

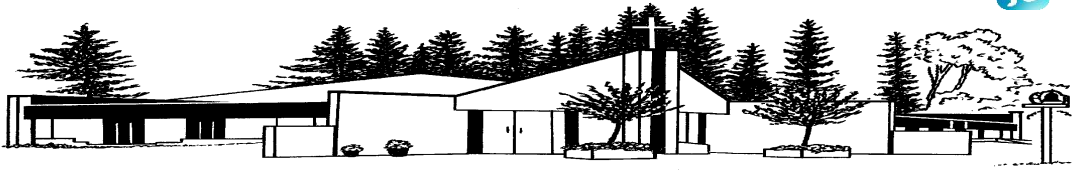
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# RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Formed Catechetical Resources: [www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org](http://www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org)**

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ..... March 23, 2025**

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

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

**Tuesday, March 25**, Mass ..... **8:45 am**

**Thursday, March 27**, Mass for the soul of Frank Bibin, rb Paul & Pati Heath ..... **8:45 am**

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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

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**Ministry Schedule – March 29th & March 30th, 2025**

MINISTRY	Saturday 6:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am
<b>Plate Minister</b>	Suzanne Johnson	Kathy Shanahan
<b>Cup Minister</b>	George Josten	Howie Ficek
	Mary Anne Gill	Marian Ficek
<b>Lector</b>	Shelley Nease	Anne Mahoney
	Cecelia Notess	Betty Heino
<b>Server</b>	Rick Nease	Gary Hembd
<b>Greeter</b>	Rose Hall & Jelita Mayville	Pat Arnone & Richard Brester

**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	23	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> .....	9:00 am
		Coffee Hour after weekend Mass .....	
		<b>SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER FOR PEACE</b> .....	6:30 pm
	25	Choir .....	7:00 pm
	26	<b>NO RELIGIOUS FORMATION</b> – spring break.....	
	27	Soup and Bread Supper .....	5:30 pm
	28	Stations of the Cross .....	7:00 pm
	30	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> .....	9:00 am
		<b>Catholic Relief Services Collection</b>	
April	1	Choir .....	7:00 pm
	3	Soup and Bread Supper .....	5:30 pm
	4	Stations of the Cross .....	7:00 pm
	10	Soup and Bread Supper .....	5:30 pm
	11	Stations of the Cross .....	7:00 pm
	12	Seminarian Bake Sale .....	After weekend Masses

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

**+++++SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE+++++**  
**PRAY FOR PEACE**  
**March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 pm**

**OUR LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES**

- Sunday Evening Prayer for Peace - March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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.**

**March 28th - Lenten Menu**

**Baked-breaded cod, pasta, Caesar salad, garlic bread, and a dessert cookie will be available to eat here or take away.**

**A suggested donation of \$15.00 per dinner.**



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**St. Matthew** - 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 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Sunday	4,211
	Ash Wednesday	5
	Total	\$4,216



### **Risen Christ-Council 8329, Food for Families**

Special thanks to everyone who supported our  
“Lenten Food Drive.”

Our Parish provided **860 pounds of food and a substantial financial donation** to the Flathead Food Bank to support the “Fighting Hunger - Feeding Hope” Program!

**~Charity, Unity, Fraternity, & Patriotism~**

### THE JOY OF HOPE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – PLEASE HELP!

Please consider your sacrificial offering to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

We are currently at 61% with 26% participation.

**Remember no gift is too small.**

You can mail your envelope to the Diocese; drop it in our collection basket; or make your donation on-line on the Diocesan website.

You may also scan the square in this bulletin.

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### EASTER EGG HUNT

Please help in providing wrapped candy, (no little boxes of candy) and plastic eggs for the egg hunt. The egg hunt will be after Mass on Easter Sunday. Please bring items to the parish office by **April 10<sup>th</sup>**.

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

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**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, Stacey Neary  
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



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## READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT \* MARCH 30, 2025

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

### PRACTICE OF FAITH

St. Paul reminds the people at Corinth, and all of us, that Christ gave us the ministry of reconciliation and that he explicitly implored Christians to be reconciled to God. The Gospel narrative of the prodigal son and forgiving father illustrates God's infinite mercy for those who seek it.

