



## **RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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



**Website: [www.risenchristkalispell.org](http://www.risenchristkalispell.org)**

**Formed Catechetical Resources: [www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org](http://www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org)**

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**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME..... August 31, 2025**  
**Sat., Aug. 30**, Mass for Collective September Int. of St. Matthew & Risen Christ.....**6:30 pm**  
**Sunday, August 31**, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew & Risen Christ .....**9:00 am**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 2**, Mass for the Soul of Elizabeth Floersheim, rb Camille Scott **8:45am**  
**Thursday, Sept. 4**, Mass for the Intention of Francie Hunter, rb Theresa Hunter ....**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, September 6<sup>th</sup> & September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

MINISTRY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>Plate Minister</b>	Jovita Kottraba	Eric Barry
<b>Cup Minister</b>	Suzanne Johnson	Marian Ficek
	Kimberly Santiago	Neil Hino
<b>Lector</b>	Dixon Rice	Jack Fallon
	Shelley Nease	Betty Heino
<b>Server</b>	Don Zimmerman	Gary Hembd
<b>Greeter</b>	Colleen Hutchens/Laurie Brandon	Mary Anne Cahill/Lucia Gomes

**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**

Aug	31	<b>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
Sept	2	St. Matthew's school begins	
		Choir .....	7:30 pm
	6	Catholic Women's Conference .....	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
	7	<b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	
	9	PARISH PICNIC .....	5:30 pm
	14	<b>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b>	
		Seminarian Bake Sale .....	After weekend Masses
		Coffee Hour with doughnuts .....	After Sunday 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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**HELENA DIOCESE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMENS CONFERENCE**

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 6<sup>TH</sup>; 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.

**† FAITH FORMATION & MINISTRY NEWS †**

Every good and perfect gift is from above. ~ Become a Catechist!

† Guide students in prayers, Scripture and Sacramental life.

† Be a role model of faith, hope and charity.

† Share your talents with our youth.

† See sign-up sheets on the table in the social area. Virtus training is required and is easily completed online.

*We are looking to have a list of available substitutes as well.*

† Time to Register your child for Religious Formation Classes – sign-up sheets are on the table in the social area.

† You may also access these forms on our website [risenchristkalispell.org](http://risenchristkalispell.org). This form can be found under the heading of Religious Education/download a Religious Education Registration form.



### **OUR GIFT TO GOD**

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

August 23rd & August 24th, 2025: Sunday 5,154  
Holy Day 5  
TOTAL \$ 5,159

### **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.

### **"WHOLE-LIFE CONFESSION"**

**Are you seeking a transformative experience that integrates your intellect, emotions, and spirituality while offering a fresh perspective on your life story?**

Modeled on the practice of a life confession that St. Ignatius initiated early in his conversion, *The Whole-Life Confession* invites participants to a seven-week journey of self-reflection, spiritual purification, and forgiveness through daily spiritual exercises. It culminates in the grace-filled experience of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Throughout the process, *The Whole-Life Confession* assists the individual in integrating their spiritual, intellectual, and psychological/emotional history. It offers a holistic, deeply personal, and healing approach to Reconciliation. This journey holds the potential to bring about profound life changes, making it a transformative experience.

**Beginning Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm**

\*The first meeting will last until 8:00 pm, and subsequent meetings will last one hour.

**COST:** "The Whole Life Confession" book is approximately \$15.00, plus a journal.

For more information and to register:

Call or text Teresa Chabot at (406) 270-4732 or email [tlchabot@gmail.com](mailto:tlchabot@gmail.com)

Space is limited, so register early. No registrations will be accepted on or after the first meeting.

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

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**FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

**Karel & David & Terry Barrett, rb Ken Barrett  
Carol Trimble, rb Bruce Trimble  
Pat & Les Herzog, rb Stephen & Joan Herzog  
Tim Slobojan, rb Diane Slobojan  
Kathleen Ott, rb Janet Rodeghiero  
Vernon Babb, rb John & Connie Babb  
Jim Jensen, rb Jackie Jensen  
Donna Rhea Carlson, rb Risen Christ Parish**

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**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

**Ruff & Falk Families, rb Mary Ruff  
Fran Cavanagh, rb Karol Witt**

**RISEN CHRIST MASS REQUESTS FOR THE FOLLOWING  
SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

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

**FOR OUR SEMINARIANS**

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

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025**

**Wisdom 9:13-18b**

**Philemon 9-10, 12-17**

**Luke 14:25-33**

**PRACTICE OF FAITH**

Jesus' advice is to renounce everything goes against conventional wisdom. But the Christian is not concerned with conventional wisdom. We are led by the wisdom that comes from God; by faith, to give it another name. Faith allows us to trust in God's promise of goodness.

