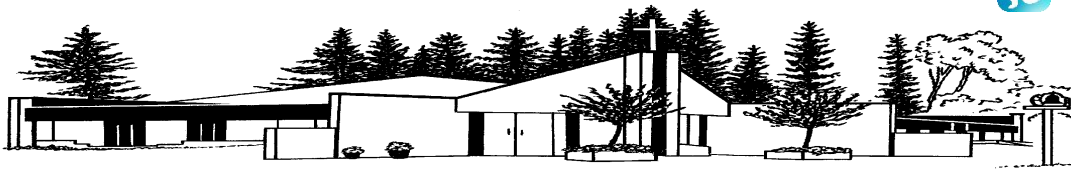


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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME..... September 8, 2024

Sat., Sept 7, Mass for Sept. Collective Intentions of St. Matthew's & Risen Christ .. **6:30 pm**

Sunday, September 8, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew's & Risen Christ **9:00 am**

Tuesday, September 10..... **NO DAILY MASS**

Thursday, September 12..... **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 14 and September 15, 2024

MINISTRY	Saturday 6:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Vicki Walbruch	Howie Ficek
Cup Minister	Jovita Kottraba	Marian Ficek
	Bryan McMillan	Neil Heino
Lector	Dixon Rice	Kathy Shanahan
	Rachel Cincis	Jack Fallon
Server	Don Zimmerman	Gary Hembd
Greeter	Laurie Brandon, Pat Arnone	Richard Brester and Bev Falcon

PLEASE NOTE

Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 8 **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- 10 Choir 7:30 pm
- KC Ladies Dinner, Applebee’s 5:30 pm
- Knights of Columbus 6:00 pm
- 14th & 15th **Seminarian Bake Sale** After Masses
- 15 **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- Catechetical Sunday Religious Education sign-up after Mass
- KC Pancake Breakfast
- 16-18 **NO DAILY MASSES DUE TO PRIEST RETREAT**
- 17 Choir 7:30 pm
- 25 First day of Religious Education 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.

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 first 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.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday September 16, 17 & 18

No Masses, No Adoration, No Confessions

Priests will all be at their annual retreat

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.

Aug 31 & Sept 1, 2024:	Sunday Envelopes	\$6,828
	Building	\$ 350
	Total	\$7,178



SAVE THE DATE

September 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.

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.



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

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

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Fran Cavanaugh, rb Karol Witt
Ruff & Falk Families

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



Please join us for our September Pancake Breakfast immediately after Mass on Sunday, September 15, 2024.



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.

SEMINARIAN BAKE SALE, SEPTEMBER 14th & 15th

Don't forget to bring your baked goodies and your wallets too!
We will have lots of delicious items for you to choose from.
We can always use help to tend the money table!

READINGS FOR THE 24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – September 15, 2024

Isaiah 50:4c-9a

James 2:14-18

Mark 8:27-35

PRACTICE OF CHARITY

Today, we struggle with Peter as we ponder where following Jesus might lead us. The passage from the letter of James reminds us that our faith must inspire us to act in a very specific way: our actions must focus on radically following Christ and dedicating ourselves to justice. Jesus openly speaks to his disciples about the suffering he will endure, which reminds us that the cost of discipleship is great. Following God's call to act justly can be scary.

♦ Spend time resting in peace knowing that God opens your ears so that you may hear God's call. Ask God to help you pinpoint one action you can take today to open your heart so that you can think as God does.

♦ Who is someone who inspires you to deny yourself and follow Jesus? Reach out to them this week for a conversation about what you are hearing God say to you.

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.

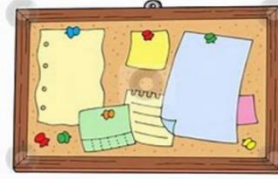
Jovita Kottraba, 232-8461 ~ Jamie Miller ~ 257-9636

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

FINANCE COUNCIL

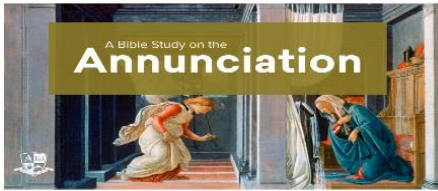
Finance Council members are **Peg Gebhardt, Christopher Gill, John Gunnerson, Wally Walbruch, Ken Barrett**

ATTENTION: We would like to draw your attention to the new location of the church's bulletin board. It is now found on the north wall of the social area, to the left as you come in. Feel free to browse for current events or relevant messages.



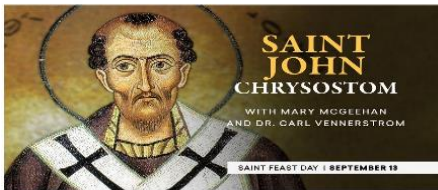
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of September 08, 2024



A Bible Study on the Annunciation

In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26–38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.



St. John Chrysostom | Catholic Saints

From Antioch, the political center of the fifth-century world, arose a golden-tongued preacher and bishop: St. John Chrysostom. Listen to Dr. Carl Vennerstrom and Mary McGeehan discuss the life and preaching of this great doctor of the Church who gave us countless powerful prayers and homilies.



The Eyes Have It | Benjamin Cello | Episode 2

Glow Worm is losing her glow, and her eyes are going with it! It'll take the ministrations of mother and expert Lady Iris to help Glow Worm fix her eyes on Jesus and see with a heavenly perspective.

