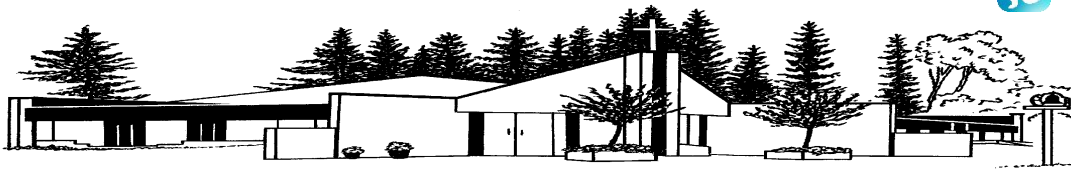


RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME..... September 15, 2024

Sat., Sept 14, Mass for Sept. Collective Intentions of St. Matthew's & Risen Christ **6:30 pm**

Sunday, September 15, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew's & Risen Christ ... **9:00 am**

Tuesday, September 17..... **NO DAILY MASS**

Thursday, September 19..... **NO DAILY MASS**

Wednesdays 8:30 & 12:10 pm; Fridays 8:30 am; Saturdays 4:30 pm.

Sundays 7:00 am and 11:00 am

Ministry Schedule – September 21 and September 22, 2024

MINISTRY	Saturday 6:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Deacon Charlie	Deacon Charlie
Cup Minister	Jovita Kottraba	Kathy Shanahan
	Shelley Nease	Eric Barry
Lector	Vicki Walbruch	Anne Mahoney
	Bryan McMillan	TJ Higgins
Server		
Greeter	Toni Gunnerson, Colleen Hutchens	Jeneil Grace, Arleen Hughes

PLEASE NOTE

Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 15 **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Catechetical Sunday Religious Formation sign-up after Mass
 KC Pancake Breakfast
- 16-18 **NO DAILY MASSES DUE TO PRIEST RETREAT**
- 17 Choir 7:30 pm
- 22 **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 Coffee Hour After Sunday Mass
- 24 Choir 7:30 pm
- 25 First day of Religious Formation 4:00 pm -5:00pm

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.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday September 16, 17 & 18

**No Masses, No Adoration, No Confessions
Priests will all be at their annual retreat**

WHOLE LIFE CONFESSION

Are you seeking a transformative experience that integrates your intellect, emotions, and spirituality and offers a fresh perspective on your life story? Modeled on the practice of a life confession St. Ignatius made early in his conversion, The Whole Life Confession invites participants to a seven-week journey of self-reflection, spiritual purification, and forgiveness through daily spiritual exercises. It culminates in the grace-filled experience of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Throughout the process, The Whole-Life Confession assists the individual in integrating one's spiritual, intellectual, and psychological/emotional history, offering a holistic, deeply personal, and healing approach to Reconciliation. This journey holds the potential to bring about profound life changes, making it a transformative experience.

There will be two opportunities to participate in The Whole Life Confession at Risen Christ Parish beginning the week of Sept. 16th and ending the week of October 31st

MORNING GROUP begins Monday, September 16th at 9:30 am.

*The first meeting will last until 11:00 am, and subsequent meetings will last an hour.

EVENING GROUP begins Wednesday, September 18th at 6:30 pm.

*The 1st meeting will last until 8:00 pm, and subsequent meetings will be an hour long.

COST: "The Whole Life Confession" book is approximately \$15.00, plus a journal.

Call or text Teresa Chabot at (406) 270-4732 or email tlchabot@gmail.com for more information and to register. Space is limited, so register early. No registrations will be accepted on or after the first meeting.

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.

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.

Sept 7th & 8th, 2024:	Sunday Envelopes	\$6,263
	Building	\$ 295
	Total	\$6,558



SAVE THE DATE

Sept. 20th - 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Risen Christ

Bring your own spirits, a chair
and something to throw on the grill.

We plan to kick off the evening with Adoration,
and possibly Confession, if time permits.

For more information, contact
Kevin Donahue at huskerfans6@live.com

RELIGIOUS FORMATION REGISTRATION

Religious Formation classes will begin September 25. To register your children, grandchildren, Godchildren, nieces, and nephews, please fill out a registration form located on the table in the social area and return it to the table in front of the office. We need to get a head count so that appropriate supplies may be ordered.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Our local 40 DFL Fall Campaign will be held from Wed., Sep. 25th through Sat., Nov. 2nd. You can protect mothers and children by joining us to pray and fast for an end to abortion, reach out to family and friends to clear up any misconceptions they may have about abortion, and take part in our peaceful prayer vigil!

Kickoff Rally will be held on Saturday, September 21st, 1:00 – 2:30 pm at (**venue TBD**)

Prayer vigil will take place from Wednesday, Sept. 25th through Saturday, Nov. 2nd.

