

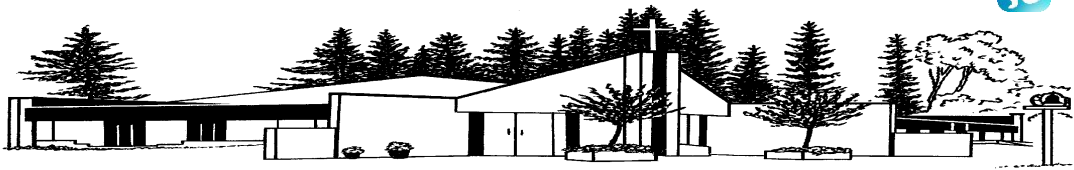
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# RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD .....January 5, 2025**

**Sat., Jan. 4,** Mass for January Intentions of St. Matthew's & Risen Christ.....**6:30 pm**

**Sunday, January 5,** Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew's & Risen Christ.....**9:00 am**

**Tuesday, January 7,** Mass for the Soul of Frank Perusich rb Lee & Dee Hesel..**8:45 am**

**Thursday, January 9,** Mass for the Soul of Janis Ruff-Strait, rb Mary Ruff..... **8:45 am**

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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

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## Ministry Schedule – January 11th & January 12th, 2025

MINISTRY	Saturday 6:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am
<b>Plate Minister</b>		Paul Heath
<b>Cup Minister</b>	Shelley Nease	Pati Heath
	Suzanne Johnson	Kathy Shanahan
<b>Lector</b>	Suzanne Johnson	Anne Mahoney
	Rachel Cincis	Jack Fallon
<b>Server</b>	Don Zimmerman	<b>Server Needed</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Rose Hall ~ Colleen Hutchens	Dan & Tammy Newton

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

To be sure your announcement gets into the bulletin, please have your information in the Parish Office by noon on Wednesday. The deadline for altar announcements is noon on Thursday.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Jan.	5	<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> .....	Mass 9:00 am
	7	Choir .....	7:30 pm
	8	Ladies Scripture .....	10:00-11:30
		Religious Formation.....	4:00 – 5:00 pm
		EPIPHANY 2025, Doran Center, Fr. Neneman, speaker .....	6:15 pm
	12	<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b> .....	Mass 9:30 am
		Seminarian Bake Sale .....	After Weekend Masses
		Coffee Hour .....	After Mass
	14	KC Ladies – Himalayan Kitchen .....	5:30 pm
		KC's .....	6:30 pm
		Choir .....	7:30 pm

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

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**OUR GIFT TO GOD**

**Because of your contributions, our congregation has been able to support the work of Jesus Christ locally, regionally, and around the world.**

Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024: Sunday	5,818.00	Dec. 28 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> , 2024: Sunday	\$3,297
Christmas	480.00	Christmas	635
Total	\$6,298.00	Total	\$3,932
Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024: Sunday	1,500		
Christmas	8,685		
Total	\$10,185		

**THANK YOU TO THE DECORATING VOLUNTEERS, CHOIR AND MUSICIANS**

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the many volunteers who helped with the decorating of our church. We appreciate you sharing your time and talent for this beautiful Christmas season celebration. The church looked classic and elegant!

Tom & Terrie Alger, Julie Berquist, Gena Birks, Mary Ann Cahill, Diane Dubay, Paul & Pati Heath, Holly & Ilah McKenzie, Howie Ficek, Toni Gunnerson Ken Barrett, Jody Schweigert, Judy Stack, Father Stan, Iris Stephens.

Many thanks to the choir and musicians that made our Christmas Masses so inspirational and prayerful. Please forgive us if we inadvertently left any names off. Thank you again!

**A HEART FELT THANK YOU FROM FATHER STAN & FATHER JOHN**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for your overwhelming generosity for all the gifts that were showered upon us over the time of Christmas & New Year. Thank you once again.

