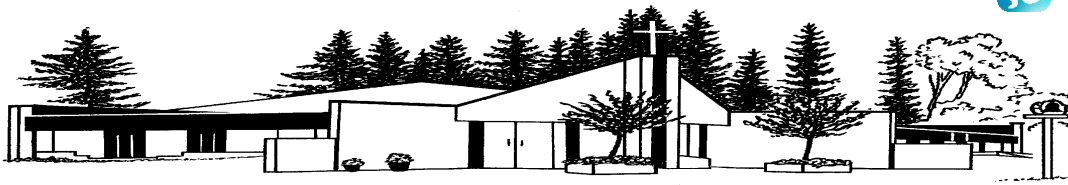


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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD **May 12, 2024**
Sat., May 11, Mass for May Collective Intentions of St. Matthew's & Risen Christ.... **6:30 pm**
Sunday, May 12, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew's & Risen Christ..... **9:00 am**
Tues, May 14, Mass for the Souls of Henry & Pauline Schuele, rb Rose Sverdrup... **8:45 am**
Thursday, May 16..... **NO MASS**

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 18 & 19, 2024

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Deacon Charlie	Deacon Charlie
Cup Minister	Suzanne Johnson	Neil Heino
	Jovita Kottraba	Connie McCubbins
Lector	Pati Heath	Jim Galvin
	Dixon Rice	TJ Higgins
Server		
Greeter	Don Zimmerman, Toni Gunnerson	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

May	12	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Bake Sale..... After Weekend Masses
	13	HEART OF OUR LADY , Presented by Teresa Chabot 7:00 – 9:00 pm
	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 with luncheon in social area..... 12:00 pm
	19	PENTECOST SUNDAY Coffee Hour.....After Mass
	21	Choir 7:30 pm
	26	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
	27	MEMORIAL DAY, Parish Office Closed.....
	27-31	No Daily Masses
	28	Choir 7:30 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION– May 18th Mass @ Noon

We have been having a great year learning more about our Catholic Faith, receiving the gift of Reconciliation and now the highlight of our year, receiving our First Holy Communion. We thank all of you for praying for us and supporting our journey. We would like to invite our Parish Family to join us for this very special celebration and afterwards with a luncheon in the church social area. Thank you and God Bless:
Beckham, Joe, Lola, Luke, Parker, and Sebastian.

OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS

Mr. Victor Hannuneh is part of a group of Palestinian Christians traveling around our country selling exquisite olive wood religious works made by Palestinian Christian families. The revenue generated helps to restore justice to an oppressed Palestinian Christian minority, supports over 300 families of skilled carvers and helps in keeping a Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Victor will display the carvings after weekend Masses here at Risen Christ on May 25th & 26th. Your purchase, however small or big, will be an act of social justice as well as provide an opportunity to own or give as gifts, original folk art from Bethlehem.

There will be great gift ideas!

*******NEW ONLINE GIVING!*****GIVECENTRAL.ORG**

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.

May 4 & 5, 2024	Sunday Envelopes	\$8,845
	Building	565
	Total	\$9,410

TO OUR TREASURED MOTHERS

**“We pray to the Lord for our mothers,
who have given us life and love,
that we may show them reverence and love.
Happy Mother’s Day from Council 8329
of the Knights of Columbus.
Please accept our single-stem Rose!”**



OUR LADY OF THE ROCKIES, Sponsored by the Sycamore Tree **How Our Lady Built a Statue**

A presentation will be given by the designer and builder of Our Lady of the Rockies statue, **Leroy Lee**, on **Sunday, May 26, 2024**, at **Our Lady of Swan Valley Mission**, located at **201 E. Beck Road, Condon, Montana**. Please come to view a slide show and hear about Mr. Lee’s personal experiences and difficulties surrounding this tremendous feat. It is a wonderful expression of a community working together and believing in the power of prayer to accomplish a seemingly impossible task.

PARISH GROUNDS CLEAN-UP THANK YOU

We thank the many who came to bless our church with the gift of their time and hard work. The church grounds look great! We appreciate you!

Dee & Lee Hesper, Gary Hembd, Carol Bienhold, Stanley DeBlauw, Lucia Gomes & son,
Toni & John Gunnerson, Jesse DeBlauw, Madison & children Dietz, Bob Pearce,
Marian & Howie Ficek, Megan & Jeremy Hoskin Family, Wally Walbruch,
Maryruth Fallon, Don Zimmerman, John & Linda Spanke, Jody Schweigert,
Debbie Barrett, Fred Woelkers Family.

DECORATING FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Easter Season is quickly moving to Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit among us! We need your help again preparing for the change in the decorations, adding to the beauty of our Eucharistic celebration. Pentecost color is red. We will be decorating on May 17th at 9:30 am. We need all hands-on deck to continue the work of our ministries. Please plan to attend!

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

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FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Howard and Lorraine Carter, rb Kimberly Carter
Karel & David & Terry Barrett, rb Ken Barrett
Shelley Hembd, rb Gary Hembd
Carol Trimble, rb Bruce Trimble
Keith Eckleberry, rb Sandie Eckleberry
Shelly Christiaens, rb Judy Stack
Christopher George Baldwin, rb George & Teresita Baldwin
Michael Wright, rb Andrea Wright
Dewey Coursey, rb Sharon Coursey
Lynn Grayson

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Ruff & Falk Families
Fran Cavanaugh, rb Karol Witt

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RISEN CHRIST MASS REQUESTS

FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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

Carter Anderson, Dillon Armstrong, Shae Bills, Lane Buus
John Cooney, Riley Helgoe, Matt Keck, Kaleb Mitchell,
Anthony Olmes, Brett Rotz, James Semling, Jamie Severson

