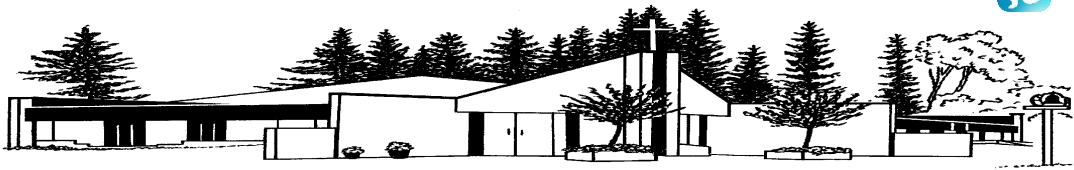


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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD **January 12, 2025**
Sat., January 11, Mass for January Intentions of St. Matthew & Risen Christ..... **6:30 pm**
Sunday, January 12, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew & Risen Christ..... **9:00 am**
Tuesday, January 14..... **NO MASS**
Thursday, January 16..... **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 – January 18th & January 19th, 2025

MINISTRY	Saturday 6:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Deacon Charlie	Deacon Charlie
Cup Minister	Jovita Kottraba	Tom Berquist
	Mary Anne Gill	Jody Schweigert
Lector	Vicki Walbruch	TJ Higgins
	Shelley Nease	Betty Heino
Server	Server Needed	Server Needed
Greeter	Toni Gunnerson ~ Jeneil Grace	Mary Jacobs ~ Pat Arnone

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.	12	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	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
	15	Ladies Scripture Study	10:00 – 11:30 am
		Religious Formation.....	4:00 – 5:00 pm
	19	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mass 9:30 am
		Knights of Columbus New Year Parish Breakfast	After Mass
	21	Choir	7:30 pm
	22	Ladies Scripture Study	10:00 – 11:30 am
		Religious Formation.....	4:00 – 5:00 pm

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



Help the Knights of Columbus Help Others



NEW YEAR PARISH BREAKFAST

Please join us for our **New Year Parish Breakfast** after Mass on Sunday morning, **January 19**. It is time to cherish what's important – faith, friends, and, most importantly, family.

~~Let Us Celebrate Together!~~

CHILI FOR CHARITY - Risen Christ-Council 8329

Council 8329 is once again sponsoring a “Chili for Charity” event. With guidance from Chef's Father Stan and Father John, the Council 8329 cooks will be preparing quarts of chili with cornbread muffins for pick-up after Mass on Super Bowl Weekend, February 8 & 9. To ensure the necessary chili and cornbread quantities will be available, advance notice is required. Suggested donations and necessary information can be made using the “Chili for Charity Envelope” and returned by February 2, 2025. A local delivery service will also be available if requested. This important kick-off fundraising activity starts our annual support of our many critical charities.

We thank you in advance! **Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism**

*Believe
there is
good in
the world.*

OUR GIFT TO GOD

We thank God for you! Your gifts throughout the year are gratefully acknowledged.
Because of your contributions, our congregation has been able to support the work of Jesus Christ locally, regionally, and around the world.

January 4 th & 5 th , 2025	Sunday 7,227
	Building 577
	Holy Day 700
	Total \$8,504

WELCOME

WE ARE DELIGHTED YOU ARE HERE TO CELEBRATE WITH US!

IN GRATITUDE FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

ADVENT GIVING TREE DONATIONS

Thank you to all the generous Risen Christ participants who donated \$2,780.00 for the Flathead Warming Center through the Advent Giving Tree. Additionally, we were able to provide convenience food items, cold and flu care, knit slippers, warm socks, and numerous personal care products. You are all heroes supporting the community care of our brothers and sisters. Thank you again for your generosity! ~Pati Heath

COR – (HEART) - Calling All Men



The Knights of Columbus Bishop Gilmore Assembly is sponsoring the men's Bible Study, "Men of the Word". This bible study is open to any male, and the materials are funded by the Knights of Columbus. Classes will begin on March 12th. We will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at St. Matthew and on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Risen Christ. Social begins at 6pm and class starts at 6:30pm.

