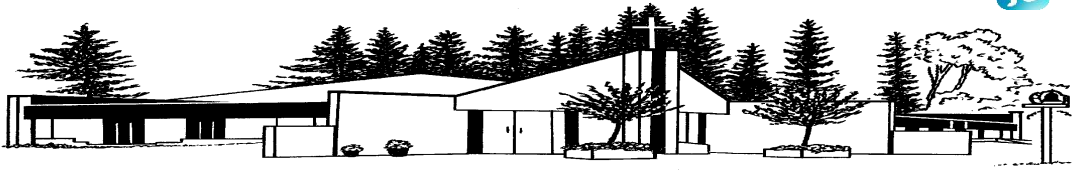

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD.....February 2, 2025

Sat., February 1, Mass for January Intentions of St. Matthew & Risen Christ.....**6:30 pm**

Sunday, February 2, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew & Risen Christ.....**9:00 am**

Tue, February 4, Mass for the Soul of Charles Nagengast, rb Helen Tobiason...**8:45 am**

Thurs, February 6, Mass for the Soul of Olga Hammond, rb Arleen Hughes.....**8:45 am**

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 – February 8th & February 9th, 2025

MINISTRY	Saturday 6:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Deacon Floyd	Deacon Floyd
Cup Minister	Jovita Kottraba	Connie McCubbins
	Mary Anne Gill	Eric Barry
Lector	Dixon Rice	Pati Heath
	Rachel Cincis	Paul Heath
Server		
Greeter	Colleen Hutchens ~ Mary Jacobs	Tom & Terrie Alger

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

Feb.	2	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	Mass 9:00 am
	4	Choir	7:30 pm
	6	Baking Day for Seminarians	10:00 am
	5	Ladies Scripture Study	10:00 – 11:30 am
		Religious Formation.....	4:00 – 5:00 pm
	9	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00 am
		Seminarian Bake Sale	After Weekend Masses
		Coffee Hour.....	After Mass
	11	KC Ladies' – Saigon Garden	5:30 pm
		KC 's	6:30 pm
		Choir	7:30 pm
	12	Ladies' Scripture Study.....	10:00 – 11:30 am
		Religious Formation.....	4:00 – 5:00 pm
	16	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mass 9:00 am
		KC Breakfast	After Mass

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

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**

There will be no Saturday 6:30 pm Mass at Risen Christ on February 22, 2025.

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 28th between 10 am and 2 pm. Watch your bulletins for further details and times.**

Posters are available in the community room. Please take one (or more) and help to advertise this upcoming event.

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 25 th & 26 th , 2025	Sunday	5,234
	Total	\$5,234



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.

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!

Catholic Radio is Coming to the Flathead Valley!!

Saint Gabriel Radio, KOFC-LP, 107.0 FM, Knight's Radio, a non-profit corporation founded by members of several Knights 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 107.1 FM. The brand name will be *Saint Gabriel Radio, The Herald of Good News*.

TALK TO A KNIGHT ON HOW YOU CAN HELP GET THIS OFF THE GROUND.

“Speak the truth in a million voices. It is silence that kills.”

~St. Catherine of Siena

**COLLECTIVE MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 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
Barbara Vine, rb The Gill Family

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Ruff & Falk Families, rb Mary Ruff

RISEN CHRIST MASS REQUESTS
FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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

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.



“There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship.”

— Thomas Aquinas

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors,
we borrow it from our children. ~Native American Proverb

READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Isaiah 6: 1-2a, 3-8

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Luke 5:1-11

PRACTICE OF FAITH

Our Scriptures today are flush with “call” stories. After the prophet Isaiah’s vision, his mouth is purified with a burning ember, and he hears the call of the Lord. St. Paul testifies about his conversion to faith in this letter to the people of Corinth. St. Luke narrates how Jesus called Simon, James, and John out of their fishing boat and into their destiny as disciples. These accounts inspire reflection on our call.

† Sketch a timeline of your life, paying special attention to when you experienced the Lord’s call. What happened and how did you respond?

† Reflect on how you use your voice in service of faith. What words of glory, praise, and gratitude do you speak? How do you share your faith with others in your circle of influence?

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!

~~HEAVENLY TREATS~~

ATTENTION! BAKING DAY FOR SEMINARIANS

***Please note the date change.**

Come and join us for this baking day!

***Thursday, February 6th 10:00 am** Risen Christ Kitchen.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you who enjoy making goodies.

This will be a fun day with friends and laughter!

All supplies will be provided, we just need your help!

THE “LIGHT”ER SIDE 😊

When the light turned yellow as he drove up, Jack thought he did the right thing by stopping just in front of the school crosswalk. But the woman behind him was obviously furious with his decision. She honked her horn, screamed, cursed, and made an obscene hand gesture. Before the light turned green, Jack was surprised to see a police officer approach her car while she was in mid-rant.

The woman heard a tap on her window. Shocked to see a very serious police officer, she was ordered to exit the car. The officer took her to the police station, where she was photographed, fingerprinted, and placed in a holding cell.

After several hours, she was released. An officer escorted her to the booking desk, where the arresting officer waited with her personal effects. He said, “I am very sorry for this mistake....I pulled up behind your car while you were honking your horn at the guy in front of you, using offensive words and gestures.

“I noticed the car’s *WWJD* and *Follow Me to Sunday School* stickers, the *Choose Life* and *Forgive One Another* license plate holder, and the Christian fish emblem on the trunk, so naturally I assumed the car you were driving was stolen!”

