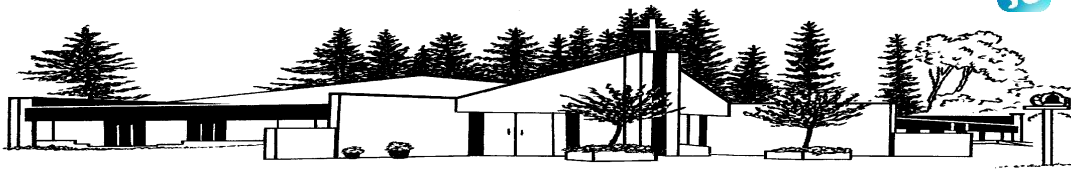


RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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

Helen Tobiason - Religious Formation Coordinator, Grades K-6

Rose Hall, Office Mgr. ~ Peggy Holton, Office Asst. ~ Maryruth Fallon, Music Director

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 18, 2024

Sat., Aug. 17, Mass for Aug Collective Intentions of St. Matthew's & Risen Christ 6:30 pm

Sunday, August 18, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew's & Risen Christ..... 9:00 am

Tuesday, August 20..... NO MASS

Thursday, August 22..... 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, August 24 and 25, 2024

MINISTRY	Saturday 6:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Deacon Charlie	Deacon Charlie
Cup Minister	Suzanne Johnson	Paul Heath
	Maureen Neitzling	Pati Heath
Lector	Vicki Walbruch	Betty Heino
	Vicki Walbruch	LECTOR NEEDED
Server		
Greeter	Don Zimmerman, Colleen Hutchens	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

August 18 **TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
19-23 **NO DAILY MASSES**
25 **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Sept. 1 **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
3 St. Matthew's first day of school

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, Wed. The deadline for altar announcements is noon on Thursday.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION REGISTRATION

It is time to register your children, grandchildren, Godchildren, nieces, and nephews for the upcoming Religious Formation Classes. Forms are on the table in the social area. Please fill them out and return them to the table in front of the office. We need to get a head count so that appropriate supplies may be ordered.

WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE!

Time and Talent Opportunity

Our God given time and talents are our opportunity to share ourselves with those around us. The Religious Formation program would appreciate your sharing with us. We will be needing teachers for the upcoming program. The forms are on the table in the social area.



ATTN: PARENTS WITH YOUNGSTERS

Please consider helping with Children's Liturgy at Mass on Sunday mornings. Being a leader is enjoyable, fulfilling, and easy. There are approximately 2 hours of initial Virtus training required. Please contact the office if you can help.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Friday, September 6, 2024, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Risen Christ Parish, 65 West Evergreen Dr., in Kalispell.
“The Importance of Women in the Modern Catholic Church”
With Bishop Austin Vetter ***“Jesus is Calling to Women”***
Linda Dorrington, Spiritual Director with 40 years in ministry.
Lunch is included - \$20.00, to register call 406-250-5904,
or email cmmcubbins@gmail.com

YOUR GIFT TO GOD

We would like to thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish!
Your financial support enables us to continue the ongoing work of our ministry.

August 10 & 11 2024

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,397
Building	\$ 260
Total	\$5,657

RETROUVAILLE

Rediscover Your Marriage - Retrouvaille simply means "rediscovery". The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Our next program begins October 18, 2024. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com. Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names are held in strictest confidence.

RETREAT – IGNATIAN RULES OF DISCERNMENT

Presented by Teresa Chabot

Catholic lay Spiritual Director for Women- St Matthew's Parish, Kalispell, MT
Thursday Evening ~ Sunday Morning, September 5-8, 2024
The Sycamore Tree Catholic Retreat Center
21592 Sycamore Tree Lane ~ Swan Lake, MT

www.sycamoretreeretreat.org

Cost: \$325 *which includes three meals and a book. Scholarship available.*

For more information or to register, please email Michelle Jenkins at
email@sycamoretreeretreat or call (406) 754.2429

SEMINARIAN BAKE SALE UPDATE

A big **thank you** to all the bakers and those with delightful taste buds who made this event a success. The bake sale raised **\$184.00** to support our seminarians. 🍰🥧

We encourage everyone to put on their aprons and showcase their baking skills.

Wishing you all sweet moments and continued generosity.

JOURNEY REUNION

ALL ARE WELCOME at Journey Reunion/Ultreya Sunday, August 25, at 2 pm, Saint John Paul II Church, Bigfork, in Brady Hall (Lower level, NORTH side of Church). *Potluck lunch* at 2 pm, followed by a brief teaching, singing, and prayer.

Come & See! Info: 406-885-2377 or 406-471-2144

(Our Sept gathering will be on Sept 29.)