✿ Spend time prayerfully reflecting on today's Gospel. Imagine yourself in the place of the older son, the son who ran away and then returned, and the father of the family. With whom do you most identify? What does that reveal about the relationships in your life in need of repair?

✿ Name for yourself the relationship that holds you in bondage. Ask God to guide you in seeking freedom from anger, judgment, frustration, and resentment. Attend to the ways God provides opportunities to take steps toward repairing your relationships in the coming days. ✿ Catholics celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation each Lent as a part of their spiritual preparation for Easter. Plan to seek this healing gift in the coming weeks.

*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.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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 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.

### A NOTE OF THANKS

"A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who attended the St. Patrick's Day dinner. A special shout out to those who baked cakes, helped decorate, served dinner, and helped with the clean-up. The Irish singers were an added blessing!

"Many hands make light work."

*Deacon Floyd & Connie McCubbins*

### CHRISM MASS INVITATION

The Faithful of the Diocese of Helena are invited to attend Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Helena which will take place at Noon on Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

The Chrism Mass is a special celebration in the liturgical life of the Church in the Diocese of Helena. Bishop Vetter will bless the Holy Oils for use in the coming year and priests of the diocese will renew their priestly promises.

The Oil of the Sick is used in Sacrament of the Sick to bring the strengthening and healing power of Christ who is at work in the Church by the action of the Holy Spirit. The Oil of Catechumens is used at Baptism, to strengthen (with wisdom and courage to live the Gospel) and purify candidates (from original sin) before baptizing with water. The Oil of Chrism, or Sacred Chrism, is a mixture of olive oil and balsam fragrance used just after Baptism, and to seal candidates for Confirmation. It is also used to anoint the hands of priests and the heads of bishops at Ordination.

### 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.

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

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

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. **Contact:** Mike Hanson at (406) 314-7826 or [mikester55@hotmail.com](mailto:mikester55@hotmail.com).

### NUTRITIOUS MEALS HELP CHILDREN GROW HEALTHY IN GUATEMALA



In Santa Maria Chiquimula, Guatemala, over half the community is affected by malnutrition. Amid rising food prices and job loss, Ana Belen and her husband were struggling to provide for their growing family. But they saw a ray of hope through their participation in a Catholic Relief Services' program that helps them ensure their children are healthy and have the nutrition they need to thrive and play.

Visit [crsricebowl.org/week-3](http://crsricebowl.org/week-3) to read this week's Story of Hope.

# This Week on Formed

Week of March 23, 2025



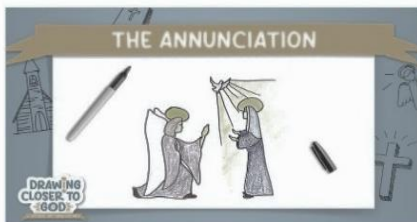
## A Bible Study on the Annunciation

In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26–38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.



## The Annunciation | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene.



## The Annunciation: Hail Mary

Join Ms. Kim as she discusses devotion to Mary and the significance of Mary's "yes." All the while, you will learn new drawing techniques as you draw the Annunciation.

To register, please go to: [www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org](http://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 23, 2025 – Third Sunday of Lent*  
*Luke 13:1-9*

One of the more familiar gospel passages goes something like this: Repent, God's reign is at hand. I grew up in a church where the notion of sin and repentance were often mentioned. Every month in the Catholic school I attended, we were all marched over to the parish church "to go to confession." I did not complain. I felt that this was a good excuse to get outside, away from the daily routine. Plus, there was always something that I had done wrong, and I was grateful to be rid of that through the sacrament of repentance.

Now, as an adult I have rethought the meaning of repentance as more than simply an act of confessing one's sins. It has a more positive meaning involving doing good in the world, helping the needy, feeding the hungry, caring for others. And if you are a caring person, you will be aware of the many opportunities to repent each day by moving in a positive way. I recall an adage from my youth: Eliminate the negative and accentuate the positive. Still a good expression.