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CONFERENCE

“Come to Me” - Matthew 11:28

Join women from Montana and beyond for prayer, speakers, music, fellowship and more!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Saturday April 5, 2025, Civic Center, Helena, Montana

Register online: www.helenacwc.org



Saints In Action

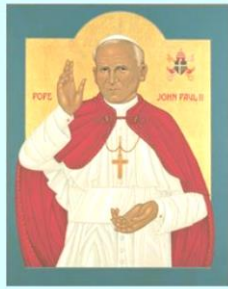
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St. Matthew's Catholic School

February 2025



**SAINT OF THE MONTH:
ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II**

**VIRTUE OF THE MONTH:
FAIRNESS**



THANK YOU!

2025 Montana Tax Credit

We were able to claim \$199,500.00. The \$6 million was gone in 6 minutes 15 seconds.

Plan for next year when the amount increases to \$7.2 million

Sr. Judy guest teaching the 8th graders for Theology of the Body unit.



Upcoming Events

- Rainwater Science, 2/20 - 2/21
- Blue & Gold Gala, 2/22
- Holy Hoops, 3/16 - 3/20



Matthew 19:26
With God All Things Are Possible

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



CALLING ALL BAKERS!

We're calling on your incredible baking talents and generous donations of baked goods!

This year, as part of St. Matthew's Annual Blue and Gold Auction on February 22, 2025, we're hosting an exciting Dessert Dash.

A Dessert Dash is a fun and interactive game where each table bids for the dessert they want to enjoy after their meal. The table with the highest bid gets first pick, followed by the next highest, and so on.

To add to the excitement, all the delectable desserts will be displayed at the start of the evening, allowing guests to strategize and choose their favorites in advance.

Bakers, we need your time-honored recipes and creative flair to make this event a success! Your contributions will help create a memorable experience for everyone.

St. Matt's families can also earn volunteer hours for the time and ingredients they use to bake. If baking isn't your thing, you're welcome to donate a dessert from a local bakery instead (please note, desserts must come from a bakery, not a grocery store).

Thank you for helping make this year's Dessert Dash a sweet success!

How to Sign Up

Please sign up on the sign up genius with this link or QR code below
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COF4CA9A629A0FBC70-54265226-blue>



Drop Off Details

Drop off your dessert at school on February 21, 2025.

Questions?

Please contact the Dessert Dash Coordinator:

Lea Contreras
 818-632-3552

Thank you for your continued support and participation!

Support Catholic Radio in the Flathead Deanery

Help Start Saint Gabriel Radio!

Saint Gabriel Radio ministry is coming! We have raised \$10,000 of our \$25,000 goal. We need every Catholic family in the valley to help push us to the finish line. To help, use this QR code, write a check to *Knight's Radio* at 100 Pine Loop Road, Kalispell 59901, or drop a check at St. Matt's office. We cannot do this without your support. As a Relevant Radio Affiliate we will Broadcast the Mass, Catholic programming, Parish announcements and more. This is your radio station!



THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of February 02, 2025



St. Josephine Bakhita: A Story of God's Rescue

Join Sister Imelda as she shares the amazing story of St. Josephine Bakhita, who, after being taken captive and made a slave, finds freedom by giving her life to God.



The Presentation | Episode 5 | Mysteries of the Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries

The Presentation is already foreshadowing the Cross. The offering Mary makes at the Presentation in the Temple becomes manifested and reaches its fulfillment at Calvary.



Bakhita: From Slave to Saint

Originally born in Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped by slavers and was eventually sold to a merchant in Italy. By the grace of God, she lived a heroic life of forgiveness and mercy which led her to become a saint.

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~Fr Stan

The Nazareth Page
A Gospel meditation for your home
February 2, 2025 – The Presentation of the Lord
Luke 2:22-40

I don't know if I am as old as was Simon, the elderly person mentioned in today's gospel who waited and waited to meet the Messiah, but his encounter with Jesus is important to reflect on for all of us, including me. As the gospel implies, this elderly man lived in the hope that on some wonderfully fine day he would meet the one promised by God in his religious tradition as the one sent by God to fulfil the hopes of his people.

As many scholars of that time point out, the air was filled with expectations of such an event. And Simon experienced this moment of fulfilment when Jesus was brought to Jerusalem to be offered as one in the service of God's chosen people. We might be a little envious of Simon because we may think that we have not enjoyed a similar event. Or have we?

I have long been a student of our shared human nature. I have mostly focused my research on our social life in its many variations. And I have tried to put into practice the art of meeting others in meaningful interpersonal encounters. What the great Jewish philosopher, Martin Buber called the "I-Thou encounter." Simon seemed to have experienced something like this when he met the child Jesus in the temple. It was a moment of grace, a time when God's presence and power was there to be received and enjoyed. It likely brought about a deep change in him.

So, the question we face is this: When have we experienced such a moment? A time when we felt God's loving, forgiving and accepting presence in us?

During my many years of attending to such matters, I have grown to believe that God wants to connect with each and all of us in ways like that described in today's gospel. In fact, I believe that God is always poised to create such a moment (or many moments) with us. Even with those who are called "non-believers." Everyone!

Therefore, like Simon in today's gospel, I wonder if we are hoping for such an encounter to happen in our lives. Or are we too busy, too distracted, too anxious or too focused on own needs to make room for such an encounter? What I take from today's gospel is that God is there waiting for you and me to be open and receptive. So, take Simon's advice. Wait patiently and with hope, we may find God coming our way for a visit.

David M. Thomas, PhD