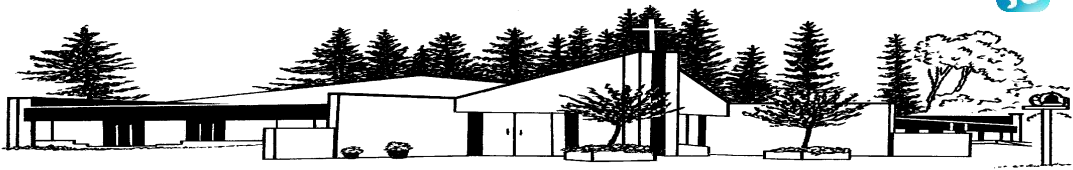


# RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Website: [www.risenchristkalispell.org](http://www.risenchristkalispell.org)**

**Formed Catechetical Resources: [www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org](http://www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org)**

Father Stanislaw Róg, Pastor/Parish Administrator

Father John Neneman, Associate Pastor

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Deacon Floyd McCubbins, 406-471-4379, [deaconfloydmc@yahoo.com](mailto: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

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ..... August 25, 2024**

**Sat., Aug. 24**, Mass for Aug Collective Intentions of St. Matthew's & Risen Christ **6:30 pm**

**Sunday, August 25**, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew's & Risen Christ..... **9:00 am**

**Tuesday, August 27**, Mass for the Soul of Bette Healy, rb Paul & Pati Heath **8:45 am**

**Thurs., August 29**, Mass for the Soul of Delores Hesper, rb Lee & Dee Hesper.... **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 - August 31 and September 1, 2024

MINISTRY	Saturday 6:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am
<b>Plate Minister</b>		Bryan McMillan
<b>Cup Minister</b>	Judy Hughes	Howie Ficek
	Vicki Walbruch	Marian Ficek
<b>Lector</b>	Dixon Rice	Pati Heath
	Rachel Cincis	Paul Heath
<b>Server</b>		
<b>Greeter</b>	Lee & Dee Hesper	Fresa Tobiason, Arlene Hughes

### **PLEASE NOTE**

**Sacrament of Baptism by appointment**

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

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- August 25 **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- Sept. 1 **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- 3 St. Matthew's first day of school
- 6 Catholic Women's Conference at Risen Christ ..... 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 8 **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> **Seminarian Bake Sale**  
Sign-up sheet in community room ..... After 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, 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.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF MONTANA**

**Catholic Mental Health Counseling ¶**

*CSSM's counseling program has served clients from over 20 communities in Montana and is ready to serve you! ¶*

- Our counselors are Catholic and welcome faith as a part of any counseling session, although it does not have to be. They have experience with clients from many different backgrounds, cultures, and ages. We are here for everyone. ¶*
  - We specialize in many areas, including grief, trauma, anxiety, depression, relationship/marriage, and perinatal concerns. ¶*
  - You can meet with us from your computer, tablet, or cell phone from anywhere in Montana. If you're in Helena or Billings, you can meet in person with a counselor. ¶*
  - We want to be a good match, so the first session is free. If you choose to continue, we accept insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, and private pay, with a sliding fee scale and other discounts available. ¶*
- To get started, call (406)442-4130 and select option '2'. ¶  
or send us a message at [www.cssmt.org](http://www.cssmt.org). ¶*

### OUR 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.

<b>August 17 &amp; 18, 2024:</b>	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	981.00
	Sunday Envelopes	7,299.00
	Building	25.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,305.00</b>

### 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm Mass at St. John Paul II  
195 Coverdell Rd, Bigfork, MT 59911 with 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.



### RETREAT – IGNATIAN RULES OF DISCERNMENT, Presented by Teresa Chabot

Catholic lay Spiritual Director for Women- St Matthew's Parish, Kalispell, MT  
Thursday Evening through Sunday morning, September 5-8, 2024  
Sycamore Tree Catholic Retreat Center, 21592 Sycamore Tree Lane, Swan Lake, MT  
[www.sycamoretreeretreat.org](http://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](mailto:email@sycamoretreeretreat) or call (406) 754.2429

### CHOIR – LIVE, LOVE, SING!



The choir season at Risen Christ is about to begin and we would love to have you consider joining this vital ministry in the life of the church. We meet weekly on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the church starting on September 10<sup>th</sup>. We sing twice a month as well as during the Christmas and Easter seasons.

Please call Maryruth at 406-752-1490 if you have any questions or to tell me that you are interested. There are so many positive aspects to being in a music group as well as serving our church community. 🎵

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## **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

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### **RETRouvaille**

**Married Singles Lifestyle** - The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. 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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com). Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names are held in strictest confidence.

## READINGS FOR THE 22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – Sept. 1, 2024

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8    James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27    Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### PRACTICE OF CHARITY

Our faith is one of transformation. Simply praying or attending Mass is not enough; selflessly honoring God with our lips and our actions is critical to bringing our hearts close to the Lord.

♦ When you hear the Word today, what does it compel you to do? What action can you take today to become a doer of the Word?

