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# **RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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



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Father Stanislaw Róg, Pastor/Parish Administrator

Father John Neneman, Associate Pastor

Risen Christ Parish and St. Matthew Parish

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

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.....May 18, 2025**

**Sat., May 17**, Mass for Collective May Intentions of St. Matthew & Risen Christ..... **6:30 pm**

**Sunday, May 18**, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew & Risen Christ ..... **9:00 am**

**Tuesday, May 20**, Mass for the Soul of Floyd McCubbins, rb J. Mario/L. Uggetti **8:45 am**

**Thurs., May 22**, Mass for the Soul of Kathleen Ott, rb James Ott.....**8:45 am**

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## ***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

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## **Ministry Schedule, May 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
<b>Plate Minister</b>	Judy Hughes	Pati Heath
<b>Cup Minister</b>	George Josten	Paul Heath
	Shelley Nease	Connie McCubbins
<b>Lector</b>	Dixon Rice	Cecelia Notess
	Suzanne Johnson	Betty Heino
<b>Server</b>	Don Zimmerman	Gary Hembd
<b>Greeter</b>	Rose Hall & Colleen Hutchens	Dan & Tammy Newton

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	18	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
		Bake Sale.....After weekend Masses
		KC Breakfast.....After Sunday Mass
	20	Daily Mass w/Bishop Vetter, breakfast reception following Mass....8:45 am
		Choir.....7:30 pm
	21	Religious Form. End of Year Family BBQ party, families welcome 4– 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
	25	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
	25-30	Priest Retreat
	26	Memorial Day – Parish Office Closed
	27/29	NO MASS

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

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### **BACCALAUREATE MASS FOR THE CLASS OF 2025**

With Bishop Anthony Vetter

**Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** - St. Matthew Catholic Church

Please call or text Niki MacLean if you have any questions. (970)710-9630

### **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.

### **PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING – WE NEED YOU!**

**It's easy! We will train you!** There are many categories to choose from. Some examples include Music, Art & Environment, Administrative, Hospitality, Prayer and many more! Contact the office for more details and sign up today! 406-752-4219

*"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless,  
but because they're priceless." -Sherry Anderson.*

WE  OUR  
volunteers



### OUR GIFT TO GOD

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

May 10th & 11th, 2025	Sunday	6,212
	Building	<u>5</u>
	Total	\$6,217

### 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](mailto:mikester55@hotmail.com)

### *OUR FAMILIES NEED OUR PRAYERS!*

Family Rosary across America

Join us every night at 6 pm on **107.1 Saint Gabriel Radio**.

Tune in on



relevantradio.com, on the free Relevant Radio app, or any station nationwide!

### MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER FOR THE FALLEN ONE

Gracious God, on this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace.

In union with the people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe. We ask this through Your name. Amen.

~Author

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

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**FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Deacon Floyd McCubbins  
Karel & David & Terry Barrett, rb Ken Barrett  
Carol Trimble, rb Bruce Trimble  
Shelly Christiaens, rb Judy Stack  
Tim Slobojan, rb Diane Slobojan  
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**

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**

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

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**DUTY OF DELIGHT!**

*How necessary it is to cultivate a spirit of joy. To act lovingly is to begin to feel loving, and certainly to act joyfully brings joy to others, which in turn makes one feel joyful.*

*I believe we are called to the duty of delight. ~Dorothy Day*

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**READINGS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 25, 2025**

**Acts 15:1-2, 22-29**

**Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23**

**John 14:23-29**

**PRACTICE OF HOPE**

Promises, promises – the final words of Jesus are to repeat again the promises he has made us. Perhaps his understanding of our all-too-human nature leads him to think we might need many reminders. But then he gives us a final gift of hope: the Paraclete. It is through the Holy Spirit that the redemptive work of the paschal mystery is open for our participation. The work of the Holy Spirit is why we may hope, without fear or trouble, in God's promise for us.

✿ Read scriptural accounts of hope. (Paul speaks of hope many times, as do the psalms.)

✿ Pray the "Come, Holy Spirit" prayer (<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-holy-spirit>), and ask the Spirit to renew the face of the earth by restoring hope to the hopeless.