- **Location** - Sidewalk outside **All Families Healthcare** abortion center, 737 Spokane Ave. (park on Kalispell Ave. at 8th St. and walk down to Spokane Ave.)
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm
- **Risen Christ** is sponsoring October 8th & 10th. **St. Matthew's** is sponsoring October 7th, 9th, & 11th.
- **Prayer Services:** All prayer services will be held at All Families Healthcare, 737 Spokane Ave, Whitefish, 3-5 pm. **Opening Prayer Service** on Wed, Sep 25th
- **Weekly Prayer Services** on Saturdays from Sep 21st – Nov 2nd

Please visit our signup table in the social area after all services. **REMEMBER** that it is highly recommended to sign up in pairs.

Questions? Contact Mike Hanson at (406) 314-7826 or mikester55@hotmail.com.

COLLECTIVE MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPT. 2024

++++FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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
Mary Grace Galvin, rb Jim Galvin
Veron Babb, rb John & Connie Babb
Bill Doyle, rb Risen Christ Parish
Tim Slobojan, rb Diane Slobojan

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Fran Cavanaugh, rb Karol Witt
Ruff & Falk Families

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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

POPE FRANCIS DECLARES 2024 YEAR OF PRAYER

In his Angelus address on January 21, Pope Francis announced a year of prayer that will lead up to the Catholic Church's 2025 Jubilee Year. He described it as **"a year dedicated to rediscovering in the great value and absolute need for prayer in one's personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world."** A series of programs should not be expected; rather we are to rediscover prayer; its value, our need for it, and indeed, our very ability to pray. This, so that we may witness to the world and invigorate the life of the Church as a "concrete sign of hope."

****** IN SEARCH OF A RELIABLE CAR ******

Father John is looking for a car that is suitable for winter driving. Four-wheel drive or front wheel drive, good tires, in good running condition.

If you have or know of someone with such a vehicle,
please contact frjohn@stmattsaints.org with details.



READINGS FOR THE 25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – September 22, 2024

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

James 3:16 - 4:3

Mark 9:30-37

PRACTICE OF HOPE

How often do we find ourselves hoping to be thanked for doing a good deed or recognized for an accomplishment? Jesus reminds the disciples that placing a desire for recognition over the desire to serve breeds jealousy and selfishness. Our good deeds and accomplishments must always point to God.

◆ Each day this week, hold in your prayer someone who models service. How does this person humbly help others? How do their actions point to God's goodness? How do they challenge you to a life of service to others?

◆ Consider an issue with which one of your neighbors or someone in your community struggles. What is something you can do to assist them and relieve their burden? How can you center that act of service on gratitude, humility and Jesus' call to serve?

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.



Sign Up — After Mass

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

PART 1 (John 1-10) — 8 WEEKS

The Gospel of John is a testament to the divine nature of Jesus, the Word made flesh, the Light of the Word. Part One of our study (John 1-10) covers the magnificent prologue of John's Gospel and a significant portion of Jesus' ministry. This ministry is highlighted by miraculous "signs" that reveal Jesus' true nature and his relationship with the Father. Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayers, and access to online lectures are included.

Scott M Lewis, SJ, STD, is associate professor of New Testament at Regis College, Toronto, Ontario

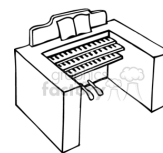
Ladies Scripture Study—Facilitated By Pati Heath

Ladies Study Group Begins October 2 — 10 AM — 11:30 AM

PART 2 AFTER NEW YEARS

CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT AT ST. RICHARD'S

There will be a classical music concert at 3pm on Saturday, September 21st at St. Richard's Parish in Columbia Falls presented by Leif and Elise Homme. Sacred vocal and organ works will be performed. All are invited to attend!



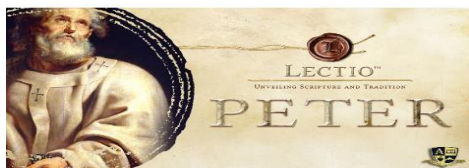
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of September 15, 2024



Bible Study: The Gospel of Matthew 1:1-25

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they begin studying the Gospel of Matthew by introducing St. Matthew and looking at chapter 1 of this incredible gospel.



Peter bar Jonah: How Peter Came to Rome

In this session, Dr. Tim Gray shows how the life of a man named Cornelius intersects with Peter's and redirects the New Covenant in a remarkable way. Peter points the Church to an all-encompassing love—and sets the stage for the work of the Apostle Paul.



LOTR and Catholicism w/Joseph Pearce | Chris Stefanick Show

You've almost definitely heard of Lord of the Rings, but do you know about its Catholic influence? Joseph Pearce, a leading Tolkien scholar, joins Chris to talk about the famed trilogy.

