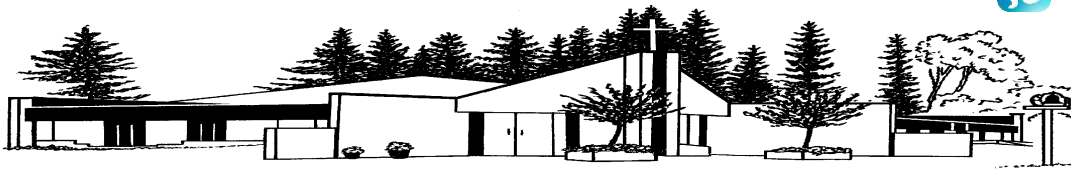


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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT March 16, 2025

Sat., March 15, Mass for Collective March Intentions of St. Matthew & Risen Christ **6:30 pm**

Sunday, March 16, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew & Risen Christ..... **9:00 am**

Tuesday, March 18, Mass **8:45 am**

Thursday, March 20, Mass **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 22nd & March 23rd, 2025

MINISTRY	Saturday 6:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Vicki Walbruch	Pati Heath
Cup Minister	Jovita Kottraba	Paul Heath
	Judy Hughes	Jody Schweigert
Lector	Rachel Cincis	TJ Higgins
	Dixon Rice	Rick Nease
Server	Don Zimmerman	Gary Hembd
Greeter	Colleen Hutchens & Laurie Brandon	Mary Anne Cahill & Fresa Tobiason

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

March 16	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00 am
	St. Patrick's Day Dinner.....	6:00 pm
17 – 19 – 21-	40 Days for Life Vigil at All Families Health, Whitefish St. Matthew	
18	Choir	7:30 pm
19	Religious Formation.....	4:00 – 5:00 pm
20	Soup and Bread Supper	5:30 pm
21	Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm
23	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00 am
	Coffee Hour after weekend Mass	
	SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER FOR PEACE	6:30 pm
26	NO RELIGIOUS FORMATION – spring break.....	
27	Soup and Bread Supper	5:30 pm
28	Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm
30	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00 am
	Catholic Relief Services	

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

OUR LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Evening Prayer for Peace - March 23rd, 6:30 pm
Soup and Bread Supper - Each Thursday, at 5:30 pm
Stations of the Cross - Each Friday evening, 7:00 pm

Knights of Columbus Fish Fries

Council 8329 Welcomes YOU to support our parish's Lenten tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays, a day of abstinence and fasting.



Risen Christ – March 28th

Menu: Baked-breaded cod, Mac and cheese, Caesar salad, & Garlic Bread are available to eat here or to take away. A suggested donation of \$10.00 per dinner.

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St. Matthew - March 21st, & April 4th 4:30 – 6:45 pm.

Menu: #1 Fish Tacos, Delicious Fries, Coleslaw, Dessert \$15

#2 Battered Butterfly Shrimp, Delicious Fries, Coleslaw, Dessert \$15

#3 Mac/Cheese w/Lobster & Shrimp, Coleslaw Applesauce Dessert \$17

Dine in: St. Matthew's School Cafeteria

Take Out: Call 406-360-6446 to place an order. Allow 30 minutes for pick up.

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.**

March 5th, 8th, & 9th, 2025	Sunday	5,345
	Building	245
	Ash Wednesday	1,825
	Total	\$7,415

SEMINARIAN BAKE SALE THANK YOU

Fr. Stan and Risen Christ would like to extend a thank you to the many people that volunteered to help with this Seminarian Bake Sale.

We took in a total of \$279.00 in sales which will go for the benefit of the Seminarians of the Diocese of Helena. Thank you again for all your hard work!

PAYING IT FORWARD AS A LEAD MOTHER IN NIGERIA

In Nigeria, over 25 million people are experiencing extreme food insecurity due to climate change, poverty and conflict. Because of violence in their hometown, Amina and her family were forced to flee and start life over again in a new village. Learn how Amina's participation in a Catholic Relief Services program helped her prepare nutritious meals for her family and support other families in her community to overcome the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-2 to read this week's Story of Hope.



EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

IN A JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

MARCH 21-23, 2025 | CARROLL COLLEGE, HELENA

— AN ALL-AGES EVENT —

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CYC CONVENTION



A NOTE OF THANKS

"Risen Christ Catholic Church.
Thank you so much for your gift to our Mission!
We truly value your support!"
With Gratitude, Samaritan House



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

FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Ronald Armstrong, requested by the Hutchens Family
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
Jay Biederman, rb Risen Christ Parish

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Ruff & Falk Families, rb Mary Ruff
Fran Cavanagh, rb Karol Witt

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

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

BRIGHT LINE EATING – HEALTHY LIFESTYLE SUPPORT GROUP

Living in a right-sized body is truly possible! Understand how the brain blocks weight loss. Build a new identity as a person free from food chatter, losing weight and feeling great in your God-given body.

Join us each Monday at 6:00 pm in the Pearce Center at St. Richard Parish.
Information is based on the book Bright Line Eating, The Science of Living Happy, Thin, and Free by Susan Pierce Thompson. Ph.D.

