



RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.....August 17, 2025

Sat., Aug. 16, Mass for Collective August Intentions of St. Matthew & Risen Christ. **6:30 pm**

Sunday, August 17, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew & Risen Christ **9:00 am**

Tuesday, August 19, Mass for the Soul of Bette Healey, rb Paul & Pati Heath **8:45 am**

Thursday, August 21, Mass for the Soul of David Butler, rb KC #8329..... **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, August 23rd & 24th, 2025

| MINISTRY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| Plate Minister | Deacon Charlie | Deacon Charlie |
| Cup Minister | Suzanne Johnson | Neil Heino |
| | Shelley Nease | Marian Ficek |
| Lector | Kimberly Santiago | Betty Heino |
| | Carol Jellison | Eric Morgan |
| Server | | |
| Greeter | Steve & Kathy Wright | Tom & Terrie Alger |

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

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| Aug | 17 | TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |
| | 24 | TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |
| | 31 | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |
| Sept | 2 | St. Matthew's school begins |

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

SAVE THE DATE - HELENA DIOCESE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN SATURDAY, SEPT. 6TH; 10 AM ~ 2 PM @ RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Helena Diocese Council of Catholic Women are excited to host a day of Spiritual renewal with friends and fellow Catholic Women.

"The Role of Women in the Catholic Church" will be informative and enlightening with guest speakers, Monsignor Kevin O'Neill and Sister Judy Lund. The cost of \$20 will include lunch.

Call Connie McCubbins, 406-250-5904/Millie Mitchke, 406-249-5726 to register.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The program *Order of Christian Initiation for Adults* begins forming its new class on **Tuesday, August 26th at 7 pm**. Saint Matthew's Parish invites all adults into the class who are interested in being received into the Catholic faith. This class is for all those who~ **1)** have not been baptized; **2)** have been baptized in another Christian denomination and who want to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church; or **3)** have been baptized in the Catholic Church but have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The course presents the fundamental principles of the Catholic faith within the nurturing environment of our Catholic community. Those who elect to do so will be prepared to receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil in April 2026.

The classes are scheduled in St. Matthew's Parish Rectory lower-level meeting room @ 644 1st Ave. W ~ every Tuesday from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. If you, or someone else you know are interested in this program, please inquire with Deacon Charlie Harball at 406-752-6788 or email harball@stmattsaints.org. *Thank you!*

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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

OUR GIFT TO GOD

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

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| August 9th & August 10th, 2025: | Sunday | \$6,581 |
| | Holy Day | 110 |
| | Building | <u>115</u> |
| | TOTAL | \$6,806 |

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pastoral Council members are:

Jovita Kottraba, 406-212-8461,
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:

Julie Berquist,
Rosemary Brockman,
Christopher Gill,
John Gunnerson, Rose Hall, 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.

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.

ONLINE GIVING!**GIVE CENTRAL.ORG

Great news for online giving! Instructions are as follows:

- * Go to givecentral.org and select the orange "Find Your Charity".
- * Type Risen Christ or St. Matthew in search bar and enter. Click on your church name.
- * The next screen reads "Ways to support Risen Christ Parish". Click on "Sunday Offering" or the category of your choice and fill in the next screen with your \$ amount, date, and frequency. Please also check the box if you are covering the processing fee.
- * Add to the gift basket and go to checkout. Hit continue if correct. You may set up log-in information or give as a guest. Fill in donor information and payment information. There are two options to make your contribution either by credit card or your bank account. Confirm gift. That's it! *Simple, safe, and saves paper, too!*



SEMINARIAN BAKE SALE UPDATE

Thank you again for supporting our Seminarians with this monthly fundraiser. **We always welcome more bakers and people to accept the donations at the table.**

In February, we had our annual rummage sale and the proceeds of \$2,457.00 were donated to the Seminarian fund. The Seminarian Bake sale total donations this year are \$1,905.00, including \$503.00 from this last weekend sale!

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING AND PRAYING FOR THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY.

COLLECTIVE MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2025

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FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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**Karel & David & Terry Barrett, rb Ken Barrett
Carol Trimble, rb Bruce Trimble
Tim Slobojan, rb Diane Slobojan
Kathleen Ott, rb Janet Rodeghiero
Jim Jensen, rb Jackie Jensen
Joanne Mahoney, rb Risen Christ Parish
David Jacobs, rb Mary Jacobs**

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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**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**

MY PARISH APP

We have two new "button additions" to My Parish App:

Inspiring monthly video reflections from Chris Stefanick and the team at **Real Life Catholic**.