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Fr. Stan

RETROUVILLE

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouville is designed to help marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouville 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 Retrouville 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.

The Nazareth Page - A Gospel meditation for your home September 15, 2024, *Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mark 8:27-35*

The previous Sunday we learned that Jesus did not value achieving for himself widespread popularity as it was commonly understood in his day. First of all, despite a few Hollywood attempts to describe him, I doubt that he would be distinguished from others to any degree. A careful reading of the gospels often places him as part of the crowd, an ordinary person, although in his final days he seemed to have attracted increased recognition. Yet we are always left to wonder what he was really like. Fortunately, we have clues in the gospels.

Part of his agenda, I believe, was to give examples of how we all can best live in accord with God's intent in creating each of us. Clearly, he is presented to us in the gospels as a kind and benevolent person, or more precisely, as *the* example of how best to live. So, while he was certainly not one to show off or to play to the crowd, we can reasonably wonder what it was about him that eventually brought others under the power of his example. What was unique and important about him for us today as we reflect on how he lived?

In today's gospel we hear words that should give us pause because in many ways they may not point to the good life that is promoted in our contemporary, mostly secular culture. They do not suggest we pursue self-centeredness or hunger for the acquisition of fame and fortune.

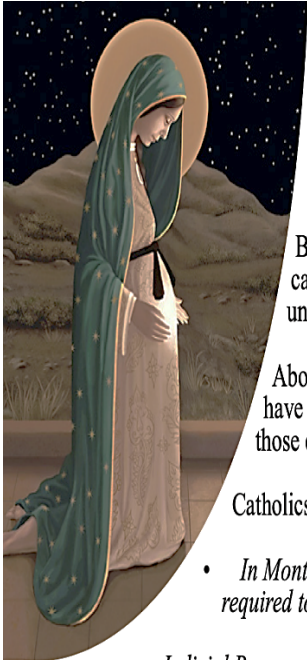
Today we are given what some call the "hard sayings" of Jesus because of the huge challenge they imply. In brief they invite us to deny ourselves, take up our own cross and follow Jesus. After reflecting on these words for decades, after acquainting myself with many biblical scholars, theologians, and spiritual authorities, I have come to believe that these words of Jesus are not only quite important and challenging, but in some cases, they can even be dangerous or harmful.

Just a word or two about an improper way of applying these words of Jesus. We are called not only to love God and our neighbor, but also ourselves. Denying self does not mean ignoring our own needs or allowing others to persecute or harm us. There is something that can be called healthy Christian love of self. That's what we do when we think of ourselves as our closest neighbor and take responsibility to care for ourselves, especially if we are abused or victimized by bullies, tyrants or anyone who does not have our interests at heart. Still, the cross remains, as it did for Jesus, an expression of deep love for others. As Jesus said elsewhere: Love one another as I have loved you.

David M. Thomas, PhD

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.



Montana Catholics For Life

Beyond its attempt to wrongly enshrine abortion as a right in Montana, CI-128 would eliminate parental notification of an abortion for girls under 16. The Montana Parental Notification of Abortion Act would be rendered unconstitutional if CI-128 passes. This undermines families and is extremely dangerous.

Abortion proponents say eliminating parental notification is necessary to protect girls who are unsafe at home or have a medical emergency requiring an abortion. This is simply not true; there are existing legal protections for those circumstances.

Catholics can share the facts about the Montana Parental Notification of Abortion Act and why it should be protected.

- *In Montana, at least 48 hours before performing an abortion on a girl who is under 16 years old, abortionists are required to notify her parents, with the following exceptions:*
 - *Judicial Bypass: A minor may seek permission from the court to bypass parental notification. The court grants this permission by determining that the minor is mature enough to act independently or that notifying the parents is not in the minor's best interest.*
 - *Medical Emergency cases: In cases where an abortion has been determined necessary to protect the minor's health during a medical emergency, and delaying the procedure to notify the parents would pose a serious risk, the notification requirement can be waived.*

We do not support abortion, and we don't need to agree with current law, but we have an obligation to inform others that CI-128 is incredibly divisive and dangerous because it would provide abortions to young girls and keep it a secret from their parents. The responsible decision is to protect young girls and their parents and to vote "no" on CI-128 in November.

Join our Montana Bishops as we stand for every child's right to life, the dignity of each mother, and the sanctity of the family.