In today's gospel Jesus uses the example of attending to a fig tree, common in the land where he lived, to help us then and now to understand more clearly this active meaning of repentance. It also can be applied to the growth of God's kingdom on Earth.

He referred to the fig tree because it was quite valuable to anyone who owned one. Not only can figs be consumed as a tasty fruit (I once enjoyed a tasty "fichi" gelato in Rome), but figs are also considered one of the earliest health foods in the world. They are especially good as a digestive supplement. Fig trees are ubiquitous in the Middle East and are now grown around the world in warmer climates.

If a fig tree fails to produce fruit, it should be cut down. It's useless. It is not fulfilling its purpose. In a similar way, if we fail to fulfil God's purposes for us on Earth, we need to repent and discard what is not "fruitful" in establishing God's ways among us. Discard what is harmful or hurtful and replace it with what is beneficial and good. For ourselves and others.

After Vatican II, like many features of our faith life, the meaning of repentance and forgiveness were enhanced by an emphasis on doing good works. It was considered insufficient to just say we are sorry, but we were to replace our sin with virtue. Become a good fig that brings health and enjoyment to all.

David M. Thomas, PhD



**Mark Your Calendars!**  
**Vacation Bible School 2025 - St. Matthew School**  
June 23rd - June 27th  
9 am till 12:00 pm

"The Marvelous Mystery of the Mass"

Watch the bulletin for registration dates.



"Loving Father, as we journey through this Lenten season, help us to grow closer to you through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. May our hearts be open to your grace and mercy, and may we be renewed in your Spirit."

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"HOW COULD I BEAR A CROWN OF GOLD WHEN THE LORD BEARS A CROWN OF THORNS AND BEARS IT FOR ME?!"

*-St. Elizabeth of Hungary*

**HIGH SCHOOL BACKPACKING CAMPS - RADIX ADVENTURES 2025**

**Radix** Adventures integrates the raw, intense, and difficult wilderness experience with the foundations of our faith in the context of a 6-day backpacking adventure. We will celebrate mass each morning and dig into our rich Catholic tradition each evening while covering 5-7 miles of wilderness trail, climbing mountains, catching cutthroat trout, and learning wilderness survival skills during the day. New to 2025, we are also taking families on a canoe Missouri River trip down the breaks.

**Info and Sign Up at the QR Code**

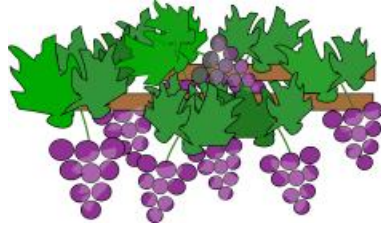
**Family Canoe Trip: July 6-9**

**Beginner Backpacking Trip: July 13-16**

**Bitterroot Backpacking #1: July 20-25**

**Bitterroot Backpacking #2: July 27-August 1**





## Experience Italy With Fellow Catholics!!!

Parishioners, Shannon and Lon Smith, are offering a trip to Italy for St. Matthew's and Risen Christ Parishes. This will be a private sightseeing excursion to Rome, Assisi, Venice and Florence. There will also be elements of a pilgrimage for those families/individuals who decide to take advantage of the opportunities provided. The trip will be offered **Spring Break (March) 2026**. The tour will be hosted by Explorica Tour Company that has been offering trips around the globe for 25 years. They provide reasonably priced travel and insurance for these types of experiences. The company also supplies a tour guide that travels with the group 24/7. Safety is Explorica's first concern when developing their travel plans.

Shannon and Lon Smith have extensive expertise as group leaders for this type of travel. They have a combined 13 years of experience and have guided over 16 trips. As group leaders we will promote travel that is focused on Catholic values and emphasize the unique Catholic encounters that can be experienced when visiting Italy.

If you are interested in this travel opportunity, please email or call. The purpose of this announcement is to gauge interest. We will have an official travel meeting in the near future. All are welcome to come along, families, students, anyone looking for adventure.

Thank you for considering traveling with us!

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