RAGS TO RICHES RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE, ST. JOHN PAUL II

Come and find your treasures at the 17th Annual

Rags to Riches Rummage and Bake Sale sponsored by St John Paul II CCW at
195 Coverdell Rd, Bigfork. All Proceeds benefit local charities.
Friday, May 17th 8am - 5pm and Saturday, May 18th 8am - 2pm



READINGS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 19, 2024

Acts 2:1-11

Galatians 5:16-25

John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

PRACTICE OF FAITH

Come, Holy Spirit, come! Today we hear about the movements of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' community. In Acts, Luke paints a picture of an intense gathering. Jesus' followers are gathered in one place, likely still working to understand the death and resurrection of their dear friend and teacher. Despite their confusion, they understand what is told of God's mighty acts. As we imagine ourselves among them, we are called to be amazed and transformed by the movements of the Holy Spirit in our everyday lives.

♦ What "works of the flesh" (Galatians 5:19) are keeping you from following the Spirit, from proclaiming the mighty acts of God?

♦ Read the responsorial psalm a few times. What stands out to you? Carry that with you throughout the day to call the Spirit to mind. *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

Judy Stack, 752-4411

Jamie Miller, 257-9636

Ken Barrett, 755-0269

FINANCE COUNCIL

Finance Council members are:

Peg Gebhardt, Christopher Gill

John Gunnerson, Wally Walbruch

TUESDAY SESSIONS WITH DEACON FLOYD

Deacon Floyd will be available on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. He is open to visiting with you on ANY topic. This service is provided at no cost to you. Call 406-471-4379 for an appointment.

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of May 12, 2024



Deuteronomy | Old Testament: Book Overviews | The Bible Project

Watch our overview video on the book of Deuteronomy, which breaks down the literary design of the book and its flow of thought. In Deuteronomy, Moses gives final words of wisdom and warning before the Israelites enter the promised land, challenging them to be faithful to God.



The Book Swap | Episode 1 | Benjamin Cello

It's time to read a book! Benjamin Cello, Annie Appleseed, and Miss Gretchen, the Music Teacher, go to the Bookendless Book Tower for a book swap party, hosted by Professor Wordsworth and the Bookworms. Along the way they explore classics of literature and the one Holy Book that stands above all others, the Book that can change your life forever.



Finding Fatima

Produced by the award-winning filmmakers of the highly acclaimed feature film *The 13th Day*, this powerful and in-depth documentary combines archival footage, dramatic reenactments, original interviews with Fatima experts, and stunning visuals to tell the whole story of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A Gospel meditation for your home
May 12, 2024 – Seventh Sunday of Easter
John 17:11-19

My first thought after reading today's gospel was that it is not applicable in today's world. Jesus prayed that we all be one, just as he and God are one. But how is that even possible today where people seem so much at odds with one another? Where wars and conflicts seem everywhere? Where one TV network supports one political view, and another favors a party that seems opposite in almost every way.

I walk in my neighborhood and I know that differences between political attitudes and party membership is common. Some proudly fly American flags and others prefer to be flagless. Pundits on TV and on social media seem to relish such differences. Helps ratings, they claim.

I attend Sunday Mass where some kneel while others stand. My guess is that I am witnessing not only differences in bodily position, but diverse views on the nature of the church, including what appropriate behavior is while at worship. Yet Jesus prays in John's Gospel "that we all be one." Today, however, so many of us seem to live the opposite. On the surface is that wrong?

Maybe not. Notice that some differences are not only common, but perhaps a positive part of life. Think of the differences between all of us, even among our own family members or between married couples. What would it be like if we all looked the same, thought and acted the same way? The French have a wonderful phrase: *Vive la difference*. It's intended as a positive. It suggests that life without differences would be boring and uninteresting. I would add that it would not be in accord with the basic blueprint of God's creation itself, especially of humans.

So, let's set aside the notion of the unity called for by Jesus is not a call to be exactly the same. Rather think of it in terms of acceptance of variety. Jesus chose twelve apostles and from what we know of them, they were a very diverse group. When Jesus inquired as to their views of various matters, he likely received twelve different responses. But they cared about each other. They supported each other. They were friends. (Another quality Jesus prayed that they be.)

So maybe we might say that we are one, not by ignoring differences between us, but by embracing them. Even being enriched by them. That accepting, and even caring about those who hold views different from ours, may actually be a blessing.

David M. Thomas, PhD

TEACHING POSITION OPENING

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 in and promotes academic excellence.
For further information please call Theresa ~ Human Resources at
406-751-6811 hr@stmattsaints.org

ATTENTION GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

All 2024 High School Graduates and their families are invited to a Baccalaureate Mass, to be celebrated by Bishop Vetter.
It will be on Wednesday, June 5th, 7 pm, at St. Matthew's Parish.
If you have any questions, please contact Niki MacLean at (970) 710-9630.
Visit montanacc.org or scan the QR code for details.



Montana Catholics for Life
For Babies For Mothers For Families

Answering the call of our Montana Bishops to promote and defend life

Created in the image of God with a dignity not of our own making, each person is a unique and unrepeatable masterpiece of God's creation. Every person is entitled to the right to life and human dignity. When those rights are threatened, the Church must speak up with clarity and boldness.

Join our Montana Bishops in defense of babies, mothers and families against the abortion initiative CI-128. Decline to sign the petition to place CI-128 on the November ballot, learn about what is at stake, and share the Bishops' Message as we pray and work together against this initiative.

Life-affirming Resources

- Expectant Mother/Parent Counseling
- Adoption
- Pregnancy Resources
- Post-Abortion Help
- Help for Mothers and Babies in Need
- Prayers for Life



From Montana's Bishops

Joint Letter and Video:
Stand for Life In Montana



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