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**A Message From the Catholic Bishops of Montana Regarding
Abortion Ballot Issue Constitutional Initiative (CI-128)**

Dear People of God,

On May 3rd of this year, we issued a pastoral call to reject Constitutional Initiative 128 (CI-128) and prevent it from appearing on the November ballot in Montana. Sadly, after large amounts of out-of-state funding, Planned Parenthood and its associates have succeeded. This grave threat to unborn children, mothers, and families will be on the ballot. As followers of Jesus and faith-filled citizens of Montana, we are compelled to speak boldly in defense of the infinite dignity of every human life.

We implore voters to scrutinize the full text of CI-128. Through the careful use of undefined terms, it nullifies Montana's current abortion regulations and safeguards while creating some of the most radical constitutional provisions for abortion in our Nation.

The ballot language, or voter's summary of CI-128, is grossly insufficient and misleading. Furthermore, the full text of the initiative, which voters will not see at the ballot box, clearly raises grave moral and ethical concerns. The full text of CI-128 will place expectant mothers at risk and enshrine extreme abortion procedures in our Montana Constitution.

In section one, the full text of CI-128 establishes abortion as a right that may not be "burdened" by the government if in any way this would interfere with a mother's "autonomous decision-making." It clearly follows that any regulation of abortion can be characterized as a burden that conflicts with autonomous decision-making.

Any of the following could easily present such a "burden":

- Limitations on late-term abortion of babies who feel pain
- Any restrictions on partial birth abortion
- Any parental notification requirements of abortion procedures on minors

Montana's Supreme Court has recently struck down a law requiring parental consent. CI-128 goes even further by eliminating Montana's current requirement that parents be notified of an abortion procedure on their minor child. This initiative isolates pregnant girls when they need their parents most.

CI-128 would create significant risk in Montana for underage pregnant mothers by:

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

We believe that Montana's children have a fundamental right to life and to grow up safely in our State. We ask all Catholics to continue to pray, abstain from meat on Wednesdays, and share the disturbing truth about CI-128 with the people that God has placed in our lives. Again, we implore all people of good will to read the full text of CI-128 in your voter guide, search and form your conscience, stand with our children against CI-128, and vote **NO** on your ballot.

In Christ,

+ Jeffrey M. Fleming



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

+ Austin A. Vetter



Most Rev. Austin A. Vetter
Bishop of Helena
Vice President

Michael W. Warfel



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

CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE 128 (CI-128) FACT SHEET

Abortion is Already Legal in Montana

- Abortion is currently legal in Montana up to the point of fetal viability – generally at 24 weeks of pregnancy, with some exceptions for after viability.
- Doctors, physician assistants and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses can perform abortions.
- Before performing an abortion on an underage girl, abortionists are required to notify her parents, with some exceptions.
- Mifepristone, or the "abortion pill" is available in Montana through abortion providers in-person and via Telehealth.

Who is Behind CI-128?

Montanans Securing Reproductive Rights (MSRR) is the coalition that drafted and is promoting CI-128. MSRR partners are:

- Planned Parenthood Advocates of Montana
- ACLU Montana
- Forward Montana
- The Fairness Project

Who is Funding CI-128?

Top Donors as of June 25th are all out-of-state:

- Sixteen Thirty Fund (D.C.): \$650,000
- The Fairness Project (D.C.): \$500,000
- Think Big America-MT (D.C.): \$500,000
- Advocacy Action Fund (CA): \$250,000
- ACLU Foundation, Inc. (NY): \$250,000
- GISWF-Montana (VA): \$250,000
- Delaney Family Trust (CA): \$100,000
- Robert Stavis (NY): \$100,000
- Gwendolyn Sondheim (CA): \$100,000
- Elizabeth Simmons (CA): \$100,000

Parental Notification is at Risk

In 2012, Montanans voted 70% to 30% to require parental notification 48 hours before an abortion for girls under 16—the only remaining law in Montana ensuring parents are informed. CI-128 would abolish this law, just as the Montana Supreme Court struck down a parental consent requirement this August.

Undefined Terms Create Bad Laws

"Fetal viability"

What specific criteria determine "fetal viability"? How many weeks? What medical standards are applied? How do they affect the timing of when viability is determined?

"Healthcare Professional"

Who, in the many healthcare professions, has the legal authority to determine matters like fetal viability, medical necessity, and the protection of the pregnant patient's life or health?

"Life or health of the pregnant patient"

What is included in "health"? Is this limited to physical health? Does it include mental and emotional health?

"Burdened" and "Burden"

Does a burden include any inconvenience or delay? Does burden include any common-sense regulation to protect a pregnant girl or unborn baby?

"Autonomous decision making"

How is "autonomous decision making" understood, and what legal or medical standards support this autonomy?

"Voluntary consent"

What is the definition of "voluntary consent", especially in cases involving minors or vulnerable individuals?

"Bona fide health risk"

What is considered a "bona fide health risk," and what standards support the definition? Who has the authority to define bona fide health risk?