
RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.....May 11, 2025

Sat., May 10, Mass for Collective May Intentions of St. Matthew & Risen Christ..... **6:30 pm**

Sunday, May 11, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew & Risen Christ **9:00 am**

Tuesday, May 13, Mass..... **8:45 am**

Thurs., May 15, Mass for the Soul of Patricia Herzog, rb Stephen & Joan Herzog...**8:45 am**

Masses at St. Matthew Parish

Wednesdays 8:30 am & 12:10 pm; Fridays 8:30 am; Saturdays 4:30 pm

Sundays 7:00 am and 11:00 am

Ministry Schedule, May 17th & 18th, 2025

MINISTRY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Plate Minister	Jovita Kottraba	Neil Heino
Cup Minister	Shelley Nease	Tom Berquist
	Mary Anne Gill	Jody Schweigert
Lector	Vicki Walbruch	Anne Mahoney
	Rachel Cincis	TJ Higgins
Server	Don Zimmerman	Gary Hembd
Greeter	Jeneil Grace/Toni Gunnerson	Pat Arnone/Mary Anne Cahill

To be sure your announcement is in 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

May	11	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
		Mother's Day	
	13	KC Ladies, Casa México.....	5:30 pm
		KC's.....	6:30 pm
		Choir.....	7:30 pm
	14	Religious Formation, Last Regular class.....	4:00-5:00 pm
	17	Parish Grounds Spring cleanup with lunch.....	9:00 am – 12 noon
	18	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
		Bake Sale.....	After weekend Masses
		KC Breakfast.....	After Sunday Mass
	20	Daily Mass with Bishop Vetter.....	8:45 am
		Breakfast reception following Mass	
		Choir.....	7:30 pm
	21	Religious Formation, End of Year Family Barbeque Party..	4:30 – 6:00 pm
	22	Diocesan Pastoral Council meeting.....	1:00 pm
		Confirmation at St. Richard's.....	7:00 pm
	24	Mass with Bishop Vetter at Risen Christ, blessings of renovations	6:30 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 BREAKFAST

Join us for our “Blessed Virgin Mary” Breakfast on May 18, 2025!

**Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage Links,
Biscuits & Gravy, Fresh Fruit, Juice,
Pentecostal Cake, & Coffee**

“Help the Knights of Columbus Help Others



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### A PRAYER FOR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

The following children received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

***Denton, Easton, Fletcher, and Roman***

Please continue to lift these young people up for continued guidance.

Lord Jesus, Bless the children who came forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to You for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

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*****BAKE SALE REMINDER*****

The Bake Sale for the benefit of The Seminarian Fund will be held on the weekend of May 17th & 18th. Please sign up to bring goodies or to tend the donation table.

OUR GIFT TO GOD

We thank God for you! Your gifts throughout the year are gratefully acknowledged.

May 3rd & 4th, 2025	Sunday	7,813
	Easter	50
	Mass Int.	190
	Building	530
	Total	\$8,583

Spring Cleanup



Risen Christ Parish

Please join us for *spring cleanup*! Sat., May 17th, starting at 9:00 AM.

This is a Parish outdoor family event.

Please bring gloves, rakes, brooms, leaf blowers, and wheelbarrows.

The Knights of Columbus will serve lunch for all participants.

Many Hands Make Light Work!



Friday, May 16th, 2025

5 pm-7:30 pm, Location TBA

Barbeque with Bishop Vetter

Bring your own Spirits(s) and Smokes.

For more information contact:

Kevin Donahue at

Huskerfans6@live.com

BACCALAUREATE MASS FOR THE CLASS OF 2025

With Bishop Anthony Vetter

Tuesday, May 20th at 7:00pm

St. Matthew Catholic Church

Please call or text Niki MacLean if you have any questions.

970-710-9630



COLLECTIVE MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2025

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FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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Deacon Floyd McCubbins
Karel & David & Terry Barrett, rb Ken Barrett
Carol Trimble, rb Bruce Trimble
Shelly Christiaens, rb Judy Stack
Tim Slobogan, rb Diane Slobogan
Pat & Les Herzog, rb Stephen & Joan Herzog
Kathleen Ott, rb Janet Rodeghiero
Mary Grace Galvin, rb Jim Galvin
Roger Gilles, rb Risen Christ Parish

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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

RISEN CHRIST MASS REQUESTS
FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Ron Bauer, Myron Boyle, 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, Jake Smith, John Cooney
Carson Gorton, Riley Helgoe, Matt Keck, Kaleb Mitchell
Anthony Olmes, Brett Rotz, James Semling, Jamie Severson

MAGNIFICAT

2025/2026 Renewals & New Subscriptions - READ PRAY LEARN

Currently at \$49 per year, parish members can receive a subscription for \$35. How does it work? Every month, books are mailed at bulk-rate to St. Matthew's Parish Office where it will be available for you to pick up - usually the third or fourth week of the month.

Anyone wishing a New or Renewal subscription to the Magnificat for the upcoming year (July 2025 to August 2026) put \$35 cash or check (made out to St. Matthew's Parish) in an envelope marked Magnificat and bring it into the parish office before the deadline. Any questions - please contact Pat Murphy at 406-885-2383. **The *Deadline for payment is Fri., May 23, 2025.**

READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 18, 2025

Acts 14:21-27

Revelation 21:1-5a

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

PRACTICE OF HOPE

In the last discourse in John's Gospel, Jesus speaks to an intimate group in the most intimate of terms. There is an urgency to his address. The commandment he gives is new because the love he is speaking about is new, all-consuming, and sacrificial. For his followers to understand this love, Jesus demonstrates it on the cross. Without the crucifixion, they will never grasp what Jesus is asking of them. Christians today have had millennia to comprehend this kind of love; after all, our central symbol is the crucifix.