COLLECTIVE MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2024

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FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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Karel & David & Terry Barrett, rb Ken Barrett
Shelley Hembd, rb Gary Hembd
Carol Trimble, rb Bruce Trimble
Shelly Christiaens, rb Judy Stack
Jim Jensen, rb Jackie Jensen
Tim Slobojan, rb Diane Slobojan
Mary Grace Galvin, rb Jim Galvin
James & Ruth Kuechmann, rb James & Allyson Kuechmann
Frank & Dorothy McVeigh, rb James & Allyson Kuechmann
David Jacobs, rb Mary Jacobs
Francie Lipp, rb Risen Christ Parish

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Fran Cavanaugh, rb Karol Witt

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RISEN CHRIST MASS REQUESTS FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Ron Bauer, Peg Gebhardt, Greg Grace, Mike Hanson, Eileen Kluesner
Mary Reckin, Maureen Neitzling, Amy Neitzling, Mike & Linda O'Neil
Joe Riska, Bob Vine, Larry Visocan

FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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

A THANK YOU FROM THE "FISH"

Thank you for your generous donation to the Great Fish Community Challenge. Your gift is designated to the 2024 Great Fish Community Challenge Match Fund and will benefit all the 80 participating nonprofits in the 2024 campaign.

Alan Davis, President/CEO, Whitefish Community Foundation.

THANKFUL FOR OUR HARVEST

God of the heavens and earth we thank you for the richness of harvest time and for food. May the fruitfulness of this time make us thankful for your constant love and care for us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

READINGS FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

August 25, 2024

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69

PRACTICE OF CHARITY

How often, after hearing the Word of God, have you found yourself saying, as did many of Jesus' disciples, "This is hard; how can I accept it?" Following the Holy One of God is a great mystery, one that comes with many challenges. As we hear in the Book of Joshua, we can choose either to serve the Lord or serve other gods such as wealth, prestige, or some worldly desire.

◆ Today, light a candle and spend intentional time reflecting on your actions from this past week. Did you serve God or were your actions in service of a different objective? Which god did you serve? What keeps you from singular focus on the Lord?

◆ Following Jesus requires wholehearted dedication to serving others. Whom do you resist serving? How can you better serve that person?

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**, 406-250-8610.

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's main purpose is to investigate, reflect upon, and reach conclusions about pastoral matters to recommend to the parish priest or bishop as appropriate.

The Council represents the interests and needs of the entire Parish community.

Jovita Kottraba, 232-8461 ~ Jamie Miller ~ 257-9636

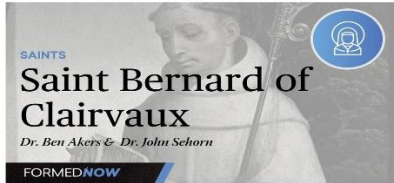
Ken Barrett, 755-0269, Judy Stack, 752-4411 ~ Rose Hall, 885-0544

FINANCE COUNCIL

Finance Council members are **Peg Gebhardt, Christopher Gill, John Gunnerson, Wally Walbruch, Ken Barrett**

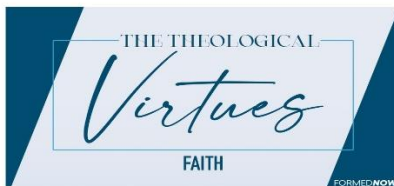
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of August 18, 2024



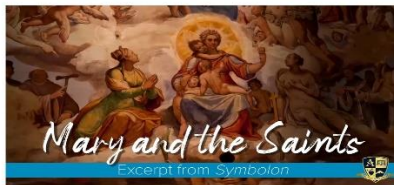
Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

Who was St. Bernard of Clairvaux? In this FORMED Now episode, Dr. Ben Akers is joined by Dr. John Sehorn to discuss this great saint and Doctor of the Church.



The Theological Virtues: Faith

What are the theological virtues and how do they impact our lives as Christians today? How do we grow in them? Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger dive into the theological virtues and discuss their place in God's plan for humanity.



Mary

Jesus gave his mother Mary to us as our spiritual mother, and she intercedes for us in heaven before her Son. By growing in relationship with Mary—and the rest of the saints—we grow in fellowship with Christ.

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Fr. Stan

The Nazareth Page
A Gospel meditation for your home
August 18, 2024 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
John 6:51-58

We continue to reflect on Gospels drawn from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, readings that describe the close connection between Jesus himself and us. And we are invited to find ways through which we can connect with God. We know that God is always connected with us as the source of our existence and our day-to-day lives, inviting us to find God's presence through awareness and prayer.

A primary way our human lives are sustained is through taking in food. And Jesus calls himself food in the form of a unique bread that sustains our spiritual lives. He recalled the manna, a bread-like food, that God provided for the Israelites on their journey to the Promised Land. Jesus offers as nourishment to us in what we call the Eucharist.

This connection between consuming bread and sustaining life was a reality his listeners could easily grasp. But this new connection Jesus described was something different. Christians recall his Last Supper when he changed bread into himself. And he said to those assembled to continue to do the same "in memory of him."