♦ The psalm proclaims that doing justice is required to live in the presence of the Lord. Visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Domestic Justice and Human Development website ([www.usccb.org/committees/domestic-justice-and-human-development](http://www.usccb.org/committees/domestic-justice-and-human-development)). Scroll down to the "Happening Now" section on the main page.

Spend time this week learning about timely events and how you can get involved, such as by contacting your government representatives or donating goods or time to a local charity. How can you do justice?

*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**

## **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 [cmmccubbins@gmail.com](mailto:cmmccubbins@gmail.com)

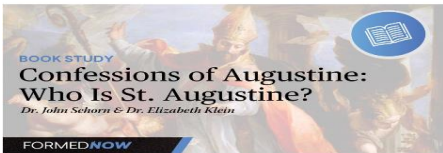
# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

## Week of August 25, 2024



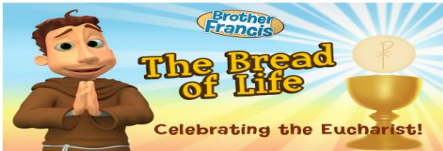
### **The First Multiplication | Bread of Life | Episode 1**

In this first episode of Bread of Life, Dr. Tim Gray shares insights from Sacred Scripture and dives into the Gospel of Mark's account of the first multiplication of loaves. Dr. Gray shows how Christ's eucharistic teaching is grounded in the Old Testament, provides hope for the reconstitution of Israel, and anticipates the Last Supper.



### **Confessions of Augustine: Who Is St. Augustine? (Part 1 of 6)**

Join these two patristic scholars as they help viewers learn how to read this classic text and draw from the riches of the spiritual life of the doctor of the Church, Saint Augustine.



### **The Bread of Life: Celebrating the Eucharist!**

Join Brother Francis in the delightfully inspirational and instructive presentation that teaches children all about the sacrament of the Eucharist!

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

To register, please go to: [www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org](http://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***  
***August 25, 2024 – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - John 6:60-69***

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When I open my eyes each morning, I wonder about what choices I will face that day. That's because I believe that we all have been endowed with the gift of freedom. Each day is like a blank piece of paper, or an empty screen, awaiting our decisions, our choices our unpredictable acts.

This matter of choice is not, however, something obvious. There have been many seemingly wise people who advocate what's called "determinism". Simply stated, this means that freedom is an illusion. Everything that we do, everything that happens to us, some believe, is determined by our genes, our impulses, our environment or forces totally outside our control. We are nothing more than sophisticated machines. Freedom is an illusion.

Yet a careful reading of today's gospel suggests that Jesus fully values and believes in human freedom. For instance, we can freely choose whether to believe in God and follow the example and teachings of Jesus, or not. It's up to us.

And referring to how I began this reflection, each day offers us opportunities to make free decisions, which includes the opportunity to live in accord with God's intent for us or turn our back on God by acting selfishly, ignoring our own best interests or the opportunities that come our way to help others.

So, how many acts of genuine freedom have you made yesterday or today? I used to ask my students this question and after an initial reaction that this is a silly question, many awaken to the reality that this is a very important question that deserves full attention. They realize that they often simply follow through each day directed by "forces" like habit or a lack of self-awareness.

Again, in the gospel for today, notice that Jesus states that some people faithfully accept his message of God's love and forgiveness. But others follow for a while but then go in another direction. We are free to do either. And our decision to follow Jesus is not made once and then we can forget about it. No, it is made with every free decision each day. That keeps it fresh and alive. That is what it means to follow Christ faithfully and with the enthusiasm it deserves.

*David M. Thomas, PhD*

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**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.



### **PILGRIMAGE**

St. Matthew's 7th & 8th Spanish students will have a "Car Wash" fundraiser on **Wednesday, August 28th** in St. Matthew's church parking lot. Bring your dirty vehicle in and drive out with it sparkling clean! They will be hiking to the statue of Jesus on Big Mountain, Saturday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> and will take your prayer requests with them and pray at the statue. If you are unable to connect with a student, stop into St. Matthew's parish office and submit your prayer request or email [mdeitz@stmattsaints.org](mailto:mdeitz@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 web address and QR code below.



### *Into Life Series: Rejoicing in Her: Our Disposition of Heart*

The Sisters of Life delve into the profound responsibility of supporting someone during vulnerable moments, emphasizing how such moments are gifts of trust that require gentleness and humility. They introduce three key dispositions—prayer, leisure, and delight—that guide us in offering genuine love and respect, highlighting the power of delight in nurturing deep connections and sustaining hope. The Sisters remind us that every person is worthy of time, attention, and unwavering support. By reflecting God's love rather than trying to "fix" others, we can help them recognize their own worth and great dignity.



### *Faithful Citizenship Series: Catholics & Politics*

Matt Brower delves into how laws and social structures must uphold the dignity of every person. He lays out key elements of Catholic social teaching; the dignity of the human person, subsidiarity, the common good, and solidarity. Rather than lofty theories—these principles offer a moral compass for Catholic participation in civic life. For those committed to fostering a just and moral society, this video is essential. It will help align voting choices with our values and dedication to human dignity.

Find these, and more life-affirming resources at [montanacc.org/montana-bishops-defend-life](http://montanacc.org/montana-bishops-defend-life), or by scanning the QR code.

