RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Masses at St. Matthew 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 25th & January 26th, 2025

MINISTRY	Saturday 6:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	
Plate Minister	Judy Hughes	Eric Barry	
Cup Minister	Vicki Walbruch	Howie Ficek	
	EM Needed	Marian Ficek	
Lector	Suzanne Johnson	Paul Heath	
	Dixon Rice	Pati Heath	
Server	Don Zimmerman	Gary Hembd	
Greeter	Laurie Brandon ~ Colleen Hutchens	Josephine Wright Family	

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.	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	
		Religious Formation	4:00 – 5:00 pm
	26	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
	28	Choir	7:30 pm
	29	Ladies Scripture Study	10:00 – 11:30 am
		Religious Formation	4:00 – 5:00 pm
Feb.	2	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	Mass 9:30 am
	5	Ladies Scripture Study	10:00 – 11:30 am
	9	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:30 am
		Coffee Hour	After Mass

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: 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 19th**. 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 8th & 9th. 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

HAVE YOU TRIED myParish App?

The mobile app offers parishoners the ability to read the bulletin, receive and send messages, find today's readings and more. We hope you consider downloading this mobile app. To download, go to the App Store, Google play or use this QR code.



Please contact the office if you need help in loading this to your phone.

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 11th & 12th, 2025 Sunday 6,803

Building 115 Mas & Stole Gifts 160 Total \$7.078

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. There will be lunch and talks from various speakers. March for Life will begin at the Courthouse following the Rally.

PLEASE KEEP OUR NEW PEWS BEAUTIFUL!

The installation of these beautiful pews is an investment in the future of our church. To ensure the longevity and beauty of this new furniture, we ask that the following items be avoided: decorated jeans with sequins, rivets, or studs, keys or sharp objects in your back pocket, children's metal toys, anything sharp that may scratch the finish, chewing gum!

We thank you for being mindful of taking care of your church environment!

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 <u>rick.nease@kofc.org</u> or (406) 471-2697.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO PIE SOCIAL EVENT-Feb 8th, 12:30 in Whitefish

The Whitefish Winter Carnival is coming soon! St. Charles Borromeo is having their 66-year-old tradition, the annual pie social event. Saturday, February 8th from 12:30pm to 3:00pm on the day of the Winter Carnival Parade at St. Charles Borromeo Strom Hall. The royal court of winter carnival parade through usually about 1:30 pm.

If you've never been, this is the most attended community event at our church. Just come by for a slice before you head over to the Carnival parade. We hope to see you there!

Forgive your younger self. Believe in your current self. Create your future self.

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, Betty Heino, 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

RISEN CHRIST RUMMAGE SALE, SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025!

Please save your items for the Risen Christ Rummage Sale.

We can use all **CLEAN AND GENTLY USED** donations.

Consider volunteering for this parish event. You may drop your donation items at the church on **Friday**. February 29th between 10 am and 2 pm.

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Watch your bulletins for further details and times.

50th ANNUAL BLUE & GOLD GALA

The Theme is Old Hollywood Glamour Saturday, Feb. 22nd, 2025, 5:30 pm Hilton Garden Inn **Tables of 10 will be \$950**. We will not have tables of 8.



READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – January 26, 2025

Nehemiah 8:2 – 4a, 5-6, 8–10 1 Corinthians 12:12–14, 27 Luke 1:1–4; 4:14-21

PRACTICE OF FAITH

The first reading from Nehemiah recounts the remarkable day five hundred years before the birth of Christ when Ezra read the book of the law (the Torah) to all of Jerusalem. The people, having just returned from their long exile, wept with gratitude as the Word of God washed over them.

- ♠ Deepen your appreciation for the Word of God by exchanging insights with others in regular Bible study. This resource is a great start. Another resource to explore is the popular podcast "The Bible in a Year," with Fr. Mike Schmitz (ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear).
- ♠ The passage Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah in his home synagogue is sometimes described as his mission statement. Prayerfully reflect on the words Jesus proclaimed from the scroll and consider how he fulfilled 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.**

We have many items available for year-round giving!

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.

Thank you for your support of St. Matthew through your gifts of your time, your talents, and your treasure. We appreciate your support of Catholic education in the Flathead Valley!



2025 SKI RETREAT AT WHITEFISH MOUNTAIN

High School youth in grades 9-12 are invited to join in a fun weekend of skiing, faith, and fellowship! **Friday to Sunday January 24-26, 2025, details can be found at the Catholic Diocese of Helena https://diocesehelena.org/skiretreat/** Contact Kevin Molm with questions at kmolm@dohmt.org or call 406-389-7055.



Week of January 19, 2025



Paul the Apostle | The Bible Collection

The church's greatest enemy became Christ's most prolific messenger. Beautifully shot in the Moroccan desert, Paul the Apostle is a sweeping saga of the man who brought the Gospel to the Western world.



Mass

There is infinite grace available in every Mass and confession, but our subjective experience may not reflect this objective reality. We need to switch on. The focus of this episode is unlocking more grace from Mass and confession.



Saint Francis de Sales and the Character of a Christian: Devotion (Part 1 of 4)

In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher O. Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales, his best known work "The Introduction to the Devout Life", and the character of a Christian.

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

The Nazareth Page A Gospel meditation for your home January 26, 2025 –Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 1:1-4. 4:14-21

Did you ever think about how fortunate we are to have the four gospel accounts of the life of Jesus? They were written well before the invention of the printing press, and certainly before we had typewriters and laptops. Further, the four gospels have stood the test of time for reliability as trustworthy accounts of the life, the activities and teachings of our lord and saviour, Jesus Christ. Each gospel has a unique tone and emphasis which is not surprising. In no significant way do they disagree with each other. Another amazing point.

Today's gospel provides us with some background for the creation of Luke's gospel. In brief, Luke states that while he was not an eyewitness to many of the events he describes, he did research and collected the basic facts of the life of Jesus as were available to him.

Biblical scholars have concluded that Mark's Gospel was most likely the first of the gospels to be composed and its creation is dated somewhere between 60AD and 80 AD. The gospels of Luke and Matthew were composed soon after that and finally, close to the year 100 John's gospel was written. While there are minor differences in the four gospels, they are basically in agreement, although some details differ between them.

They each have a unique style and often include accounts not found in other gospels. For example, the lengthy description of the Last Supper is only found on John's gospel. And the Sermon on the Mount is found only in Matthew's gospel.

Before Vatican II (1962-1965) there was but one set of gospel readings used each year for the Sunday Catholic Mass. Wanting its members to be exposed to more of the gospels, the Church expanded the gospel readings over a three-year period. Also, Catholic preachers were directed to base their sermons specifically on the gospel readings each Sunday. That is the current practice.

Here is a New Year suggestion. If you have never done so, read a part of the gospels each day. There is something special about reading through a whole gospel and reading all four of the gospels in a year. If you find a passage that has a special appeal, stop and reread it, think about it and maybe even pray over its message. When I write these Nazareth pages, I generally spend a whole day thinking about the Sunday gospel for the Sunday I am writing about. Again, what a wonderful gift we have in the four gospels. Make them a part of your life. They were in a sense written for you!

David M. Thomas, PhD