✿ Hope in a time of tribulation is a hallmark of Christian faith: Donate time or money to an organization that supports those who hope for freedom, healing, or justice against great odds.

*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 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!***



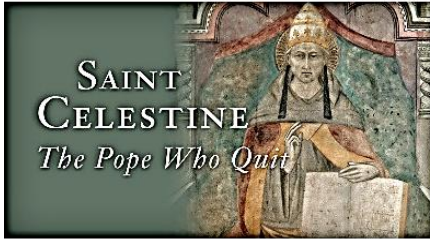
**RISEN CHRIST PRAYER LINE**

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.

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# This Week on Formed

Week of May 18, 2025



## Saint Celestine: The Pope Who Quit

This docu-drama investigates the secrecy of this dramatic time in history and reveals a story that involves deadly dealings, apocalyptic maneuverings, and papal intrigue. It uncovers the riveting and mysterious story of Pope St. Celestine V, the pope who retired from the papacy after a very short reign. At the close of the tumultuous Middle Ages, this future monk and pope seemed destined from birth to save the world.



## Saint Rita

St. Rita of Cascia is immortalized in this wonderful, deeply moving film. This story is about the brave woman who married her knight, helped him overcome his dark past and convert to faith, happily bore him two children, and later endures immense pain as she loses everything in her life. Her story and love for Christ will inspire you to great holiness!



## The Pope | What Catholics Believe

Join Dr. Christopher Mooney, assistant professor of theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, as he answers some of the internet's most popular questions about the pope and the papacy.

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*  
*May 18, 2025 – Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
*John 13:31-35*

John's gospel begins with the profound statement: "The word became flesh." That means that in the person of Jesus the reality of God is present in human form. To see and know Jesus is to see and know God. Jesus reveals what God is like to those he lived with and those who came to know him later.

It was this idea that gave birth to the gospels. These inspired accounts of the life of Jesus are not created to provide later generations simply with historical information about a person who lived long ago. Rather, they are written to provide an example (a very important example) of how to best live on earth as God intends.

To live a true Christian life involves discerning God's will for us through learning how Jesus lived, especially how he related to other humans during the actual events of his life. The gospels are filled not only with his words, but also with examples of how he dealt with those he met each day. For instance, we might recall the ways he related to those close to him, his friends and his immediate followers. Or with the strangers he encountered. With the rich and the poor, Jews and non-Jews he was always the same. He respected all and met their needs when appropriate.

Jesus did not create a new set of Ten Commandments. He did not author a new list of guidelines for us to enact. In fact, he left us few details about what we should do. Rather, as today's gospel notes, he gave himself as *a living example* of what God expects of us. All of what he did embodied deep and abiding love and concern. He lived the kind of life God challenges all of us to live.

It was his whole life and his deep love of others that stands as his moral code. Love one another as I have loved you are words in today's gospel. Perhaps some of the most important words in all the gospels. And the most challenging.

So how did Jesus love? Put simply, he loved everyone and did all he could to help everyone in need. He was especially generous with those he met who were suffering or confused or persecuted or needy. It seemed that his love was without boundaries or limits. And this bothered some. For instance, recall the accusation that he ate with and befriended those labelled as sinners and outcasts. But he was not limited by what others thought. His only concern was that he could help. He gave his life for all, right to the end.

David M. Thomas, PhD



## The Roman Catholic Diocese of Helena

Contact: Dan Bartleson, Dir. of Communications

May 8, 2025

### **Pope Leo XIV Elected as the 267th Pope**

Giving thanks to Almighty God, Bishop Vetter, and the Diocese of Helena, joins the

faithful around the world in joy and excitement at the selection of Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost as the 266th Successor of Peter, Pope Leo XIV, by the 133 Cardinal electors on Thursday, May 8.

Called forth by the Lord as the Universal Shepherd to the whole People of God, we support him with our prayers and fidelity, entrusting ourselves to his leadership and guidance.

This is also a historic day for U. S. Catholics, who celebrate the first American Pope in the Church's history, giving the faithful of the United States a deeper connection to the heart of the global Church in a new and profound way.

Bishop Vetter was blessed to spend some time most recently with then Cardinal Prevost in September 2023 when Cardinal Prevost was the Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, and Bishop Vetter was attending the Formation for New Bishops' Program, "Baby Bishop School," for two weeks.