May God be as generous to you as you are to us! Fr. Stan & Fr. John

**COLLECTIVE MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2025**

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**FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Karel & David & Terry Barrett, rb Ken Barrett  
Carol Trimble, rb Bruce Trimble  
Shelly Christiaens, rb Judy Stack  
Tim Slobojan, rb Diane Slobojan  
Janis Ruff-Strait, rb Mary Ruff  
Marilyn Nickels rb John & Connie Babb  
Jim Jensen rb Jackie Jensen

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Ruff & Falk Families, rb Mary Ruff

**RISEN CHRIST MASS REQUESTS**

**FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Judy & Elwin Allen, Ron Bauer, 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, Deacon Dillon Armstrong  
Shae Bills, Lane Buus, John Cooney, Riley Helgoe  
Matt Keck, Kaleb Mitchell, Anthony Olmes, Brett Rotz  
James Semling, Jamie Severson

**BROAD PARTICIPATION BRINGS SUCCESS**

Through the ACA, Catholics of the Diocese of Helena pool their financial resources and together help the men, women, children and families of our communities, our diocese and our world. Next week, many who have not yet made a gift to ACA 2024 will receive a third request from Bishop Vetter asking for participation. Please help in this important work of our Church. May God bless you for your generosity. ***SUPPORT ACA 2024!***

**\*\*\*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED\*\*\***

Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> after Mass we will be taking down Christmas decorations. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

**READINGS FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD– January 12, 2025**

**Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

**Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7**

**Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

**PRACTICE OF FAITH**

Every time a new Christian is baptized, the Church echoes God's heaven-sent proclamation, "You are my beloved...with you I am well pleased." On this last day of the Christmas season, we are invited to remember our baptism, through which we were welcomed as children of God.

♠ In a family or other gathering, pull out baptismal pictures, garments, candles, and mementos, and retell the stories of each person's special day.

♠ As part of grace before dinner, light candles and renew your promise to keep the light of Christ burning brightly through your life.

*At Home with the Word 2025*

**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, 406-609-9057 should you or someone you know need prayer. Please leave a message if they are not available and they will return your call.

**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, 406-232-8461, Jamie Miller, 406-955-8226 Ken Barrett, 406-755-0269, Judy Stack, 406-752-4411, Rose Hall, 406-885-0544**

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

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

**RISEN CHRIST GIFT SHOP**

We now have scapulars, holy water fonts, rosaries, children's bracelets and much more.

Stop by anytime to check out our gift shop! Please see

Connie McCubbins or Andrea Wright before or after the weekend Masses.

If you need to make a purchase during the week, please stop in the parish office.

***We have many items available for year-round giving!***

**TRANSPORTATION NEEDED**

Are you able to provide a ride to Mass? We have a couple from Risen Christ Parish that need help getting to Mass. They live in the West Valley Dr. area.

If you live in that area and/or can provide them with a ride to Mass, please contact Julie Berquist 406-253-4842



**50<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BLUE & GOLD GALA**  
The Theme is Old Hollywood Glamour

Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025  
5:30 pm Hilton Garden Inn  
**Tables of 10 will be \$950.**  
**We will not have tables of 8**



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*Presents*

Epiphany 2025

**Featured Speaker - Fr. John Neneman**

January 8th, 2025

Doran Center

Food, Fun & Fellowship from 6:15 to 7:00 pm

Program at 7:00 pm

The Doran Center is in the basement of St. Matthew church.

Freewill offerings are gladly accepted.

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**“THREE TO GET MARRIED ENGAGED RETREAT”**

A free overnight retreat for engaged couples will be held at Saint John Paul II Church in Bigfork on Friday January 24th, 2025. The registration deadline is

**Monday, January 6th.** For more information, please call Dawn at the Parish office 406-837-4846 or register on the website [www.saintjp2.org](http://www.saintjp2.org) under events/updates.

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**IF YOU FIND YOURSELF WITH TIME ON YOUR HANDS,  
PUT THEM TOGETHER AND PRAY.**

## EPIPHANY BLESSING "CHALKING THE DOOR 2025"



20 + C + M + B + 25

MAY CHRIST BLESS THIS DWELLING PLACE

Each year, around the feast of the Epiphany, many parishes around the world participate in an annual blessing of chalk. An ancient tradition places God at the entrance of your home and your entire family under his protection.

The Epiphany blessing of chalk and homes is a centuries-old tradition where priests visit each family in their parish after the Feast of Epiphany. Over time, it became more difficult for priests to see all the homes of their parish. Thus, it became an accepted tradition that a household member could lead this blessing instead of the priest.