To register contact Rick Nease at rick.nease@kofc.org or (406) 471-2697.

"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.saintip2.org under events/updates.

FLATHEAD MARCH FOR LIFE

2025 March for Life details:

- Saturday, January 25th, Central Bible Church gymnasium, 902 1st Ave. East, Kalispell
Setup will be at 9:45am, The rally will start at 11:30am
◇Lunch
◇Talks from various speakers
◇ March for Life will begin at the Courthouse following the Rally.

**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
Barbara Vine, rb The Gill Family

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

THANK YOU FROM NW MONTANA VETERAN'S FOOD PANTRY

Dear Risen Christ Catholic Church: The staff, volunteers and Board Members at NW MT Veterans Food Pantry would like to thank you for your most recent contributions. We appreciate your donations very much and look forward to serving our veterans and their families together in the future. We rely on generous people like you and your continuing support. Sincerely Allen W. Erickson, Sr., President & Pamela Koller, CEO

WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS

Rivers do not drink their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself, and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is... Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.

READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – January 19, 2025

Isaiah 62:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11

PRACTICE OF HOPE

During these first seven Sundays in Ordinary Time, the second reading will be from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Today Paul declares our unity in diversity. The Holy Spirit infuses each of us with spiritual gifts to bond us together in the one Spirit.

♣ Deepen your awareness of how the Holy Spirit has empowered you. Make a list of all the gifts that Paul highlights and prayerfully consider which gifts shine through you. How do you use them in the service of your faith?

♣ Look for the opportunities this week to affirm others in the gifts the Holy Spirit has given them and how they share them with those around them. *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!



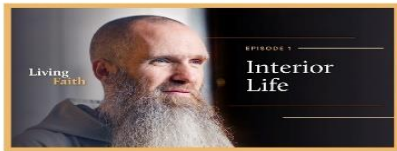
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of January 12, 2025



The Bible (Part 1)

Join Dr. Mark Giszczak as he answers the Internet's most-asked question about the Bible.



Interior Life

We all worship something, whether we know it or not. We are called to put God first, and that means giving him our time in prayer. The focus of this episode is developing a consistent prayer life.



A New Creation: The Mystery of Baptism

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!

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~Fr Stan

50th ANNUAL BLUE & GOLD GALA

The Theme is Old Hollywood Glamour

Saturday, February 22nd, 2025

5:30 pm Hilton Garden Inn

Tables of 10 will be \$950.

We will not have tables of 8



2024-2025 SEMINARIANS FOR THE DIOCESE OF HELENA

Deacon Dillon Armstrong – St. John Vianney
John Cooney – St. John Vianney
Kaleb Mitchell - Pontifical North American College
Riley Helgoe – St. John Vianney
Brett Rotz - Pontifical North American College
Anthony Olmes – St. Paul Seminary
James Semling - St. Paul Seminary
Jamie Severson – St. John Vianney
Carter Anderson - St. Paul Seminary
Shae Bills – St. John Vianney
Matt Keck - St. Paul Seminary
Carson Gorton– St. John Vianney
Jake Smith – St. John Vianney



TO SEND ENCOURAGEMENT OR ASK FOR PRAYERS, PLEASE WRITE OUR MEN
AT THEIR RESPECTIVE SEMINARY:

†St. John Vianney Theological Seminary
1300 South Steele St.
Denver, CO 80210

†Pontifical North American College
00120 Vatican City State
Europe

†The St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity
2260 Summit Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55105

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS www.diocesehelena.org/vocations (406)-447-4869
vocations@diocesehelena.org

Dear Parishioners of St. Matthew's & Risen Christ,
Thank you for your kind and generous donations to the 7th and 8th grade Pilgrimage to San Antonio, TX. Unfortunately, our pilgrimage will not be occurring this year. Due to there not being enough attendees, we are unable to travel to Texas. Your donations have been saved for a student trip in the future. Again, thank you for supporting our students and programs that encourage student growth.
~ St. Matthew's 7th & 8th Grade students & Madison Deitz, Spanish Teacher