✿ Learn about the Christian martyrs, whose faith allowed them to withstand extraordinary challenges.

✿ This time in our culture has been called the Age of Anxiety for many young people. Reach out to encourage and help someone who is struggling with anxiety or fear.

*At Home with the Word 2025*

**OUR GUARDIAN ANGELS**

*CONTINUED from last week..* How many never even think of this glorious, loving bright, mighty angel? They never say a prayer to him; they never once thank him. He is their best friend, he is powerful and loving, yet they never ask for his help. How can we honor our angels? We should accustom ourselves, first of all, to call on him in every trouble. Fear or pain, whether great or small. We must not only call on him in great things, but in every trouble. After our morning offering we should speak to our dear angel most familiarly. He is standing by our sides looking at us, smiling on us. We must ask him to help us, to protect us during the day, to deliver us from all troubles and dangers.

In the course of the day, we should do well to call on him constantly, lovingly; nothing will give him more joy. We should frequently offer our Masses, our Communions in his honor.

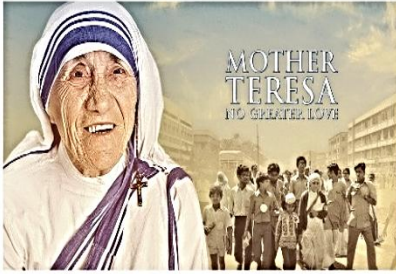
Excerpt from How to be Happy, How to be Holy, by Fr. Paul O'Sullivan, O.P.

**TRIUMPH OF THE HEART MOVIE**

You're invited to a private screening of the independently produced movie *Triumph of the Heart*, a project of Sherwood Fellows, that tells the inspiring story of St. Maximilian Kolbe's time "in a starvation bunker in the Auschwitz concentration camp. We witness how St. Maximilian Kolbe and his companions open their suffering to God and each other, living the virtues of faith, hope, and love."

The date of the showing is to be determined, pending approval from the Stadium 14 Theater in Kalispell, but should be during the opening week of September 11-18. Final arrangements should be in place by September 3rd. Only eighty tickets are available for this screening, which is not open to the general public. The cost will likely be \$18 each, again dependent on the theater. For questions or to secure your ticket, email Debra Cox, [debramurphycox@gmail.com](mailto:debramurphycox@gmail.com) or call 406-892-5743. Other parishes will be invited soon, if there are still tickets available, but when these 80 tickets are gone, that's all. Time is of the essence so call immediately. Check the website <https://www.triumphoftheheart.com/about> for more information, including how people in other venues can host private screenings, as well. "Our stories of heroic Catholic faith deserve to be told. If we don't tell them, who will?"

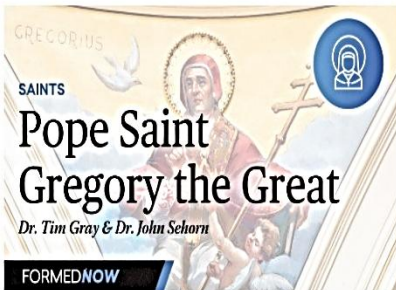
# THIS WEEK ON FORMED ~ AUGUST 31, 2025



## **Mother Teresa: No Greater Love**

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.

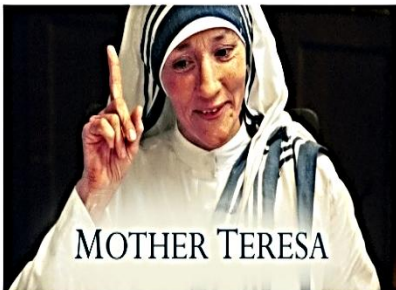
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## **Pope Saint Gregory the Great | Catholic Saints**

In the history of the Church, there are less than five popes esteemed with the title "the Great." One of the lesser known members of this impressive group is Pope St. Gregory the Great. Gregory is known for his prolific writing, his radical humility, his emphasis on missions, and his dedication to almsgiving. Enjoy this discussion between Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn.

