wonder whether we too will carry the marks of our sufferings into our lives after death. Yet they won't hurt. Like the wound marks of Jesus, they will be a sign of struggles and difficulties. They will be like battle ribbons worn by those who have fought the good fight and survived.

David M. Thomas, PhD