Catholic Radio is Coming to the Flathead Valley!! *Saint Gabriel Radio*, KOFC-LP, 107.1 FM Knight's Radio, a non-profit corporation founded by members of several Knight's of Columbus councils in the Flathead Valley, has received FCC permission to start a local low-power radio station using the callsign KOFC LP transmitting on 107.1FM. The brand name will be Saint Gabriel Radio, The Herald of Good News. The mission of Saint Gabriel Radio is to evangelize the community by spreading the Gospel and being the Herald of the Good News. Our listening area is expected encompass the entire Flathead Valley from Bigfork to Columbia Falls to Whitefish to Kila. Saint Gabriel Radio is endeavoring to begin broadcasting before Christmas from our "studio" in Saint Matthew's school. The majority of the programming will originate from Relevant Radio's studios, however, our five local parishes, parish organizations, Catholic lay organizations, and Saint Matthew's school may originate some of their own programming. The Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, apologetics, the Family Rosary Across America and much, much, more will be available 24 hours a day. You may view the award winning programming from Relevant Radio at <https://relevantradio.com/listen/schedule/>. In order to begin this ministry, Knight's Radio must raise in excess of \$25,000 to buy equipment and engineering services such as the transmitter, antenna, cabling, wiring at the school, emergency broadcast system, a computer and software to run the programming, along with various other necessary electronic devices. This is a tremendous undertaking, and the station needs the support of every Catholic family. Please consider donating once or monthly to help spread the Gospel to every citizen in the valley in the mission of saving souls. This QR code will take you to our Zeffy donation page. Or Google "Zeffy Knight's Radio" or go to <https://www.zeffy.com/fundraising/387e9e59-f49e-4114-96b2-c19751021cdc>. All donations are fully tax deductible, and you will receive an immediate receipt. Thank you and may God bless you abundantly for sharing in this ministry. **PLEASE LET HIS VOICE BE HEARD AND DONATE TODAY!** *For more information please contact Mike McNamara. OFS at 406-314-1638 or at knightradiokofc@gmail.com*



SACRAMENTS

Contact the parish office at 406 752-4219

Infant Baptism:

The parents must be registered members of the parish. Someone will contact you to begin the process of baptismal preparation.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist:

Preparation for these Sacraments is ordinarily in the second grade in our Religious Formation program. Preparation also includes conferences with parents.

Confirmation

Risen Christ children prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation from 8th Grade through high school, with the rite being celebrated as needed. Candidates are enrolled in the Religious Formation program.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA):

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process of inquiring, faith-sharing, instruction, and liturgy for those who seek to become Catholics. All who are interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith are welcome.

Order of Christian Initiation of Children (OCIC):

The process of initiation is adapted to meet the needs of unbaptized children, age 7 or older or children who have been baptized but have had no formation in the faith. These are children of catechetical age, who have attained the age of reason and are capable of receiving and nurturing a personal faith.

Funerals:

Consultation with a priest will be arranged.

Marriage:

Preparing for marriage is preparing for the rest of your life! Couples who plan to marry in the Diocese of Helena must contact the parish no less than six months before the proposed wedding date. Every effort will be made to accommodate the couple's plans. However, the date of the wedding will not be confirmed until after the initial stages of the preparation have been completed.

Anointing of the Sick: Sacrament of Anointing by request. Contact the parish office.

Home Bound Visits

If you, or someone you know, would like to have a home visit, have Communion brought to your home or have the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish Office. Someone will be in touch with you.