Higher Ground podcast offers insights and engaging discussions by **Elevated Parish Missions** that take you on a captivating journey through the Catholic Faith!

Please check these new additions out and don't forget to check the messages weekly!

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READINGS FOR TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 24, 2025

Isaiah 66: 18-21

Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

Luke 13: 22-30

PRACTICE OF CHARITY

When it comes to salvation, we may feel confident about our odds. By virtue of our baptism, surely we are saved. Jesus is warning us not to be complacent – there will be “people...from the east and the west, the north and the south” at God’s table whom we least expect to see there.

✿ Learn more about this Gospel through this reflection by Harry Dudley, DMI, on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website (<https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/year-of-faith/theological-reflection-dudley>). See below for an excerpt of the referenced website.

✿ Pray to the Holy Spirit to conform your faith to God’s desires.

✿ Evangelize this week with an act of charity to a person or group outside your faith community.

At Home with the Word 2025

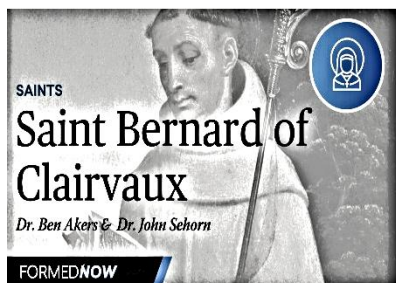
by Harry Dudley, DMI - *Assistant Director for Certification of Ecclesial Ministry, Secretariat of Catholic Education USCCB*

Enter through the narrow gate (see also Mt 7:13-14 and Lk 13:22-30; 16:16). This opening phrase makes clear that we do have choices in our journey of faith, and our choices have consequences. In the parallel passage from Luke, we are cautioned that the gate is narrow and that those who think they are first shall be last. Those listening to Jesus were aware of the tradition among Jewish scholars at that time to lock the door and bar students from class for a week so that late arrivers would learn to be on time. Choices can take us in many directions: good or bad, life or death, heaven or hell (see Mt 24:31-46). In a nation where freedom of choice is the most important thing to many, the idea that some choices might be good and others bad is often lost. Many assume that no matter how one lives a life, we are all bound to be saved. Many have lost a sense of sin and the need for a Savior in our lives.

Let us look at the image of the narrow gate in light of this past Year of Faith, the New Evangelization, Vatican II, and our ongoing journey of faith as God’s pilgrim people on earth, the Body of Christ.



**THIS WEEK ON FORMED
THE WEEK OF AUGUST 17, 2025**



Saint Bernard of Clairvaux | Catholic Saints

Who was St. Bernard of Clairvaux? In this FORMED Now episode, Dr. Ben Akers is joined by Dr. John Sehorn to discuss this great saint and Doctor of the Church.



The Queen Mother | Lectio: Mary | Episode 4

Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title.



Mary, Queen of Heaven | Brother Francis

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968.

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
August 17, 2025 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 12:49-53

All of us carry deep within a desire that everything will be perfect. Or at least, we hope that it will be. Advertisers connect to such hopes by promising wondrous perfection when we buy their products, drink their beverages or use their supplements. In similar ways politicians are adept at promising better times if they are elected.

But did Jesus make similar claims? At Christmas time, we like to recall that Jesus came to bring peace of earth, sight to the blind and blessings to all.

Yet in today's gospel it is clear that Jesus did not promise such earthly perfection. In fact, he predicted that with his coming, challenges, conflicts and difficulties may intensify. Also, he doesn't say that there will be no more hunger, or that all wars will end or that everyone will be happy. One of my biblical professors used to say that unlike some politicians and religious leaders Jesus did not promise "a chicken in every pot."

In today's gospel, Jesus applies this principle of imperfection and challenge to the daily lives of families. Again, aren't families supposed to be social settings where everyone always gets along, overlooks each other's faults and failings and never gets on each other's nerves? Isn't that that possible?

Not according to Jesus. He goes on to describe divisions or conflicts between parents and children, wives and husbands. He even mentions in-laws. Notice, however, that he does not claim that one party is right and one isn't. He simply observes that there will be divisions of one kind or another. In families and between friends and neighbors. And that's okay because God has created each of us as unique. By God's design we are all different. We all walk slightly different paths. We also are blessed with contrasting personalities.

