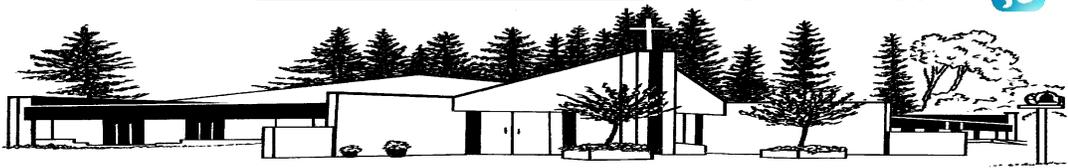


RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

65 West Evergreen Drive • Kalispell MT 59901 • 406-752-4219

E-Mail: rcparish@montanasky.us and My Parish App



Website: www.risenchristkalispell.org

Formed Catechetical Resources: www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org

Father Stanislaw Róg, Pastor/Parish Administrator

Father John Neneman, Associate Pastor

Risen Christ Parish and St. Matthew Parish

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

Deacon Charlie Harball, 406-752-6788, St. Matthew

Rose Hall, Office Manager ~ Jelita Mayville, Office Assistant

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 30, 2025

Sat., March 29, Mass for Collective April Intentions of St. Matthew & Risen Christ.. **6:30 pm**

Sunday, March 30, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew & Risen Christ..... **9:00 am**

Tuesday, April 1, Mass for the Soul of Dennis Tobiason, rb Helen Tobiason **8:45 am**

Thursday, April 3, Mass for the Souls of Harold & Jean Mayville, rb J Mayville . **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 – April 5th & April 6th

MINISTRY	Saturday 6:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Deacon Floyd	Deacon Floyd
Cup Minister	George Josten	Connie McCubbins
	Judy Hughes	Eric Barry
Lector	Dixon Rice	Pati Heath
	Suzanne Johnson	Paul Heath
Server		
Greeter	Lee & Dee Hesper	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

March	30	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00 am
		Catholic Relief Services Collection	
April	1	Choir	7:00 pm
	2	Religious Formation.....	4:00 – 5:00 pm
	3	Soup and Bread Supper	5:30 pm
	4	Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm
	8	NO DAILY MASS	
		CHRISM MASS, HELENA CATHEDRAL	12:00 noon
		KC Ladies dinner, Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que.....	5:30 pm
		Knights of Columbus meeting.....	6:00 pm
		Choir	7:00 pm
	9	Religious Formation.....	4:00 – 5:00 pm
	10	Soup and Bread Supper	5:30 pm
	11	Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY at 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. Matt's School Cafeteria - **Take Out:** Call 406-360-6446 to place an order. Allow 30 minutes for pick up.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 17

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at **Risen Christ Parish** 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 18

Celebration of the Passion of our Lord at **Risen Christ** 12:10pm

Celebration of the Passion of our Lord at **St. Matthew's Parish** 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday Morning Confessions, Risen Christ, 9:00 – 10:30 am

There will be NO afternoon Confessions

Easter Vigil Liturgy, Saturday, April 19

NO 4:30 pm Mass

Vigil Mass at St. Matthew's Parish..... 9:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 20

Mass of the Resurrection at St. Matthew's 7:00 am

Easter Music Risen Christ..... 8:30 am

Mass of the Resurrection: at Risen Christ 9:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt at Risen Christ after Mass

Mass of the Resurrection at St. Matthew's 11:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt at St. Matthew..... after 11:00 am Mas



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 22nd & 23rd, 2025	Sunday	6,027
	Building	2,605
	Total	\$8,632

OUR LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Soup and Bread Supper - Each Thursday at 5:30 pm
Stations of the Cross - Each Friday evening at 7:00 pm

THE JOY
OF HOPE

Electronic giving is secure, quick and easy



THE JOY OF HOPE
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – PLEASE HELP!

Please consider your sacrificial offering to the Annual Catholic Appeal. We are currently at **63%** 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.

JOURNEY GATHERING

March 30th @ 2 pm
St. John Paul II Church
Potluck lunch, brief reflection on Eucharist, singing & prayers. All are welcome.
For more information, call 406-471-2144.

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 10th**.



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

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**

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**

CHURCH ETIQUETTE – PRAYERFUL SILENCE

Just a reminder to please be courteous to fellow parishioners
before and after church as they are praying and meditating.

Avoid talking and visiting in the sanctuary.

You are welcome to visit in the social area.

Thank you.



READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT APRIL 6, 2025

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

PRACTICE OF HOPE

Jesus responds to the death of his beloved friend, Lazarus, with tearful grief. His sharing in sorrow with Martha and Mary shows that he knows the anguish of loss.

✿ Reach out to someone you know who is recently bereaved. Accompany them on a visit to the cemetery and listen with a loving heart to their cherished memories.

✿ Through bereavement ministries, many parishes, retreat centers, and funeral homes offer consolation to those who have lost a loved one. Learn about the resources for the grieving in your local area and how you can support this life-giving ministry.

✿ The Catholic Church offers comforting rituals for each stage in the process of dying. Throughout the *Order of Christian Funerals*, we hear that "life is changed, not ended." While our earthly bodies return to dust, our spirit remains alive in Christ. Bring these truths to prayer this week as we prepare to commemorate the suffering and passion of our Lord.