**Using the Blessed Chalk**, mark the lintel of your front door (or porch step as follows):

**20 + C + M + B + 25 while saying:**

***The three Wise Men, Casper, Melchior, and Balthazar, followed God's Son's star, who became human two thousand and twenty-five years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen***

Then, offer the following prayer: ***Visit, O Blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; grant that we may manifest our love to each other and all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and your knowledge and love, guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.***

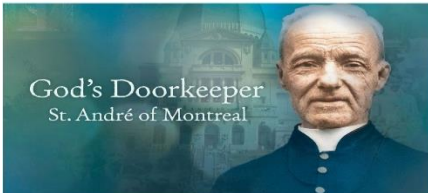
Chalking the door is an excellent way to celebrate and mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and homes. With time, the chalk will fade. As it does, we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our hearts and manifest in our words and actions.

### SOME EASY IDEAS TO INCORPORATE FOR 2025

- † Memorize a new prayer – each month!
- † Volunteer, give your time – not only at church but for a cause you are passionate about.
- † Join or start a Scripture Study.
- † Set a daily alarm on your phone to remind you to take a moment to pray for someone.
- † Bestow more compliments this year!

# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of January 05, 2025



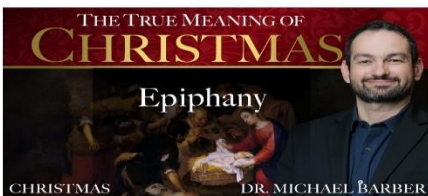
## God's Doorkeeper

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



## The Three Wise Men

Ms. Kim explains the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the importance of the wise men's gifts by teaching students how to draw the three magi. She challenges kids to do an act of kindness for someone, offering it as a gift to Jesus.



## Epiphany

What is Epiphany? Join Dr. Michael Barber to find out.

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*  
*December 29, 2024 –The Holy Family*  
*Luke 2:41-52*

Today's gospel, while written nearly 2,000 years ago, has a distinct contemporary feel to it. Like many, I've read it countless times. And it's a gospel story that once you hear it, it sticks. It describes a time when Jesus, then entering young adulthood, accompanies his parents, Mary and Joseph, to a major religious gathering in Jerusalem. For companionship and safety, pilgrims coming to that feast travelled in groups. Joseph and Mary left Jerusalem in separate groups, but when they caught up with each other, they immediately became extremely worried because their son, Jesus, was with neither of them.

They hurried back to Jerusalem and were clearly surprised to find him with the teachers (rabbis) of the temple, deeply involved in a religious conversation with them. When they, Mary and Joseph, admonished him for causing them great worry, it seems from the gospel's account, that he dismissed their worry. Didn't they know that he had to do certain things that came from one more important than them? It is suggested in the gospel that the parents were confused by his response and thus began Mary's pondering about the "mystery" of the identity of Jesus.

This story reminds me of a meditation written by Kahlil Gibran, a Lebanese poet, in his beautiful book called *The Prophet*. His message to parents is a reminder that our children are not totally our own, but they belong to God, a deeper source of their existence. They are not our possession or our property but are only given to us by God to receive our care and our love, but in the end, they are to be responsive to the Spirit of life, the Creator. And there may be times when what they do, and the direction they go, may not coincide with the one we parents would choose for them. Sound familiar?

Being a good and faithful parent is far from easy. Some would say it's the most difficult vocation of all to do well. This is not just because we are all creatures living complicated and often confusing lives, but more deeply, because we are all beholden to the direction given us by God's Spirit that dwells within each of us. Allow me to use an image that captures some of this complexity.

God is the ultimate source of each of us. And God writes the music for each one's part in the Great Symphony of life. We must play the music that God has written for each of us. Sometimes those close to us play the same notes as we do, but sometimes they play a different set of notes, some harmonizing with ours, but some may even sound to us as discord. Like when Jesus stayed at the temple without his parents.

David M. Thomas, PhD



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!**

For more information, contact Melanie Golie, 406-752-6303, office@stmattsaints.org



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To receive a state tax credit, please return this completed form to St. Matthew's Catholic School at office@stmattsaints.org by **January 10th**

**DONOR INFORMATION**

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