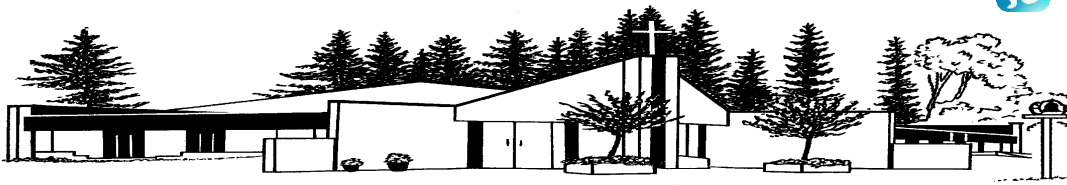

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Father Stanislaw Róg, Pastor/Parish Administrator

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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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER..... May 5, 2024
Sat., May 4, Mass for May Collective Intentions of St. Matthew's & Risen Christ **6:30 pm**
Sunday, May 5, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew's & Risen Christ..... **9:00 am**
Tuesday, May 7,..... **NO MASS**
Thurs., May 9, Mass for the souls of Dan & Catherine Callahan, rb Brockman Family .. **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 11 & 12, 2024

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Jovita Kottraba	Paul Heath
Cup Minister	Shelley Nease	Pati Heath
	Vicky Walbruch	Kathy Shanahan
Lector	Bryan McMillan	Jack Fallon
	Maureen Neitzling	Betty Heino
Server	Don Zimmerman	Gary Hembd
Greeter	Mary Jacobs and Rose Hall	Pat Arnone and 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

May	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
	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
	19	PENTECOST SUNDAY	
	21	Choir	7:30 pm
	26	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	
	27	MEMORIAL DAY, Parish Office Closed.....	
	27-31	No 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.

♥TIME, TALENTS, AND HEARTS♥

Your dedication and generosity have made a significant impact! With nine volunteers stepping up to serve in five different ministries, you've truly exemplified the spirit of community and selflessness.

Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and hearts with our parish. Your contributions are invaluable, and we deeply appreciate your commitment to making our community thrive.

For anyone else considering volunteering, we warmly invite you to join our efforts. Please reach out to the parish office at 406-752-4219 to explore how you can be part of this wonderful journey. May your kindness continue to inspire others, and may blessings abound for all.

With gratitude, The Risen Christ Community

TO OUR LONG TIME PARISHIONERS

Thank You for your witness of faith and your desire to fall deeper in love with our Lord. In worship, we encounter the love of God; through evangelization we share the living message of the Gospel; by serving others we pass on the gifts God has given to us.

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 27 & 28, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,538
Mass & Stole Gifts	225
Total	\$3,763

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.

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

♥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.

THANKFUL, GRATEFUL, AND BLESSED

Dear Parishioners of Risen Christ Catholic Church,

Thank you for your donation to Habitat Flathead. We are doing everything we can to build more modest, durable housing for our hardworking families in the Flathead Valley.

Your support means a great deal to us!

Gratefully, MaryBeth Morand, Habitat for Humanity of Flathead Valley

Dear Risen Christ,

Thank you for the Christmas giving tree and the generous donations and support.

Everything was very much appreciated.

The Warming Center

**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
Anna Merrill, rb Peggy Newman
Shelly Christiaens, rb Judy Stack
Christopher George Baldwin, rb George & Teresita Baldwin
Michael Wright, rb Andrea Wright
Dewey Coursey, rb Sharon Coursey

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Ruff & Falk Families
Fran Cavanaugh, rb Karol Witt
Lynn Grayson

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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

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal.
As a parish, we raised money to strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel
across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give!

Just visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

#iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection,
visit usccb.igivecatholictogether.org.

READINGS FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 12, 2024

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 4:1-13

Mark 16:15-20

PRACTICE OF HOPE

Each day this week, in anticipation of Pentecost, pray for the Holy Spirit:

“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth. Oh God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolations. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

◆ How can you be a sign of God’s saving presence? Is there a weekly service you can undertake for the summer? *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

*******BAKE SALE REMINDER*******

The Bake Sale for the benefit of The Seminarian Fund will be held on the weekend of May 11th & 12th. Please sign up to bring goodies or to tend the donation table.

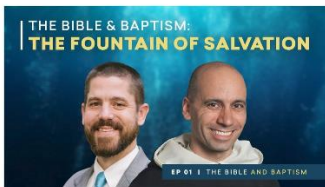
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of May 05, 2024



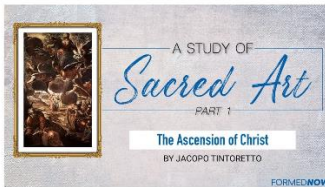
Saint John Paul II | Lukas Storyteller

Lukas, tired of seeing the same bored look on his friends' faces, decides to tell them a captivating story. Not just any story, but a tale of a young Karol Wojtyła, who would one day become Pope John Paul II! The kids wouldn't believe the adventures young Karol had, and how they would inspire them to create their own unforgettable day.



