



RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Website: www.risenchristkalispell.org

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Risen Christ Parish and St. Matthew Parish

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

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.....May 25, 2025

Sat., May 24, Mass for Collective May Intentions of St. Matthew & Risen Christ..... **6:30 pm**

Sunday, May 25, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew & Risen Christ **9:00 am**

Tuesday, May 27.....**NO MASS**

Thursday, May 29.....**NO MASS**

****NO weekday Masses at St. Matthew or Risen Christ - May 26th~30th.**

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 31st & June 1st, 2025

MINISTRY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Plate Minister	Suzanne Johnson	Tom Berquist
Cup Minister	Mary Anne Gill	Marian Ficek
	Jovita Kottraba	Jody Schweigert
Lector	Dixon Rice	Jack Fallon
		TJ Higgins
Server	Don Zimmerman	Gary Hembd
Greeter	Mary Jacobs & Laurie Brandon	Fresa Tobiason~Mary Ann 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	25	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
	26-30	Priest Retreat	
	26	Memorial Day – Parish Office Closed	
	27	Choir.....	7:30 pm
	27/29	NO MASS, Annual Priest Retreat	
June	1	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	
	3	Choir.....	7:30 pm
	8	PENTECOST SUNDAY	
	10	Knights of Columbus Ladies dinner, Water's Edge Winery	5:30 pm
		Knights of Columbus	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.

SEMINARIAN BAKE SALE UPDATE

The proceeds from our recent Seminarian Bake Sale were \$220.00.
Mark your calendars for the next sale coming soon on June 14th & 15th.

As always, there is a sign up sheet in the social area, please help if you can!

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING – WE NEED YOU!

It's easy! We will train you!

There are many categories to choose from. Some examples include Eucharistic Minister, Art & Environment, Administrative, Greeter, Prayer and many more!
Contact the office for more details and sign up today! 406-752-4219

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth"



**O my God, my only love,
guide me in following your will.
For it is in you I find my hope.**

REMEMBERING DEACON FLOYD MCCUBBINS

"Thank you for your presence, comforting words, and acts of kindness through this difficult time. Thank you for the stories and memories you shared. They

highlighted what a special person Floyd was.

Words cannot express our appreciation for each of you"

Connie, Patrick and Bryan McCubbins



OUR GIFT TO GOD

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

May 17th & 18th, 2025	Sunday	\$7,646
	Total	\$7,646

PARISH GROUNDS CLEAN-UP THANK YOU

With the only sunny day last week, our Saturday, Parish Grounds Clean-Up was a great success thanks to the many folks who came out to help. Job Well Done!

We thank the many who came to bless our church
with the gift of their time and hard work.

The church grounds look great! We appreciate you!

Legendary Lodge Scholarship Opportunity



The Risen Christ Knights of Columbus, Council 8329 is offering two \$250.00 scholarships to help defray the registration costs to Legendary Lodge for any student that is a member of Risen Christ Catholic Church. If you have already registered, you may also receive a scholarship by

notifying the Parish Office.

<https://legendarylodge.org/>



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ST. MATTHEW'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

COMING SOON! June 23rd – 27th

Watch your bulletins for more information in the upcoming weeks.



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

A SHORT PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

"Almighty God, we pause today to honor those who have given their lives for our freedom. May their memory be a blessing, and may we strive to live a life worthy of their sacrifice. Bless their families and grant them peace. Amen."



READINGS FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ JUNE 1, 2025

Acts 7:55-60

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 John 17:20-26

PRACTICE OF CHARITY

The Gospel this Sunday is all about relationship. As Jesus is one with God, so we must be one with God and with one another. This relationship – with God and each other – is the Church, which exists not for its own sake, but for the sake of the world. Jesus spent his life on behalf of the world; Christians express this self-giving love in acts of charity, the heart of which is relationship: “I in them and you in me.”

✿ On the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website (usccb.org), read the resources “Two Feet of Love in Action” (<https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/two-feet-of-love-in-action>).

✿ In prayer, ask God to show you where you can form relationships that heal and serve.

✿ Consider starting a “Two Feet of Love” program in your parish, using the resources on the website. Closer to home, examine your personal relationships to discover ways you may be more charitable.

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.