For more information, please call Debra Cox at 406-892-5743.



A couple was sitting in their living room, sipping wine. Out of the blue, the wife said, "I love you." To which the husband responded, "Is that you or the wine talking?" "It's me," said the wife, "talking to the wine."

READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 23, 2025

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Luke 13:1-9

PRACTICE OF HOPE

The parable of the patient gardener is a reminder of our potential growth.

✿ Now at the midpoint of our Lenten journey, reflect on your attentiveness to your Lenten practices and make any necessary adjustments.

✿ Consider Jesus' words about repentance today. What sin hinders you from freely living and sharing your faith?

✿ The Church commemorates the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on March 25th. God announces the Good News in the most unexpected places and through the most unexpected messengers. This week attend to the messengers that God sends to inspire, encourage and challenge you.

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!



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Our Whitefish 40 Days for Life **Spring Campaign** runs through Saturday, April 12th. It will take place Monday through Saturday from 7am to 7pm.

St. Matthews is sponsoring Monday, **March 17**, Wed., **March 19** and Friday, **March 21**.

Weekly Prayer Services on Saturdays at All Families Healthcare from 3-5 pm.

REMEMBER that it is highly recommended to sign up in pairs.

Directions: Prayer vigils take place on the sidewalk outside **All Families Healthcare**, 737 Spokane Avenue. While driving north on Spokane, turn right (east) at 8th St. and drive one block to Kalispell Ave. During the winter months, park on the even-numbered /west side of the street on even-numbered days and on the odd-numbered /east side on odd-numbered days.

Point of Contact: Mike Hanson at (406) 314-7826 or mikester55@hotmail.com.

THE JUBILEE LOGO

The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned. Because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need.

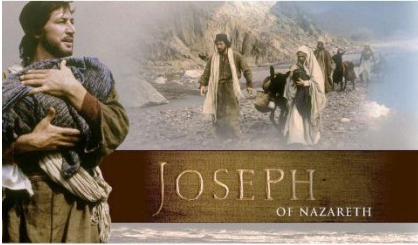
There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolizing the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon, the "anchor of hope" refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency maneuvers to stabilize the ship during storms.

It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: (Pilgrims in Hope), represented in green letters.



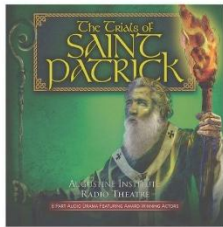
This Week on Formed

Week of March 16, 2025



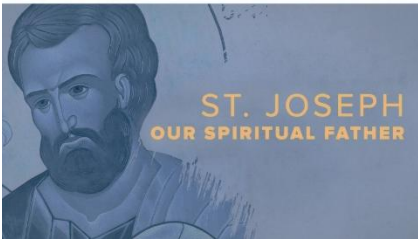
Joseph of Nazareth

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



The Trials of Saint Patrick

The Trials of Saint Patrick, a powerful journey through hardship, loss, mercy, and forgiveness. With skilled actors and cinematic elements, this captivating story comes to life, stirring the imagination and sparking inspiration.



St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father

While the Gospel has not preserved any of his words, his actions have resounded through the ages. St. Joseph stands out as the model par excellence of Christian virtue. Encounter St. Joseph in a new way with St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father.

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
March 16, 2025 – Second Sunday of Lent
Luke 9:28-36

Most of us have enjoyed some really good days, but also days that are not so good. And days that are both. At least that's how we think about them. Today's gospel describes a time when three of the disciples of Jesus, Peter, James and John, were invited by Jesus to join him in a mountain climb. For "a good time" where they would learn more about Jesus,

This gospel is familiar to most, especially since it contains a rather dramatic moment. Commonly called the Transfiguration, it is one of those gospels that causes many, myself included, to wonder, what is this about?

In the Bible, mountain tops are often settings when important events take place. Most might recall the time when Moses received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. Last Sunday we read about the tempter bringing Jesus to a mountain top to tempt him. Today we are invited to witness the scene where Jesus took three of his closest disciples to join him atop a mountain.

Once there, things started to change. First, two of the primary persons of their religious history appear, Moses and Elijah. The face and clothing of Jesus also changes, making him "different" and more magnificent. A cloud descends and the three disciples hear words telling them to listen to Jesus. Jesus is given a kind of divine "seal of approval." The disciples are both overwhelmed and inspired. They want to keep this scene going without an end. They suggest building a more permanent setting. Jesus rejects their suggestion and soon the whole scene returns to its original state. He tells them that it is time "to return to earth."

Later on, those closest to Jesus, his mom, his friends and many others will have to face what may appear as a defeat of Jesus and his mission. Jesus will be arrested, falsely judged, humiliated, tortured and eventually crucified as a common criminal. These events will test the resiliency of those close to him. Perhaps their experience of Jesus on that mountain will help them survive moments of doubt and uncertainty.

As the days of Lent resolve themselves into accounts of his suffering and death, we are also invited to recall his resurrection and ascension. All this reminds us that authentic Christian faith is rarely a simple matter. As noted above, we are blessed with good days and some that are not. We experience our lives as mixed blessings. As God so willed.

David M. Thomas, PhD