We are grateful to God for the gift of Pope Leo XIV and pray together for the new Holy Father as he begins his ministry to guide the Church towards the love and hope of Christ Jesus.

### **Biography of Pope Leo XIV**

Pope Leo was born Robert Francis Prevost on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois. He holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Villanova University in Pennsylvania and joined the Augustinian order in 1977, making his solemn vows in 1981. He holds a degree in theology from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and a doctorate from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

He joined the Augustinian mission in Peru in 1985 and largely worked in the country until 1999 when he was elected head of the Augustinians' Chicago-based province.

From 2001 to 2013, he served as prior general of the worldwide order in Rome. In 2014, Pope Francis named him bishop of Chiclayo, in northern Peru. He was then named as the apostolic administrator of Callao, Peru from April 2020 to May 2021.

On January 30, 2023, Pope Francis appointed him as prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and president of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America and proclaimed him a Cardinal later that year on September 30, 2023.



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC  
**Diocese of Helena**





## Bishop Vetter's 2025 Kalispell Deanery Visit (May 16-25)

Sunday, May 18

10:00 am – **Mass** at St. Richard, Columbia Falls

12:00 pm – **Mass** at St. Charles, Whitefish

(4:00 pm – **Confirmation Mass** at Christ the King, Missoula)

Monday, May 19

12:00 pm – **Mass** at St. William, Thompson Falls, followed by lunch reception

3:00 pm – **Mass** at Noxon Mission, Noxon, followed by reception

Tuesday, May 20

8:45 am – **Mass** at Risen Christ, Kalispell, followed by breakfast reception

7:00 pm – **Baccalaureate Mass** for High School Seniors at St. Matthew, Kalispell

Wednesday, May 21

9:00 am – **Mass** at St. John Paul II, Bigfork, followed by breakfast reception

12:15 pm – **Mass of Remembrance for Those who have Lost a Spouse** at St. Charles, Whitefish, followed by lunch reception

Thursday, May 22

1:00 pm – Diocesan Pastoral Council meeting at Risen Christ, Kalispell

7:00 pm – **Confirmation Mass** at St. Richard, Columbia Falls

Friday, May 23

10:00 am – **Mass of Jubilee** at St. Joseph, Libby, followed by lunch reception

Saturday, May 24

11:00 am – Rectory blessing and lunch reception at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Eureka

4:30 pm – **Sunday Vigil Mass** at St. John Paul II, Bigfork

6:30 pm – **Sunday Vigil Mass** at Risen Christ, Kalispell

Sunday, May 25

9:00 am – **Sunday Mass** at Sacred Heart, Ronan

## ST. JOAN OF ARC

May 30 is the traditional feast day for St. Joan of Arc and marks a time to celebrate the successes and graces of the year just past, to commit our struggles to the tender love and mercy of our God, and to invoke blessing on the summer ahead and year to come. Joan of Arc is the patron saint of France, soldiers, prisoners, people ridiculed for their piety, rape victims, and women in the military. She is also revered as a protector of the French nation and is often associated with courage and faith.

To the end, she continued to claim that the voices she had heard all her life were divine in nature. She called on her three favorite saints for help as she burned. Right before she lost consciousness, she yelled out: "Jesus!"

Joan of Arc's heart did survive the fire at the stake, although her body was burned multiple times. Her heart was initially found intact, and it was even considered a miracle in the 15th century. The executioner, after burning her body twice, was ordered to throw the remaining ashes and debris into the Seine River to prevent her from being worshipped.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

- **Intact Heart:** Despite being burned at the stake, Joan of Arc's heart remained intact.
- **Multiple Burnings:** Her body was burned multiple times to ensure complete destruction, but the heart persisted.
- **Discarded Ashes:** The ashes and remaining debris, including the heart, were eventually cast into the Seine River to prevent veneration of her relics.
- **Canonization:** Joan of Arc was canonized by the Catholic Church in 1920.
- **Patronage:** She is the patron saint of France, soldiers, and captives.
- **Significance:** Her feast day is a time for reflection on her life, her faith, and her legacy as a leader and a symbol of hope.