Throughout the gospels Jesus speaks of the importance of forgiveness, acceptance and reconciliation. Today's gospel begins with his announcement that he came bringing fire upon the earth. Fire is the result of different substances coming together. These chemicals that constitute creation eventually result in living beings coming into existence. That includes you and me. Without meeting and combining differences, the deepest processed of creation will not bring forth life. Life between us, especially in acceptance and combining our differences in love, is the process by which God's creation and our lives become transformed into the dream God had in the beginning.

David M. Thomas, PhD

CALLED TO CARE

All across Montana, children in crisis are praying for safety, love, and belonging.

Catholic Social Services and Child Bridge are raising up families grounded in Christian compassion.

*"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me."
Matthew 18:5*

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CHILD BRIDGE

A TRIP TO ITALY!

Parishioners Shannon Smith and Lon Smith are offering a trip to Italy for the Risen Christ and St. Matthew's Parishes. 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.

If you are interested in this travel opportunity please email or call.

All are welcome to come along, families, students, anyone looking for adventure.

Thank you for considering traveling with us!

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





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August 2025

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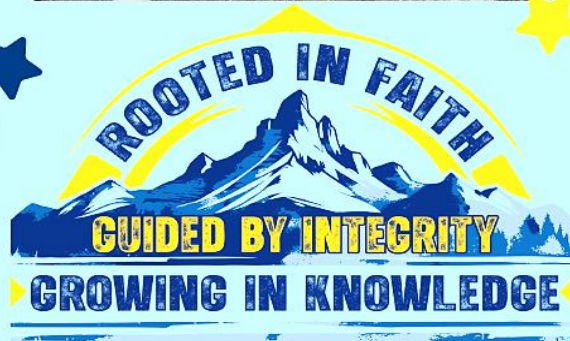
3 days a week,

Tuesday - Thursday,

8:30 to 11:30,

Start date: September 9th,

Only \$2,900



ST. MATTHEW'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Kalispell, Montana

- Family Day at Range Riders, August 24th, 1:00pm
- Teacher PrePlanning, August 25th - 29th
- School Begins, Sept. 2nd
- Coldstone Night for DC, Sept 10th
- Open House, Sept. 11th, 4 to 6pm
- Blessing of the Pets, Oct. 3 after 8:30 Mass

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

Thank you for your support of St. Matthew's through your gifts of your time, talents, & treasures. We appreciate your support of Catholic education in the Flathead Valley!



The Relics
of Saint Padre Pio
of Pietrelcina
to visit
St. Francis Xavier Parish
August 25 - 26, 2025



The Relics of Padre Pio



Monday, August 25th Veneration from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

Tuesday, August 26th Veneration from 11:00am to 8:00 pm

Mass in honor of Saint Pio at 6:00 pm

with Bishop Jeffrey Fleming of the Diocese of Great Falls - Billings

Sponsored by



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St. Francis Xavier

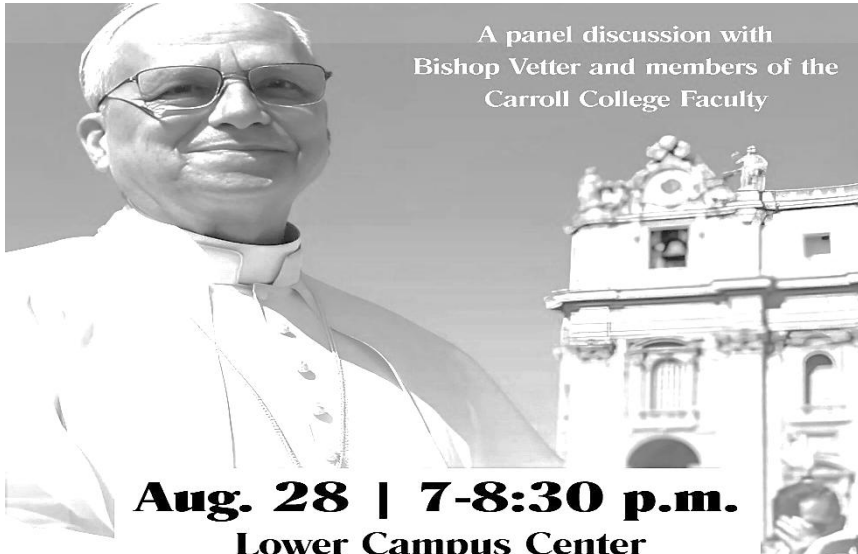
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A panel discussion with
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Carroll College Faculty

Aug. 28 | 7-8:30 p.m.

Lower Campus Center

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