

RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH





Website: <u>www.risenchristkalispell.org</u>

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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

Ministry Schedule, July 19th & July 20th, 2025

| MINISTRY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Plate Minister | Suzanne Johnson | Eric Barry |
| Cup Minister | Shelly Nease | Paul Heath |
| | Kimberly Santiago | Pati Heath |
| Lector | Rachel Cincis | Cecelia Notess |
| | Eric Morgan | Betty Heino |
| Server | Don Zimmerman | |
| Greeter | Lee & Dee Heser | Fresa Tobiason- <i>Greeter needed</i> |

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

| July | 13 | FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | |
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| • | | BAKE SALE | After weekend Masses |
| | 20 | SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | |
| | 25 | K of C 4th Degree | 12noon – 3p.m. |

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

PARISH MISSION TALK - JOHN BACON, FOCUS PARISH MISSIONARY

Please join John Bacon, at 6:00 pm Wednesday evening, July 16th in the Doran Center, located in the basement of St. Matthews. John will present on the mission of one of the Catholic Church's most fruitful and largest apostolates, Focus, and the exciting partnership that they have established with the Diocese of Helena to fulfill the mandate of the New Evangelization. John will be in town to answer questions about what role his family has to play in this exciting mission and how the faithful in Montana can partner with Focus.

If you have questions about this event or would like to meet with John outside of this meeting, please email him at john.bacon@focus.org.

INVITATION FROM SAINT IGNATIUS & THE MISSOULA JOURNEY SECRETARIAT

The Missoula Catholic Journey Experience Secretariat invites all Cursillistas and Journeyers to St. Ignatius Mission on July 14th at 6:00pm for Mass and a BBQ.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

St. Ignatius Mission is a Jubilee Indulgence Holy Site in Montana, and this is a wonderful opportunity to participate in a Mass at this beautiful historical site. **Lance & Lynesse Voegele** will be leaders for the upcoming Journey weekends in January. Please RSVP to lynesse.voegele@gmail.com. Thank you!

ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR!

Secure your child's spot at the fastest-growing school in the valley, where faith, integrity, and knowledge are at the heart of everything we do.

Rooted in Catholic teachings, we provide a nurturing environment



that fosters academic excellence and strong moral values.

✓ Spaces are limited- enroll today! Scan the QR code to learn more about us and apply.



Visit stmattsaints.org or call 406-752-6303.

OUR GIFT TO GOD

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

July 5th & July 6th, 2025

Sunday \$8,379 Building 780 Mass gifts 190

Total \$9,349

Risen Christ Catholic Church Finance Corner ~ Risen Christ Fiscal Year Budget

| FY 2024 - FY 2025 | Proposed FY 2025/FY 2026 | Risen Christ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| - | | Reserves |
| Total Income: \$344,850 | Total Income: \$349,000 | Managed Investment |
| | | Accts |
| Total Expenses:\$288,521* | Total Expenses: \$282,950* | Savings Accounts |
| Net Income: \$56,329** | Net Income: \$66,050** | |

^{*}Total expenses do not include major infrastructure projects (like bathroom remodels, tile & carpet work, furnace replacement, roof, etc.), which are paid for by our Reserves

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, and Rose Hall, 406-885-0544.

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.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Finance Council members are
Julie Berquist,
Rosemary Brockman,
Christopher Gill,
John Gunnerson, Rose Hall,
Wally Walbruch, Ken Barrett.

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.

NORTHWEST MONTANA FAIR AUGUST 12-17

It's time to start thinking about working a shift in St. Matthew's Fair Booth! The sign-up board is ready. It will be at the back of the church (St. Matthews) on weekends and in the Parish Office on weekdays. If you are a school parent, the hours worked will go toward school volunteer hours!

^{**} Balances remaining or received from the Diocese are transferred to our Reserves.