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

“Dear Father Rog. Thank you so much for your donation to CASA for Kids, Flathead County. CASA for Kids is a non-profit 501 ©(3) public charity. Every child deserves the promise of a bright future. Because of you, these children will receive an advocate. For these children, your continued support is critical.”

Matt Hall, CASA for Kids



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.

PROTECTING CROPS FROM NATURAL DISASTERS IN BANGLADESH



Shahadat's village, and much of Bangladesh, is located on flat lowlands. The intense rainy season causes flooding that often destroys farms and crops. Find out how Shahadat learned new farming skills from a Catholic Relief Services program that enabled him to increase the yield of his vegetable crops despite the challenges of climate change. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-4 to read this week's Story of Hope.

This Week on Formed

Week of March 30, 2025



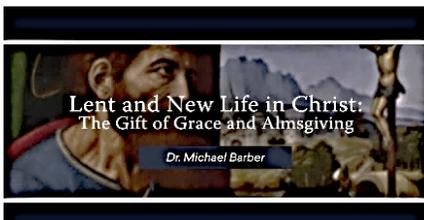
The Boy from Milan

You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.



Metanoia

In the Gospel of Mark, the first words of Jesus are an invitation to metanoia, to repent, to change, to be converted. Join Fr. Dave Pivonka in this incredible series as he preaches on conversion.



Lent and New Life in Christ

What is the importance of almsgiving? Dr. Michael Barber discusses the transformative power of almsgiving for your life.

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 30, 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Lent
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Of all the parables told by Jesus, the one we hear today is perhaps the most baffling. It is a family story that defies common sense and logic, and while it has a happy ending, it's not one that is expected. In fact, we might even object to it. Still, it contains a truth that is at the very heart of the teachings of Jesus. Two aspects of it deserve our consideration. First, God does not always act in a way that we might expect, and second, we are challenged to act in a similar way.

Most of us who value the teachings of Jesus are familiar with this story usually referred to as the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Some of us see in this parable our own lives. For instance, as a time when our love for someone moves us to forgiveness rather than judgment.

In brief, here is a summary of the parable. A father has two sons. One dutifully remains close to home, does what he is told and is faithfully responsible in fulfilling his dad's wishes. In other words, a good son. The other son walks out on his family, ignores the expectations placed on him by his father, takes his unearned portion of the inheritance he expects after the death of his father and blows it on wasteful living.

One day (likely weighed down with guilt) with empty pockets and a bowed head, he is spotted on the road that leads back to his father's home. He needs a job, any job! The father sees him from a distance, drops what he is doing and runs to greet and embrace his seemingly lost son.

Soon a "welcome home party" is arranged for that son. Those close to this family are invited to celebrate the return of the reckless and runaway son. The faithful son watches all this unfold and grows in anger minute by minute. Later in the day he confronts his father, bewildered by all this and simply asks "why." What is going on? It makes no sense.

The big heart of the dad simply focuses on the return of his son. The father appears to forgive the son's past transgressions. The older son remains angry. To him the reaction of the forgiving father makes no sense. His whole world is constructed on justice and what he sees as fairness. He might be thinking, to use an old adage, that his father has lost his marbles. The father (a stand-in for God) holds to his decision to forgive. In the midst of his joy, he might even have a second cup of wine. Can we join him in a feast like this?

David M. Thomas, PhD

Experience Italy With Fellow Catholics!!!

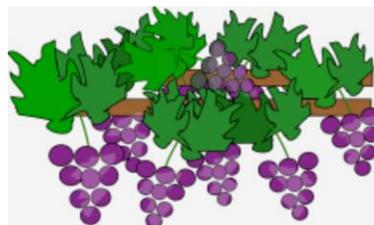
Parishioners, Shannon and Lon Smith, are offering a trip to Italy for St. Matthew's and Risen Christ Parishes. This will be a private sightseeing excursion to Rome, Assisi, Venice and Florence. There will also be elements of a pilgrimage for those families/individuals who decide to take advantage of 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!

Shannon Smith oldwildcat91@gmail.com (406)249-4833

Lon Smith lonsmith62@gmail.com (303)868-9364



MASS OF HEALING FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE & TRAUMA

On Thursday, April 10th, at 5:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. Helena, Bishop Vetter will offer a Mass of Healing for Survivors of Abuse and Trauma.

This special Mass is an opportunity for prayer, healing, and hope for all who have experienced abuse or trauma in any form, as well as for their families and loved ones. It is open to the public, and the entire community is invited to intercede for those in need of healing and peace.

Together, we will pray for all survivors, for those who work to protect children and the vulnerable, and for the Holy Spirit to guide efforts toward justice. This Mass is also a meaningful opportunity to renew our shared commitment to safeguarding the most vulnerable and fostering a culture of care, accountability, and restoration.

Following the Mass, Bishop Vetter will be available for prayers and individual blessings of those who desire it.

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS RUMPELSTILTSKIN

Questions? Reach out to Dr. Susy Peterson peterston@stmmtsaints.org

Rumpelstiltskin



**MISSOULA
CHILDREN'S
THEATRE**

Adapted by
Don Kukla

Music and Lyrics by
Michael McGill
and Don Kukla

March 31st - April 5th, 2025

Auditions and Rehearsals
Monday, March 31st -
Friday, April 4th
After School
Begins at 3:45

Performance
Saturday, April 5th, 6pm
Whitefish Performing Arts Center
(On the campus of Whitefish Middle School)
127 Spokane Ave
Whitefish, MT 59937