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## **Mother Teresa**

See Mother Teresa in the slums of Calcutta as she mingled closely with her people, dispensing help, joy, and smiles to everyone in this moving film.

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 SPARROW'S NEST

### The Sparrow's Nest Can Use Your Help!

Through the Whitefish Community Foundation Fundraiser, we can donate specifically for the care of homeless students who can thrive, thanks to Sparrow's Nest.

From August 12th to September 12th, donations can be made via check to Whitefish Community Foundation; on the "memo" line of your check write Sparrow's Nest.

You can drop your check off at any of the Whitefish Community Foundation sites, mail them to Whitefish Community Foundation or drop them off at the Parish Office, and I will deliver them.

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. *Sister Judy Lund*



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### **DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL SERVICES & CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (CFO)**

#### **WE ARE HIRING! - DIOCESE OF HELENA - CENTER FOR CATHOLIC LIFE**

The Center for Catholic Life, located in Helena, MT, invites applications for the position of Director of Financial Services and Chief Financial Officer (CFO). This position works directly with Bishop Vetter and the Center for Catholic Life leadership team on all matters related to the business of the Diocese.

The Director & CFO is responsible for managing, formalizing, and enhancing the financial services and policies for the Diocese of Helena. Areas of responsibility include budgeting, accounting, auditing, internal reviews, cash management, investment management, clergy retirement plan, administering insurance programs, property management, and all finance and accounting functions for the Bishop's offices (the Chancery).

The successful candidate will be an experienced financial professional who is creative and operationally minded – someone who is comfortable working in the details and also a problem-solver with a constant eye toward the big picture and understanding how all of the moving parts work together. The successful candidate will be a Roman Catholic in good standing with a faith-filled commitment to the mission of the Catholic Church in Western Montana.

The Director of Financial Services & CFO is a full-time, exempt, benefits-eligible position. The annual salary range for this position is competitive for the religious/nonprofit sector, with a generous compensation package including health, retirement, paid holidays and time off, and other workplace benefits.

A full job description is available on the Diocese of Helena employment website: [www.diocesehelena.org/employment](http://www.diocesehelena.org/employment). Inquiries can be directed to the diocesan Human Resources office at (406) 389-7070. Apply by sending your cover letter, resume, and three professional references to Human Resources at [chall@dohmt.org](mailto:chall@dohmt.org).

This position will remain open until filled, with application review beginning on **September 15, 2025**.

*The Nazareth Page*  
*A Gospel meditation for your home*  
*August 24, 2025 – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Luke 13:22-30*

Most of us are conscious of various boundaries that give us an awareness of where we belong are. We recognise city limits, state lines, national boundaries and so forth. In the time of Jesus it was often the realm of kings or other regional leaders that gave people a sense of belonging or of being “on the outside.” While these boundaries were usually geographical, there were also other forms of belonging, Sometimes these were tribal or related to family membership. It was this question of belonging when Jesus was asked who is to be part of God’s kingdom or reign.

Today’s gospel deals with a question asked of Jesus about the size or inclusiveness of membership in God’s chosen people. Would it extend to only a few, or would its population be many? Or would it include everyone? Was everyone given membership in God’s “family” or did one have to do something to qualify? Further, what would be indicators of being with God.

Without answering with specific numbers, Jesus basically responds that some will be saved and some won’t. It depends on their values, their choices and how they live.

So God invites all to be part of God’s reign, but not everyone accepts that invitation. Our personal response matters. Exactly how? Well, for starters, become familiar with the teachings of Jesus and the examples of his genuine followers. And do as they did.

Here’s what I take from all this. We are all called to be part of God’s world. How we respond is manifest in our thoughts, words and deeds each day. How we live matters to God. And to us. We are given existence by God as a gift. This gift is renewed each day, each hour, each moment as we decide what to do in the time that is given us. All the good that we do becomes our personal contribution to God’s Kingdom, now and forever!

