

RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH





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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, August 2nd & 3rd, 2025

MINISTRY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Plate Minister	Deacon Charlie	Deacon Charlie
Cup Minister	Vicki Walbruch	Paul Heath
	George Josten	Pati Heath
Lector	Bryan McMillan	TJ Higgins
	Carol Jellison	Cecelia Notess
Server	Deacon Charlie	Deacon Charlie
Greeter	Rose Hall – Laurie Brandon	Howie & Marian Ficek

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

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

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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



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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.

Fair week, August 12th - 17th

Early Learning Center Open House, August 14th, 9 to 11 am & 5 to 7 pm Family Day at Range Riders, August 24, 1:00 pm Teacher Preplanning, August 25th – 29th School begins, September 2nd

OUR LADY OF THE ROCKIES PILGRIMAGE

This year we are again offering a pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Rockies, August 15, the Feast Day of the Assumption. If you haven't visited the 90-foot statue of Our Lady that rests on top of the Continental Divide overlooking Butte, MT, this summer might be the opportune time to join our pilgrimage. Many pilgrims from out of state come each summer to enjoy the trip, pray, play, and stay. Our time will be filled with faith, fun, and friendship. Why not join us? Please contact the gift shop at 406-782-1221 to make your reservation. Questions: Call Nikki 406-560-0919 or Judy 406-563-2022.

TACO TUESDAY FIESTA GIFT BASKET

Ola! Don't miss out on your chance to help fill the Taco Tuesday
Fiesta Gift Basket! If you haven't seen the sign-up list in the social
area, we still need a few items to fill er up ~ Jalapenos (pickled or plain),
Hot sauce, Citrus Juicer, 2 jars of salsa. Items are to be turned into the parish office by July
28th. This basket is to be donated to the silent auction for the Bishop's Gala to be held
October 10, 2025. All proceeds will support essential improvements at Legendary Lodge.

OUR GIFT TO GOD

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

July 19th & July 20th, 2025 Sunday \$5,600

Building 5 Total \$5,605

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.

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 signup 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!

If you have any extra huckleberries, the Knights of Columbus would love to have them! They use them as a topping for the funnel cakes at the fair. Call the Parish Office at 406-752-6788 if you would like to donate berries.

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, Malcolm Coote, 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, Shae Bills
John Cooney, Carson Gorton, Riley Helgoe, Matt Keck, Kaleb Mitchell
Anthony Olmes, Brett Rotz, James Semling
Jamie Severson, Jake Smith

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Source-catholic culture.org

READINGS FOR EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 03, 2025 Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 Luke 12:13-21

PRACTICE OF CHARITY

Everyone knows the saying "You can't take it with you." The joke is that so many of us act as if we can. Today's Gospel, especially in combination with the first reading, is an urgent reminder that those things we labored so hard to attain are meaningless in the eyes of God. In fact, Jesus calls that person a fool who loses sight of what truly matters to God. We are newly made, says St. Paul, and what matters is our being in Christ.

Read the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12 or Luke 6:20-26), the list of attributes that God values. **See below.**

Pray for discernment regarding the type of treasure you are storing up and whether you are rich in God's sight.

*Forgo a planned purchase or luxury and give that money to your local foodbank or homeless shelter.

At Home with the Word 2025

True Happiness (Luke 6:20-23)

- † Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!
- † Happy are those who mourn; God will comfort them!
- † Happy are those who are humble; they will receive what God has promised!
- † Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires; God will satisfy them fully!
- † Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them!
- † Happy are the pure in heart; they will see God!
- † Happy are those who work for peace; God will call them his children!
- † Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!
- † Happy are you when people insult you and persecute you and tell all kinds of evil lies against you because you are my followers!
- † Be happy and glad, for a great reward is kept for you in heaven. This is how the prophets who lived before you were persecuted.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR FR. JOHN NENEMAN

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THIS WEEK ON FORMED THE WEEK OF JULY 27, 2025



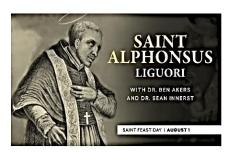
The Violinist: Stories of Solanus Casey

The Violinist is a must-watch documentary that chronicles the inspiring life of a humble Capuchin friar known for his deep faith, simplicity, and profound impact on those he served. Featuring personal stories from the people who knew Bl. Solanus, the film showcases his remarkable ability to inspire others, sharing heartwarming anecdotes about his modest lifestyle and passion for playing the violin.



Ignatius of Loyola

This film brings to life the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. Often called "The Saint of Second Chances," St. Ignatius was transformed from a self-obsessed sinner to a loyal and passionate soldier-saint.



St. Alphonsus Liguori | Catholic Saints

Born to a noble Italian family and known as the "Prince of Moral Theologians", St. Alphonsus Liguori was a great preacher, lawyer, bishop, theologian, and Doctor of the Church. In this episode of Catholic Saints, Augustine Institute professors Dr. Sean Innerst and Dr. Ben Akers discuss this holy man, drawing wisdom from his life and works to aid Catholics today.

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 July 27, 2025 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 11:13

One of the most important parts of any religion is the act of praying. Some religions create prayers that may have been formulated centuries back. Their words often contain a summary of religious beliefs and imply a certain understanding of the divine being addressed. Today's gospel contains the prayer Jesus created when asked by his disciples how they should pray. For many this prayer, the Our Father, is their favorite. It is for me.

Let's just reflect of the beginning of the prayer which tells us something about our relationship to God as well as God's "personality." If we address God in prayer, it's helpful to know something about the One we are "talking" or connecting with.

The prayer Jesus taught his disciples begins like any human encounter by addressing the one to whom the prayer is addressed. The usual English translation is "Our Father." But the word used by Jesus implies a more specific meaning than fatherhood in general. The actual word is "Abba." Some like to point out that its meaning is more like "Dad," an address denoting familiarity, closeness, protection and affection.

Before further comment, I want to add an aspect of this address that I think deserves our consideration. When Jesus composed this prayer, people commonly thought that it was the maleness of the father was that was the primary cause of new life being created. The mother simply provided a place where the new person might be "nested." We now know, of course, about the role of the sperm and the egg (ovum) in bringing new human life into existence. And we also know that God is not gendered male or female. I try to think of this as God being the fullness of both genders.

Further, I try to imagine God actually present and hearing my prayer with real interest. It's like when we are directly talking with another person, acknowledging their presence and interested in what I am saying or, even better, listening and responding. Genuine prayer is a form of conversation, a two-way process.

I recall learning years ago that genuine prayer is more of a response than a process we initiate. In that sense, God awakens us, letting us know that God is there and, speaking metaphorically, listening. This initiates the beginning of our praying. A final point. Notice that Jesus begins his prayer by addressing "our father" and not "my father." Prayer brings us not only closer to God, but also to everyone else. ~David M. Thomas, PhD









CYC BOARD

2025-2026

MEETING DATES:

- AUG. 22-24 (LEGENDARY LODGE)
- OCT. 10-12 (EAST HELENA)
- DEC. 5-6 (DEER LODGE)
- FEB. 6-8 (BUTTE)

Our mission is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with every young person in our Diocese. The Catholic Youth Coalition Board helps us accomplish this mission by forming, equipping, and sending young people to be servant leaders and witnesses to the Gospel in their own families, parishes, schools, and communities.

We welcome high school youth (grades 9-12) on the CYC Board who are willing to make the commitment. CYC Board is especially for those young people who are actively participating in their parish and are looking for further opportunities to help lead, plan, and facilitate diocesan youth ministry initiatives.



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