✿ Read excerpts from Pope Francis' homily about the death of Jesus on the cross, available here: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2023/documents/20230402-omelia-palme.html>.

✿ In this resurrection season, pray before the crucifix, thanking God for the hope we have been given through the action of his Son.

✿ If there is not a crucifix in your home, purchase one at a religious goods store and display it. If you have children, teach them why Christians honor the crucifix.

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 **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.

FORMED ***FORMING CATHOLICS FOR LIFE***

This Week on Formed

Week of May 11, 2025



The Day the Sun Danced: The True Story of Fatima

In 1917, three children in Fatima, Portugal, saw the Blessed Mother, shared her message, and witnessed the miracle of the sun dancing in the sky. Their faith inspired the world. Experience this miracle in this great film the entire family will enjoy.



The 13th Day

In a world torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, The 13th Day dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady, which culminated in the final prophesied miracle on October 13.



Our Lady of Fatima | Brother Francis and Friends

Brother Francis and Sister Imelda tell the story of the three shepherd children from Fatima who saw visions of Mary, later to be known as Our Lady of Fatima. Learn about the courage and faith these children exhibited and how they were rewarded with an amazing miracle!

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

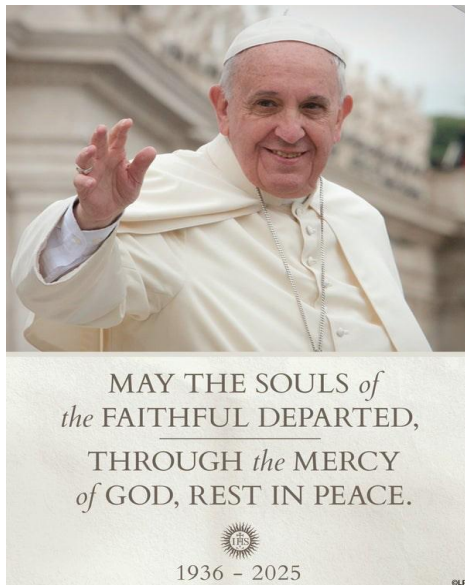
MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A SPOUSE – MAY 21ST

If you or someone you love has experienced the loss of a spouse, you are warmly invited to a Mass of Remembrance with Bishop Vetter on **Wednesday, May 21** at 12:15 PM at St. Charles Borromeo in Whitefish.

A luncheon will follow, and Bishop will remain afterward to pray personally with anyone who desires. All are welcome to come, pray, and be supported in community.

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Lord, grant us the grace to live with the love and compassion of St. Francis, who loved you and our neighbors so deeply. Through his intercession, may we find peace and joy in following your path. Amen.



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FOOTPRINTS OF GOD

St. John Paul II will be showing Catholic Apologist Steve Ray's *Footprints of God* DVDs over the next five Thursdays at 10:35 in Brady Hall (downstairs):

May 15 – Jesus ~ **May 22** – Mary ~ **May 29** - Peter

June 5 – Paul ~ **June 12** - early Church Fathers

Point of contact: mikester55@hotmail.com

VALLEY VOICES - CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF MUSIC!

The Valley Voices Community Choir Spring concert will be held

Saturday, May 17th at 7 pm and

Sunday, May 18th at 3:00 pm.

The location is at the **Flathead High School Auditorium.**

Join us in welcoming the springtime! Free admission.



The Nazareth Page
A Gospel meditation for your home
May 11, 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Easter
John 10:27-30

Today is called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” The gospel today is quite brief, but its meaning is huge. Jesus likens himself to a good shepherd who enjoys a close and caring relationship to his sheep. That includes us!

Sheep can feel the care and protection of their shepherd simply by his presence near them. Close relationships create feelings of safety and security. Such is also the way we are invited to think of God, the One who created us, sustains us, and is with us always.

As I write about today’s gospel, like so many around the world I have in mind the recent death of Pope Francis. In the many interviews that accompanied his passing, we hear repeatedly how he touched so many with authentic gestures of love and concern. He wanted to be close to his flock. He too was a good shepherd, and we have been blessed by his presence and leadership of the church.

I was especially impressed with his continuous concern for all, but especially those who were living in dangerous straits. Like immigrants seeking safety from all kinds of threats, the poor and starving and those caught in the middle of wars. He welcomed those who felt alone and forgotten.

There was nothing artificial or inauthentic about the way Pope Francis related to others. His smile was clearly honest and not just as we say, “for the cameras.” He was clearly a good shepherd, perhaps one of the best. (Although he would likely admit to discomfort over such a claim.)

And he shows all of us better ways to live our lives – to the end. Imagine, on the day before he died, he wanted to be with his “flock.” He went out to greet those who had gathered at the Vatican to bless them and perhaps (who knows what he was really thinking) bid them a temporary farewell. See you all later, perhaps he thought. He was joyful to the end, not asking for special favors or acclaim.

He wanted to be with those gathered around St. Peter’s. One last time, perhaps thinking this final public appearance was a prelude to his moving to what we call “the communion of saints.” And when he arrived there with God, he likely said don’t call me pope anymore. I am simply one of you. A brother. A companion, A friend. ~David M. Thomas, PhD