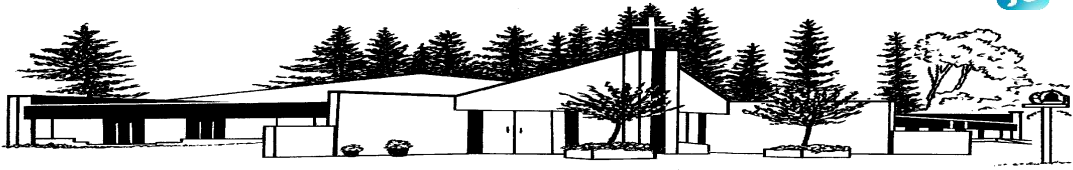

RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Deacon Floyd McCubbins, 406-471-4379, deaconfloydmc@yahoo.com - Risen Christ

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Maryruth Fallon, Music Director ~ Helen Tobiason - Religious Form. Coordinator, K-6

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 23, 2025

Sat., Feb. 22, Mass for February Intentions of St. Matthew & Risen Christ..... **6:30 pm**

Sunday, February 23, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew & Risen Christ **9:00 am**

Tuesday, February 25, Mass for the Soul of Ruth Kluge, rb Helen Tobiason **8:45 am**

Thurs., February 27, Mass for the Soul of Mike Wright, rb Andrea Wright..... **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 – March 1st & March 2nd, 2025

MINISTRY	Saturday 6:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Suzanne Johnson	Tom Berquist
Cup Minister	Jovita Kottraba	Eric Barry
	Judy Hughes	Jody Schweigert
Lector	Vicki Walbruch	Kathy Shanahan
	Dixon Rice	Jack Fallon
Server	Don Zimmerman	Gary Hembd
Greeter	Laurie Brandon & Jeneil Grace	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

Feb.	23	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00 am
	25	Choir	7:30 pm
	26	Ladies' Scripture Study.....	10:00 – 11:30 am
		Religious Formation.....	4:00 – 5:00 pm
March	1	Risen Christ Rummage Sale	9:00 am – 2pm
	2	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:00 am
	4	Choir	7:30 pm
	5	ASH WEDNESDAY	Mass 6:00 pm
		No Religious Formation	Attend Mass w/Family
	8	Seminarian Bake Sale	After Weekend Masses
	9	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00 am
	11	Choir	7:30 pm
	12	Religious Formation.....	4:00 – 5:00 pm
	16	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00 am
		KC Breakfast	After Mass
	19	Religious Formation.....	4:00 – 5:00 pm
	23	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00 am
		Coffee Hour	After Mass
	26	No Religious Formation	Spring Break!

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

RISEN CHRIST RUMMAGE SALE, SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025, 9 am – 2 pm

*****WE NEED VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE!*****

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. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the community room.

You may drop your donation items at the church on **Friday, Feb. 28th between 10 am and 2 pm**. Posters are available in the community room. Please take one (or more) and help to advertise this upcoming event.

*Please remember to keep our 2nd grade
reconciliation students in your prayers.
~Easton, Fletcher, Roman, Denton~*

OUR GIFT TO GOD

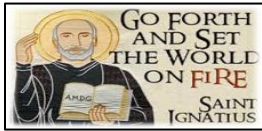
We thank God for you! Your gifts throughout the year are gratefully acknowledged.
Because of your contributions, our congregation has been able to support the work of Jesus Christ locally, regionally, and around the world.

February 15 th & 16 th , 2025	Sunday
	Building
	Mass & Stole Gifts
	Total



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.



IGNATIAN RULES OF DISCERNMENT MARCH 13-16, 2025

The Sycamore Tree Catholic Retreat Center – Swan Lake, MT
~ Presented by Teresa Chabot - Catholic Lay Spiritual Director for Women, St Matthew's Parish, Kalispell, MT

Email Michelle Jenkins at email@sycamoretreeretreat.com or call (406)754-2429.



February 28th, 2025

6 PM at Risen Christ
Bring Your Own Spirit(s) and Smokes.
The evening begins with Adoration followed by discussion around the bonfire.

Scan the QR code for discussion material.