To register, please go to: 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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Our local 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign will be held from Wednesday, September 25th through Saturday, November 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.

JOB OPENING at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Whitefish

St. Charles Borromeo Parish is looking for a new office assistant or manager effective immediately. The position could be part-time or full-time depending on the qualifications of the chosen candidate. The hours will be Monday through Thursday 10AM to 2PM or longer depending on duties and qualifications. This person will serve as receptionist and perform various other duties around the church facility and the ideal person will have bookkeeping skills and experience with QuickBooks Online. Please contact either Father Raftis through the office email office@StCharlesBorromeo.net and copy J. O'Toole Vorsheck at OTooleHQ@gmail.com. Please list your experience in these areas as well as availability. A more detailed job description can be provided at that time.

RETROUVAILLE

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track, the opportunity to rediscover each other, and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Our next program begins Oct. 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.

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 10th**. 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. 🎵🎵🎵



The Nazareth Page - A Gospel meditation for your home September 8, 2024, Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 7:31-37

We are now living in a time of what seems like excessive self-promotion. Millions of dollars are being spent on media devoted to displaying the virtues of political candidates and the vices of their opponents. It's hard not to feel that this is all "too much." Further, I have read that what's called "name recognition" is very important when citizens vote in November. Thus, along highways and byways, in front yards and open fields, we see an abundance of signs with no more information about candidates than their name.

With this background, we might be surprised by the message of today's gospel where Jesus seems not only unconcerned about what people know about him, but he even tells his followers not to tell anyone about the good he is doing.

He seems especially worried about creating a reputation of possibly being someone sent by God to improve their lot, or possibly even be a warrior messiah, one sent directly by God to make them mighty and powerful. Or even more misleading would be the idea that he was the one who would restore the wonderfully prosperous life that was experienced during the reign of the great King David.

Biblical scholars have labelled this reticence of Jesus to gain notoriety or popularity "the messianic secret." This tactic of "secrecy" is found especially in Mark's gospel. In brief, it is part of the Jesus narrative because he was deeply worried that people might get the wrong idea of what God was doing in their midst.

Jesus was not sent to create a great military country, not to bring riches and prosperity to God's people and not to take away all pain and suffering. While all these situations might be the desire of many, it was not that of Jesus.

One of my favorite descriptions of him was that he was "meek and humble of heart." He did not place himself above others. He was not intent on calling attention to himself. Nor did he seek in any way to dismiss or downgrade others. In fact, he did the opposite.

His constant attitude was how can he help others and not how they might help him. That's why one of the themes of Mark's gospel is to define Jesus as one who came to give his life for others. He was not in search of votes or fame or popularity. He came to serve and not to rule, an approach to life that will always, it seems, be countercultural. And he invited us to do the same.

David M. Thomas, PhD

**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

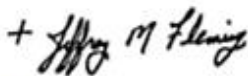
Montana's Supreme Court has recently struck down a law requiring parental consent. CI-128 goes even further by eliminating Montana's current requirement that parents be notified of an abortion procedure on their minor child. This initiative isolates pregnant girls when they need their parents most.

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

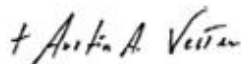
- Imposing a culture of secrecy that would undermine families
- Exposing underage mothers to exploitation and coercion
- Providing cover for those who would victimize underage women by committing abuse, human trafficking, and other crimes

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.

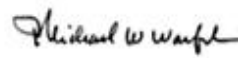
In Christ,



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



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



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

Protecting Life and Family: A Call to Reject Montana's CI-128 Initiative Summary

Abortion: Harmful to All

Abortion is neither healthcare nor a solution to a crisis; it is a violent act with profoundly harmful consequences. It results in the loss of an irreplaceable, innocent life and leaves the mother with enduring pain, regret, and suffering. This betrays the feminine heart and shatters the bright future of our society – disparaging mothers and discarding children. Abortion is an affront to the dignity of every life it affects.

The Catholic Bishops' Stance on CI-128

At this critical time, the Catholic Bishops of Montana believe that opposition to abortion must be firmly directed at Constitutional Initiative 128 (CI-128) and its radical and reckless approach to enshrining a "right" to abortion in our State Constitution. Our Bishops strongly encourage a "no" vote on CI-128 this November.

The Dangerous Implications of CI-128

Beyond its attempt to wrongly enshrine abortion as a right, CI-128 would erase existing laws that at least provide some safeguards for unborn children, pregnant minors, and their parents. If adopted as constitutional text, the deeply flawed wording of CI-128 will not only eliminate these protections but also block any similar laws from being enacted in the future. This poses both an immediate and long-term crisis for Montana.

The Troubling Terminology of CI-128

The initiative's terminology makes it impossible to establish clear standards for underage pregnant girls, vulnerable individuals, parents of pregnant minors, and—most disturbingly—post-viability babies. The language of CI-128 is, at best, grossly insufficient and, at worst, deliberately misleading.

The Risks Posed by CI-128

1. CI-128 does not ensure the continuation of the current requirement that parents are notified when a girl under age 16 seeks an abortion.
2. CI-128 does not provide any means to ensure that voluntary consent to an abortion is given freely without undue influence from a third party.
3. CI-128 does not provide any specific considerations for obtaining consent for an abortion from a minor or a vulnerable individual
4. CI-128 does not clarify the terms "medically acknowledged," "healthcare professional," or "autonomous decision-making," yet these are the prerequisites for the government enacting the "burden" of any safeguards or regulations – this includes fetal viability.