*The Nazareth Page
A Gospel meditation for your home*

January 5, 2025 – The Epiphany of the Lord
Matthew 2:1-12

The event creating the feast of the Epiphany was a visit to the Holy Family in Bethlehem by three significant figures in ancient times. Once referred to as kings, we now know that was incorrect. Matthew called them *magi* who today would be referred to as learned men or scientists. Like many ancients they studied the night sky to find clues about the nature of reality. Today they would be called cosmologists or astronomers.

What guided them to Jesus was a star. A very bright star. Many years ago, I attended a presentation created by the Adler Planetarium in Chicago about a possible explanation of that guiding star. It was suggested that it might have been a confluence of planets (perhaps Mars, Jupiter or Venus) or a planet with the brightest star in our sky, Sirius. All are viewable in January to this day.

This was all described as a possible explanation, not scientifically probable. But an interesting hypothesis. I was about twelve years old when I viewed that presentations. I also bought the first book I ever purchased with my own money. It was called "The Stars." Thus began my lifelong fascination with the universe which we currently inhabit.

I have spent many wonderful moments gazing into the night sky. Through telescopes I have viewed the Andromeda Galaxy (a close neighbouring galaxy slightly larger than our galaxy, the Milky Way) the planet Jupiter with four of its moons, Saturn and its remarkable rings, sunspots on our own sun (with safety filters) and various nebula and star clusters, all remarkable. I have tracked comets and meteors and passing satellites. And perhaps my most overwhelming moment of observation was the time when I viewed the great solar eclipse in 2017. Nothing excites my imagination and sense of wonder more than those almost timeless moments of wonder, even ecstasy. For me the stars lead us to imagine God the creator more than anything.

We are so blessed these days to learn so much about our Universe through the observations of the new James Webb Space Telescope. Its pictures are not only informational but to me very spiritual. I wonder about that moment when our universe was created, 13.8 billion years ago. I can spend hours meditating about its development from an unimaginable packet of energy and matter into stars and galaxies (billions of them!) and planets and you and me! And all this was done by the one who lay quietly in a crib that the three wise men visited who were led by a star.

David M. Thomas, PhD

The Nazareth Page

A Gospel meditation for your home
January 12, 2025 -The Baptism of the Lord
Luke 3:15-22

The gospels draw a sharp distinction between John the Baptist and Jesus. This was not intended to downgrade the ministry of John the Baptist, but to contrast it with what Jesus did. The work of Jesus was more important than John's. And this can be shown especially by how the evangelist, Luke, describes the baptism of each. It's interesting to note that there is no record of Jesus ever baptizing anyone.

Here I want to point out the profound meaning of the baptism of Jesus by using the gospel expression that the baptism of Jesus was of *the Holy Spirit and fire*. There's no mention of water but given the early sacramental ministry of the followers of Jesus, we can assume its presence in the rite.

So, three aspects of baptism come to mind. First, it is achieved by God's Spirit. Second, it is done using water in some form. And finally, it is associated with fire. Symbolism is very important to communicate the full meaning of the baptism of Jesus.

Like our own existence, the baptism of Jesus is a work of God. We do not create ourselves. Let's set aside the important role of our parents and think of what or who is ultimately responsible for our existence. It is God employing God's creative power. You and I come from the mind and heart of God. Baptism encompasses this belief. We are children of God at the deepest level of our existence. This can be expressed in our being baptized.

Next, let's reflect on the use of water. Water is absolutely necessary for life to come forth on all rocky planets. Cosmologists are earnestly searching for life existing beyond Planet Earth and what they first seek is water. We also know that human life was originally established here in proximity to water. We remain healthy because we consume uncontaminated water. We need water to live. Without it, we die. Baptism is a ritual which points this out.

Finally, the baptism of Jesus is associated with fire. Again, I think of what St. Francis called "Brother Sun." All energy on Earth, which we need to survive, comes from the light and heat generated by the Sun. Without the sun's "fire," we would die in seconds. So, to live right now, we need the support of God, water from our earthly home and fire from the sun. All gifts from God. All there in the baptism of Jesus. And even more. A promise of eternal life with God.

David M. Thomas, PhD