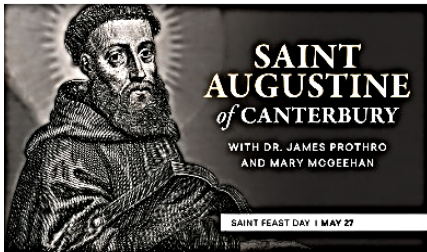
This Week on Formed

Week of May 25, 2025



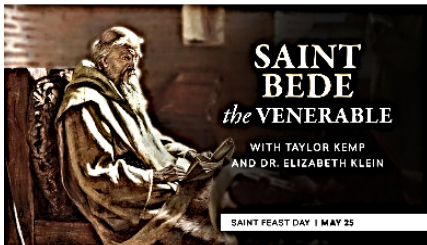
Saint Philip Neri: I Prefer Heaven

This captivating film highlights St. Philip Neri's great love for youth, his warm sense of humor, contagious joy, deep mystical spirituality, and his amazing gift for miracles. Watch this film to learn more about the famous Apostle of Rome.



St. Augustine of Canterbury | Catholic Saints

St. Augustine of Canterbury is often called the "Apostle to the English". A great missionary, St. Augustine was pivotal in converting the Anglo-Saxons to the Catholic faith. Join Dr. James Prothro and Mary McGeehan as they discuss this great saint and his witness to Jesus Christ.



St. Bede the Venerable | Catholic Saints

Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Taylor Kemp sit down to discuss the holy life and witness of St. Bede the Venerable.

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
May 25, 2025 – Sixth Sunday of Easter
John 14:23-29

A few years back, an imaginative English cartoonist created a figure known to many as “Waldo.” (He was also known as “Wally” in some renditions.) Waldo was first introduced in illustrated children’s books in the 1980s and later made it into a television program and finally into one of today’s most enjoyed pastimes, video games. Waldo wore a red striped shirt which should have made him stand out when he was made part of a scene. But that’s not how he was depicted. His creator would fill the scene with countless complex elements that may have looked like Waldo, or were interesting in their own right, but weren’t Waldo. That’s because Waldo was carefully hidden in a complex array of foregrounds and backgrounds. But the question was always put to the observer: Where’s Waldo?

The appeal to those on the hunt for Waldo was the creativity involved in hiding him. One might assume that given his funny face and outlandish outfit that he would be immediately found. But that didn’t happen. Once found, however, searchers would berate themselves for taking so long to find Waldo.

One of the leading scientific research projects of today is the search for what’s called dark matter and dark energy. Most scientists have good reasons for believing that most of creation itself is made of up these two entities. But for now, they remain elusive and “unseen.”

This leads us to today’s gospel that recalls the followers of Jesus wondering about God’s presence with them. Jesus had departed. He told them that God’s Spirit would come to them. So, the manner of God’s presence would change. But does this imply God’s absence? It does not.

In fact, God has always been present to creation. God’s presence encompasses the entire universe. But God is even more unseen and imperceivable than Waldo. God cannot be seen with our eyes because we can only directly perceive what is part of the universe. At the beginning of the Creed, we claim to believe that we believe in God, Creator of heaven and earth. By this we mean all that is created. But to be created is also to be sustained in existence. A creator is needed. Both at the very beginning and in its continuance. This is sometimes called “continuing creation.” God is knowable through God’s gift of our searching intelligence and God’s gift of faith. In that sense, we can come to know that we are never alone. Never apart from God’s loving presence.

David M. Thomas, PhD

PRAYER MEDIATION FOR THE ASCENSION

O Lord, Jesus, I adore you, Son of Mary, my Savior and my brother, for You are God.

I follow You in my thoughts, O first-fruits of our race, as I hope one day by Your grace to follow You in my person into heavenly glory. Until then, do not let me neglect the earthly task which You have given me. Let me labor diligently all my life with a greater appreciation for the present. Let me realize that only by accomplishing true human fulfillment can I attain Divine fulfillment and ascend to You at the completion of my work.



HAVE YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO GO TO ITALY? – HERE’S YOUR CHANCE!

Parishioners Shannon and Lon Smith are offering a trip to Italy for the St. Matthew’s and Risen Christ Parishes (other parishes may join if space allows). This will be a private sightseeing excursion to Rome, Assisi, Venice and Florence. 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.

Thank you for considering traveling with us!

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

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

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