The Fountain of Salvation | The Bible and Baptism | Episode 1

Dr. John Sehorn, Academic Dean of the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, sits down with Fr. Isaac Morales, OP, a Dominican friar of the Province of Saint Joseph and Associate Professor of Theology at Providence College, to discuss Fr. Isaac's book *The Bible and Baptism: The Fountain of Salvation* (Baker Academic). This episode dives into how Baptism is the fountain of salvation for the Christian.



The Ascension | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode on FORMED, they discuss *The Ascension of Christ* by Jacopo Tintoretto.

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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
May 5, 2024 – Sixth Sunday of Easter
John 15:9-17

I begin this reflection with the opening words of Jesus recorded in this Sunday's gospel. They are among the most important words he ever said. "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love." That is a profound summary of the truth that inspires the entirety of the Bible. They also form the foundation for your life and mine. In fact, all that lives, that ever were, that exist right now and will be in the future.

We are all created because we are loved by God. And we are shown how to live responding to that love through the example of Jesus. Our task is to believe this and accept being unconditionally loved by God. And live each day in response to that love. We are loved into life by God who intentionally created each of us and will love you and me forever. This is not a generalized love, like one may have for a favorite team or cause, but one that is *personal*. God knows you and God knows me and despite our weaknesses, failures and faults God persistently loves each of us.

Now add to this truth about our origins a thought from the much-respected scientist and theologian, Thomas Berry (1914-2009). "The universe, by definition, is a single glorious celebratory event." This means that all God's creation is an enactment and expression of God's love. Which leads us to our valuing all creation and preserving it as God intends.

Of course, we all can admit that everything does not always seem good, and much of what happens in our world does not seem "loving." There are abundant reasons for possibly denying the presence of God's love in our world. Recall that Jesus on the cross expressed doubt about God's presence and love for him. He felt abandoned and alone. Just as we do when times get tough and positive explanations of what's happening in our lives fail us. Clearly, we all experience both ups and downs, successes and failures, good days and even some terrible ones. So "remaining in God's love" is far from simple or easy. But that's also a clue to its importance.

Almost everything in our lives that is really important often requires our most strenuous effort. There are times when all of us are "stretched to our limits." When the only way to continue is to take up our burden, our cross, and follow Jesus. Biblical scholars call such words "the hard sayings of Jesus." Like when he said that we should love our enemies and do good to those who hate us. How difficult is that? This is not feel-good religion. Words that have most touched me in this regard are those at the end of the musical version of *Les Miserables*: "To love another person is to see the face of God."

David M. Thomas, PhD



Diocese of Helena



Diocese of Great Falls-Billings

May 3, 2024

**A Letter from the Catholic Bishops of Montana on the
Abortion Amendment Constitutional Initiative (CI-128)**

Dear People of God,

As Catholics, we treasure life as a precious gift from God and recognize our sacred duty to nurture and protect every human life from the moment of conception through natural death. 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. This recognition of the infinite dignity enjoyed by all persons informs our understanding of the basic rights and protections to which all human beings are entitled. When those rights are threatened, the Church must speak up with clarity and boldness.

At this very moment, there is a coordinated effort underway to gather signatures to place an extreme amendment to our State's constitution on the November ballot. Constitutional Initiative 128 (CI-128) would greatly expand the practice of legalized abortion in Montana abolishing the limited restrictions currently in place and opening the door to a host of practices that violate fundamental rights to life and dignity.

CI-128 is being promoted simply as a protection for women's rights, when in fact, this initiative seeks to enshrine legal authorization for the following:

- Late-term abortion of babies who will feel pain
- Abortion of babies who have been partially delivered
- Abortion by dismemberment of children growing in the womb

Moreover, this proposal would eliminate current parental notification requirements that apply when minors obtain an abortion. This would:

- Impose a culture of secrecy that would undermine families
- Expose underage mothers to exploitation
- Provide cover for those who would victimize underage women by committing abuse, human trafficking, and other crimes

Faced with this unprecedented threat to human life, we urge all people of goodwill to decline to sign the petition to place this dangerous amendment on our ballot. Trusting in God, we invite all Montanans to pray for the defeat of this Constitutional Initiative and stand in defense of women, children and all those threatened by this extreme proposal.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn, pray for us.
In Christ,

Most Rev. Austin A. Vetter
Bishop of Helena

Most Rev. Jeffrey M. Fleming
Bishop of Great Falls-Billings

Most Rev. Michael W. Warfe
Bishop Emeritus of Great Falls-Billings

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