Email Kevin Donahue for more information
huskerfans6@live.com



Catholic Journey Gathering

Feb 23, 2 pm at Saint John Paul II church in Bigfork. Enter through the North end, lower level. Lunch potluck at 2pm, followed by reflection, music & prayer. ALL Are welcome.
Info: 406-471-2144 (The next one will be March 30)

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

FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Karel & David & Terry Barrett, requested by 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

Elwin & Judy 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

Deacon Dillon Armstrong
Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, John Cooney
Carson Gorton, Riley Helgoe, Matt Keck
Kaleb Mitchell, Anthony Olmes, Brett Rotz
James Semling, Jake Smith, Jamie Severson

CALLING ALL SCIENTISTS

If you have a gift of science experience, either in your job or passionate desire, St. Matthew's Annual Science Fair is coming, and we would love some pundit experience to help judge, inspire, and promote student's work for this year's Science Fair on **February 27, 2025**.

Please call Patty Bell Hartford at 503-702-0890. Thank you,
Trisha Ridens, Jr. High Science Teacher

GOLDEN TICKET

Get your GOLDEN TICKET with a chance to win up to \$5000!

Find a Knight after all Masses or stop by the Parish office and purchase yours now!



**READINGS FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
MARCH 2, 2025**

Sirach 27:4 – 7

1 Corinthians 15:54 – 58

Luke 6:39 – 45

PRACTICE OF FAITH

At the heart of today's Gospel is a call to live with integrity. To be a person of integrity means there is congruence with who we say we are and what we say and do. Integrity is the antidote to hypocrisy. Lent begins this week. The season of repentance offers an opportunity to look at our lives with honesty and to seek to prune away anything that impairs our ability to live with integrity.

✿ Take today's instructive Gospel to heart. What is within you that produces goodness and kindness and what tears it down?

✿ Ash Wednesday serves as the doorway to a time of intense spiritual preparation leading to Easter and continuing through Pentecost. Make a deliberate plan to cross the threshold into Lent by arranging your calendar to attend Ash Wednesday services.

✿ How is God calling you to journey through Lent? Begin to formulate ideas about how you will incorporate the spiritual practices of Lent – prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (acts of charity) – into your life throughout the weeks ahead.

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.

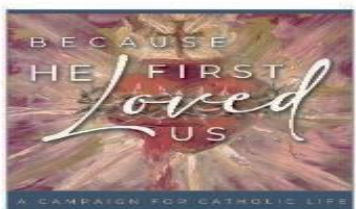
If you need to make a purchase during the week, please stop in the parish office.

We have many items available for year-round giving!



RISEN CHRIST BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US CAMPAIGN

- The goal of the campaign was **\$30 million**.
- Amount pledged as of January 31st was \$31,518,243 in pledges, \$11,076,104 pledge to combined campaigns (3 separate parishes) and \$48,287,300 estate gifts equally **\$90,881,647** in total gifts promised!
- **Risen Christ parish goal was \$439,400**. Your pledges totaled **\$583,575**.
- Our parish will receive 40% of the goal amount then 60% of everything raised over our goal.
- To date, our parish has already **received \$61,339.66** and we are receiving the monies quarterly as the pledges are paid.
- Risen Christ will use these funds 40% for evangelization efforts, 40% for capital needs, and 20% to build our endowment. *(Feel free to add more specifics here if you want.)*
- Our thanks to everyone who contributed financially or through prayer. Amazing things are happening in our Diocese!



Blessed be the Lord!

With grateful hearts,
we share the
campaign results for

Risen Christ Parish

Goal: \$439,400

Total Amount Pledged: \$583,575

Household Participation: 28%

***The parish portion of these funds will be used
40% for evangelization efforts,
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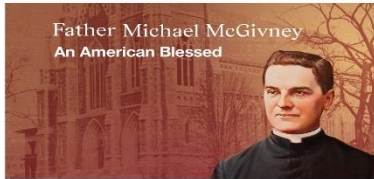
All Glory to God for the faithful,
loving, prayerful people of our Diocese.
The Lord is calling us to
do great things!

Learn more about the campaign at fdoh.org



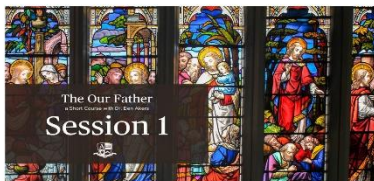
This Week on Formed

Week of February 23, 2025



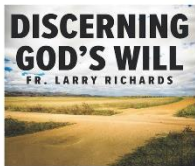
An American Blessed

In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity.