COLLECTIVE MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2025

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FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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Diane Hembd, requested by Risen Christ Parish
Jason Falcon, rb Denny & Bev Falcon
Karel & David & Terry Barrett, rb Ken Barrett
Carol Trimble, rb Bruce Trimble
Tim Slobojan, rb Diane Slobojan
Kathleen Ott, rb Janet Rodeghiero
Matthew Moholt, rb Jackie Jensen
Jim Jensen, rb Jackie Jensen
Cathy Tracy, rb Hutchens Family

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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

RISEN CHRIST MASS REQUESTS FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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Myron Boyle, Peg Gebhardt, Greg Grace Mike Hanson, Eileen Kluesner, Maureen Neitzling, Amy Neitzling Mike & Linda O'Neil, Mary Reckin, Joe Riska Bob Vine, Larry Visocan

FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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Carter Anderson, Deacon Dillon Armstrong, Shae Bills John Cooney, Carson Gorton, Riley Helgoe, Matt Keck, Kaleb Mitchell Anthony Olmes, Brett Rotz, James Semling Jamie Severson, Jake Smith

JULY ~ MONTH OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with a lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and grace of a holy death. Amen.

Source:excerpt from Catholic Online ~ Catholic.org

READINGS FOR SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 20, 2025

Genesis 18:1-10a

Colossians 1:24-28

Luke 10:38-42

PRACTICE OF FAITH

When confronted with the living God, Abraham and his daughter in faith, Mary, react in the same way, with a response that is itself living, flexible, and openhearted. In the Gospel, Jesus is explicit in saying that this is what he needs from his disciples, not busyness over good works or anxiety about externals. The supposed rebuke of Martha can be a difficult passage, but ultimately it speaks to the fact that relationship with God is an intimacy that goes beyond formalities.

Find and read the poem "Let Your God Love you," by Edwina Gately. Pray that you are not too distracted by externals to be able to recognize and welcome God. **See below**.

*Consider whether being a minister of care is a calling for you. If so, ask your parish for training so that you may bring Communion to shut-ins and the sick.

Sit with an older member of the parish and listen to their faith story.

At Home with the Word 2025

LET YOUR GOD LOVE YOU ~ Edwina Gately

Be silent.

Be still.

Alone.

Empty.

Before your God.

Say nothing.

Ask nothing.

Be silent.

Be still.

Let your God look upon you.

That is all.

God knows.

God understands.

God loves you.

With an enormous love,

And only wants

To look upon you

With that love.

Quiet.

Still.

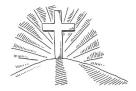
Be.

Let your God – Love you.

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

The Sign of the Cross is a sacramental if we make it with the right hand by touching the forehead showing our belief in the Cross, the breast showing our love of the Cross, and the shoulders showing our readiness to bear the Cross.

Sometimes a triple Cross is made with the thumb for example at the reading of the Gospel It is made on the forehead, on the lips, and on the heart to ask God to enlighten our mind, be on our lips and in our heart.



This Week on Formed

Week of July 13, 2025



St. Kateri Tekakwitha | God's Princesses

Follow along with Sister Imelda as she tells of the inspiring journey of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, a young Mohawk girl who comes to know the Gospel with the help of pioneering priests. Choosing to follow Jesus, Kateri is faced with great challenges as she does her best to bring God's love to her own people! A fun and inspiring example of not giving up!



St. Bonaventure | Catholic Saints

A Franciscan cardinal-bishop and contemporary of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Bonaventure is an excellent example of saintly humility. Known as the "Seraphic Doctor," St. Bonaventure loved God above all else. Join Dr. Chris Mooney and Mary McGeehan as they explore the life of this great saint.

Carmelite Spirituality

On July 16, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Learn more about Carmelite Spirituality and how you can live it in this incredible series on Formed.

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 ones 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 July 13, 2025 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 10:25-37

Who needs help and what can I do to help? These are questions we all face at times. It may be a family member who is facing rough times. It may be a neighbor who is struggling with one thing or another. It might even be ourselves. Today's gospel is well known, sometimes followed, sometimes ignored. It is also a gospel most all know. It occasionally seeps into ordinary conversation. We only have to hear the words, "the good Samaritan" and we know what's being noted.

A few comments about its meaning. It begins with an incident that would be well known to those who first heard it from Jesus. Travelers in those days were often set upon by robbers. Cities and towns and villages were well fortified and protected. The paths between them were not. So, anyone traveling in that open land were literally putting their lives in harm's way. So, no surprise that if Jesus wanted to illustrate danger and challenge and need, begin by saying, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho." All his listeners knew what was next. But they might also be surprised, too.