We can waste our lives or fill them with acts of caring for others by rendering assistance to those who need our help. Or we can squander our time in acts of selfishness and ignoring others in need. Think of the parable of the Good Samaritan. Recall that the gospels describe Jesus as one who went about doing good. In other words, human goodness, no matter how seemingly insignificant, contributes to and is an expression of personal membership as being part of God’s people.

David M. Thomas, PhD

*The Nazareth Page*  
*A Gospel meditation for your home*  
*August 31, 2025 – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Luke 14:18-24*

What is your place in the world? I am not asking about your geographical location, but what is sometimes called “social standing.” Do you consider yourself upper class or outstanding in some respects? Better than others? Distinguished in some way?

Certainly, many social groups have ways of honoring their more important or esteemed members. Even an institution as seemingly in favor of equality as PBS has ways of showing special attention for their wealthy donors by specifically naming them at the beginning of programming. At important religious gatherings in the Catholic Church who usually is seated in the sanctuary or in the front pews? Ordinary laity, like most of us?

In today’s gospel Jesus describes how special guests at wedding feasts are placed close to the bride and groom as expressive of their importance. But Jesus warns against assuming such placement on your own. Wait to be seated to avoid being asked to take a more distant position by the hosts. Good advice. This prevents embarrassment.

So where do we stand in what I assume is a most important matter relating to personal importance and value to God? Does God have favorites? Are some judged better than others? I actually recall as I write this being told as a Catholic kid to do good so that when I get to heaven, I will be given a seat there close to God. This suggests to me that seating arrangements have a long history.

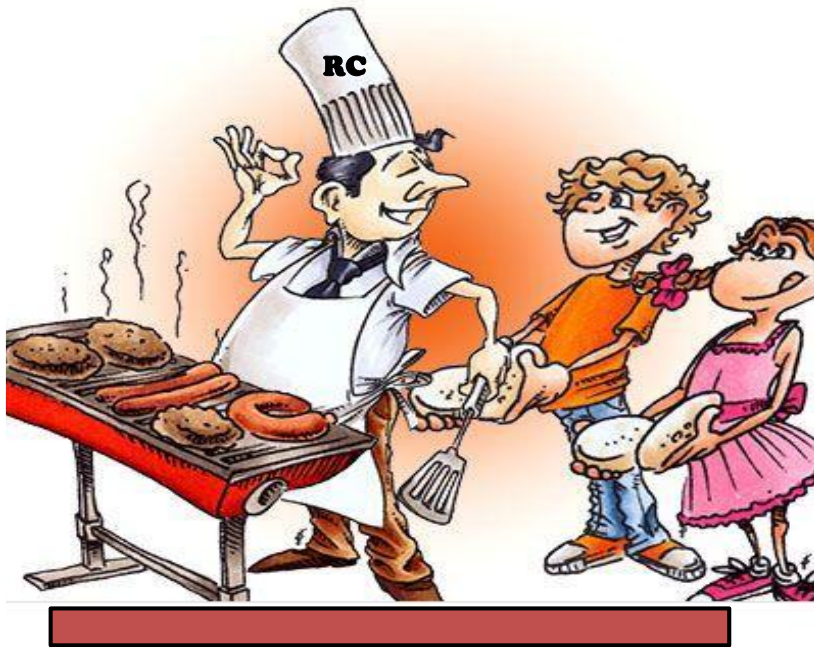
Recall one of the most caustic criticisms of Jesus was that he ate with tax collectors and sinners. Obviously, Jesus did not follow the social expectations of some religious authorities of his day.

I once saw a bumper sticker that said that God does not make junk. This meant, I assume, that all that God creates is good, especially all of us. In other words, neither our social position, nor our achievements, no matter our worth in worldly terms, make any of us any better than others in God’s eyes.

In matters of God’s being, or what we might label as God’s identity, we know very little. But in one matter, I believe we are on solid ground when we hold that we are all created and loved by God. As St. Augustine taught, God is closer to all of us than we are to ourselves. This spiritual truth is well worth our consideration. And of more importance than who might be thought of as God’s favorites. In fact, we all are.

David M. Thomas, PhD

**Risen Christ Parish  
Family  
Picnic-Barbecue  
Bingo - Games - Prizes**



**Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 5:30 PM**

**We will provide meat and beverages; you are also welcome to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert of your choice.**

**Please sign up in the social area.**

**See You There!**