The Our Father

In this episode of his course on the Our Father, Dr. Ben Akers teaches us what we can learn from the perfect model and master of prayer: Jesus himself.



Discerning God's Will

Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories! Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories!

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Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

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

Blessed be the Lord!

With grateful hearts, we share
the results of the
Because HE First Loved Us
CAMPAIGN FOR CATHOLIC LIFE



\$31,518,243 PLEDGED

\$11,076,104 PLEDGED TO COMBINED CAMPAIGNS
FOR RESURRECTION (BOZEMAN), CATHEDRAL OF ST. HELENA, ST. MARY (STEVENSVILLE)

\$48,287,300 ESTATE GIFTS

\$90,881,647
TOTAL GIFTS PROMISED

This amazing result was achieved thanks to the faithful and supportive people in our Diocese. Whether you gave financially or in prayer, our goal was reached—and exceeded—because of YOU!

These gifts are already being distributed to parishes and missions to meet their individual campaign purposes and to the Diocese to build evangelization efforts, provide for seminarian education and clergy senior status retirement, and help provide for the restoration of the Cathedral of St. Helena.

All Glory to God for the graces He has given and the faithful, loving, prayerful people who contributed to the success of this campaign!

Learn more about the campaign at fdoh.org.



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for the Diocese of Helena

The Nazareth Page
A gospel meditation for your home
February 23, 2025 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 6:17-26

Today's gospel includes a listing of what are commonly called the beatitudes. In Luke's gospel they might be a shorter form of the sermon on the mount found in Matthew. Matthew's gospel contains twice as many beatitudes than Luke offers. Or perhaps it is another sermon given by Jesus to a different group. Still, both have similar in tone.

I once heard a priest complain about having to preach about them because they were so contrary to what most people want to hear. On the surface, these beatitudes seem to bless being poor, hungry, sad and disliked. Might there be more?

So, we must dig a little deeper for the meaning of what Jesus was teaching. First, what did he mean by "poor?" It's best to think about this by focusing on its opposite, being rich. In the time of Jesus being rich meant that one was self-sufficient. One did not need anyone's help to survive. Being rich also made it easier for one to think that one was better than others. Or that one had no need for others. Not even God!

What about the blessedness of being hungry. Again, think about the opposite, being full. That's possibly can lead to being satisfied, lazy and content. A hungry person keeps actively seeking needed nourishment. Life is more challenging for the hungry whether that hunger be on mind or body. A hungry person must be active. Notice that I am speaking not just in material terms but in developing to possess the best attitude for living a more-fulfilling life. That's who some will these teaching "be attitudes." Ways of being.

The third beatitude in today's gospel advising weeping. Its opposite is laughing. Again, let's think about someone who never cries but laughs a lot because they consider life to be one long joke. Everything is funny, a joke, and not to be taken seriously. That's the problem. Continuous laughter touch only the surface of life. They ignore the pain and suffering of others. Or even in themselves They fail to help those in need. They look the other way not seeing the magnitude of human suffering. They would try to help those in need.

And finally, there is the beatitude about being disliked by others if you live as Jesus recommends. Given what we might call the counter-cultural tenor of the three beatitudes already mentioned, it should not be surprising that some might object to their enactment. There is also the history of harm and even persecution suffered by those who seriously follow the teachings of Jesus. Life is filled with a conflict between what is broadly called "good and evil." Then and now.

David M. Thomas, PhD



PILGRIMS OF Hope

The Kalispell Deanery Council of Catholic Women invite you to a special event! Coinciding with the Holy Father's theme for the Jubilee Year 2025, let us "fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

SATURDAY

MARCH
8
2025

AT 9:00 AM

Saint John Paul II Catholic Church
195 Coverdell Road - Bigfork

AGENDA:

9:00 am - Brunch **free will offering*
9:30 am - Deanery Business Meeting and
Officer Elections
10:15 am - Guest Speaker
Teresa Chobot, St. Matthew's Catholic Church

MORE INFO:

Contact:
RaeDeen Heupel
CCW Deanery President
406.890.1171
Please register by March 5th.