Two religious figures, a priest, and a Levite (both would have been employed by the Temple) turned the other way, ignoring the man in obvious need. Then a Samaritan came along, immediately stopped to help the man who was described as "half dead" by offering first aid and took the man to a safe hostel and (using an example from today) gave the innkeeper his credit card with directions to charge to him everything the injured man might need. An added point, the Samaritans back then might likely be judged by some Jews as unholy because they did not worship at the temple in Jerusalem.

Some things I take from this parable of Jesus. First, genuine holiness is not limited to religious acts, but must also include acts of kindness, assistance, and care for all others. They qualify for help simply by their need, not by their identity. Second, our response (or lack thereof) is directly related to our participation in eternal life. Helping others is not just a human concern. It's God's concern as well. Finally, there is no limit to the extent of what God expects of us. It's not 10% or 50%, or any limited amount because it is unlimited, unconditional, not determined by our needs to give, but only by the other's need at that moment.

The parable of the Good Samaritan always makes me feel uneasy. And challenged.

David M. Thomas, PhD

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✓ Risen Christ gets points to use towards purchases for recycling at Staples! Just take in your old phone chargers, used ink cartridges, old cell phones and a lot more. Tell them you would like to recycle and give them our phone number 406-752-4219. Easy!

✓ If you have a rewards account at Smiths, you can sign up to designate a donation to your favorite school (St. Matthew's). Go to Smith's website under my account, then "inspiring donations" and designate your school.

✓We are looking for someone to water plants and tend to the flowers on a weekly basis.

✓ Do you like to clean? We would like someone to clean the votive candle stand once a month. This would involve washing the glass candle holders in soapy water, dusting the metal rack, and replenishing supplies.

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. She was born in 1656, in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon. Her mother was an Algonquin, who was captured by the Mohawks and who took a Mohawk chief for her husband.

She contracted smallpox as a four-year-old child which scarred her skin. The scars were a source of humiliation in her youth. She was commonly seen wearing a blanket to hide her face. Worse, her entire family died during the outbreak. Kateri Tekakwitha was subsequently raised by her uncle, who was the chief of a Mohawk clan. Kateri was known as a skilled worker, who was diligent and patient. However, she refused to marry. When her adoptive parents proposed a suitor to her, she refused to entertain the proposal. They punished her by giving her more work to do, but she did not give in. Instead, she remained quiet and diligent. Eventually they were forced to relent and accept that she had no interest in marriage.

At age 19, Kateri Tekakwitha converted to Catholicism, taking a vow of chastity and pledging to marry only Jesus Christ. Her decision was very unpopular with her adoptive parents and their neighbors. Some of her neighbors started rumors of sorcery. To avoid persecution, she traveled to a Christian native community south of Montreal.

According to legend, Kateri was very devout and would put thorns on her sleeping mat. She often prayed for the conversion of her fellow Mohawks. According to the Jesuit missionaries that served the community where Kateri lived, she often fasted and when she would eat, she would taint her food to diminish its flavor. On at least one occasion, she burned herself. Such self-mortification was common among the Mohawk.

Sadly, just five years after her conversion to Catholicism, she became ill and passed away at age 24, on April 17, 1680.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 21, 2012. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, people in exile and Native Americans.

Thank you for your support of St. Matthew's through your gifts of your time, talents, and treasure.

We appreciate your support of Catholic education in the Flathead





National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis Nov 20-22

NCYC is the largest gathering of Catholic high school students in the United States. It is an exciting, biennial three day experience that invites participants to encounter Christ and be empowered for discipleship.

The schedule includes nationally recognized speakers, prayer, workshops and liturgy as well as recreational activities, concerts and exhibits.

Fundraising Goal for Flathead Delegation = \$35,000!!

On Labor Day, Flathead Valley Catholic high school students will make a 9 mile pilgrimage from St Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Whitefish to the Jesus statue on Big Mountain in order to raise funds for their trip.

Will you prayerfully consider sponsoring our journey?

Sponsorship forms will be available after Masses at all parishes in July.





Are you a high school student interesed in joining our delegation?

Contact Niki MacLean 970-710-9630