I believe that there are four primary ways to connect with God's presence. As a Catholic I believe that God is present in Christ in all the sacramental rituals of the church, especially through active participation in the Eucharist. This entails the reception of the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion, as Jesus did at the Last Supper.

Next, we are reminded that we can experience God's presence by listening and understanding God's word in Sacred Scripture. This can be done during formal worship or privately. I have spent much of my life in the study of God's word in the Bible. In forty years of study and teaching I have (hopefully) come to an ever-deepening awareness of God's presence in that word especially as related to my own existence.

Third, God is present in interpersonal life, in community. To recall the profound words of Jesus, whenever two or three are gathered in accord with Christ's teachings. Specifically, whenever there is love flowing between us.

And lastly, God is present in Creation. Throughout the universe, known now and yet to be discovered. God is present as creator in the four-hundred billion stars in our own galaxy. That's fifty stars for each person now alive on Earth.

Imagine the immensity of God!

David M. Thomas, PhD

BISHOP VETTER CELEBRATING MARRIED COUPLES

Bishop Vetter extends a warm invitation to all married couples, from the newest of newlyweds to those who have commemorated over six decades, to a night of celebration. The evening will begin with Mass at St. John Paul II Catholic Church, where Bishop Vetter will personally bless each couple. A lively reception with appetizers and dessert will follow in the parish hall. Every couple will walk away with a special photo capturing their blessing with Bishop Vetter.

Friday, September 6th, 6:00 pm Mass at St. John Paul II
(195 Coverdell Rd, Bigfork, MT 59911). Reception to follow in the parish hall.

Appetizers and Dessert included // Semi Formal Attire // \$25 per couple

Childcare is available at no additional cost while spaces last.

Register early to secure this benefit!

Please rsvp in advance at <https://diocesehelena.org/family-life-events/>
or by using the QR code.



RCIA PROGRAM

RCIA The program of Christian Initiation for Adults begins forming its new class on Tuesday, August 20th at 7 pm. Saint Matthew's Parish invites all adults into the class who are interested in being received into the Catholic faith. This class is for all those who, 1) have not been baptized, or 2) have been baptized in another Christian denomination and who want to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church, or 3) have been baptized in the Catholic Church but have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The course presents the fundamental principles of the Catholic faith within the nurturing environment of our Catholic community. Those who elect to do so will be prepared to receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil in April 2025.

The classes are scheduled in the Rectory lower-level meeting room (644 1st Ave W.) every Tuesday at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. If you, or someone else you know are interested in this program, please inquire with Deacon Charlie Harball at 406-752-6788 or email harball@stmattsaints.org.



Montana Catholics For Life

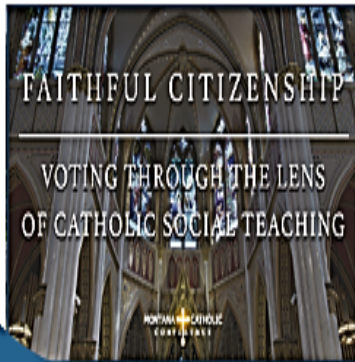
For Babies For Mothers For Families

As we continue to answer our Montana Bishops' call to defend life and reject the radical abortion initiative CI-128, please watch and share the videos below. May they bless us and all who watch them as we promote the beauty and sanctity of life. Both videos are found at the link and QR code below.



Into Life Series: Exodus from Fear: Accompanying Her to Life

This poignant video explores the challenges faced by expectant mothers who struggle with the uncertainty and fears of motherhood. Just as the Israelites struggled in the desert for 40 years to overcome the mindset of their bondage in Egypt, women may also struggle to find peace and freedom amidst the anxiety of their challenges. WE are called to journey with women and help them discern the voices in their hearts as they uncover the truth within themselves. Through Christ, we can embody the transformative power of love, faith, and community, encouraging women to embrace their strength, goodness, and capacity for love. The mission is to keep hope alive, pointing toward a life of freedom, empowered by the infinite dignity of every mother and her child. Ultimately, through relationships and solidarity, the seeds of hope can blossom into new life.



Faithful Citizenship Series: Voting Through the Lens of Catholic Social Teaching

In this video, Matt Brower articulates the importance of Catholic social teaching, particularly social justice. He highlights that many Catholics lack understanding of this concept, despite its significance in Church teachings. True social justice ensures that individuals and groups receive what is rightfully theirs and is firmly rooted in the dignity of the human person. This principle is central to the Catholic faith and informs decisions regarding public advocacy and voting. Brower emphasizes the consistent ethic of life, advocating for the dignity of all human beings across all social and moral issues. He challenges us to understand and apply Catholic social teaching when voting and to give witness to the sanctity of human life.

Find these, and more life-affirming resources at montanacc.org/montana-bishops-defend-life, or by scanning the QR code.





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&
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Matthew 19:26

With God All Things Are Possible



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