



**RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.....September 7, 2025**

**Sat., Sept. 6**, Mass for Collective September Int. of St. Matthew & Risen Christ.....**6:30 pm**

**Sunday, Sept. 7**, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew & Risen Christ.....**9:00 am**

**Tuesday, Sept. 9**, Mass for the Soul of Les Herzog, rb Stephen & Joan Herzog **8:45am**

**Thursday, Sept. 11**, Mass for the Intention of James Hunter, rb Theresa West.....**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 13<sup>th</sup> & September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
<b>Plate Minister</b>	George Josten	Pati Heath
<b>Cup Minister</b>	Judy Hughes	Paul Heath
	<i>EM needed</i>	Connie McCubbins
<b>Lector</b>	Eric Morgan	Kathy Shanahan
	Rachel Cincis	TJ Higgins
<b>Server</b>	Don Zimmerman	Gary Hembd
<b>Greeter</b>	Jelita Mayville & Mary Jacobs	Jeneil Grace & Fresa Tobiason

**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.**



### **OUR GIFT TO GOD**

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

August 30th & August 31st, 2025: Sunday 7,194  
Holy Day 5  
TOTAL \$ 7,199

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

**Fall Campaign** begins on Wednesday, September 24th, and ends on Saturday, November 2nd.

There are three ways you can help protect mothers and children from abortion:

- The prayer vigil is our most visible witness to the public.
- You can also pray and fast for an end to abortion.
- And you can reach out to family and friends with the truth about abortion.

Prayer vigils will take place Monday-Saturday from 7am to 7pm on the sidewalk outside **All Families Healthcare** at 737 Spokane Avenue in Whitefish.

**Directions:** While driving north on Spokane, turn right (east) at 8th St. and drive one block to Kalispell Ave. for parking. During the winter months, park on the even-numbered / west side of the street on even-numbered days and on the odd-numbered / east side on odd-numbered days.

**Rally:** Ramona Trevino will be our guest speaker on Saturday, October 4th, 2 pm at Christ Lutheran Church, 5150 River Lakes Parkway, Whitefish. Ramona is the Outreach Director for 40 Days for Life and a former Planned Parenthood manager.

**Weekly Prayer Services** will be held on Saturdays at All Families Healthcare from 3-5 pm. **REMEMBER** that it is highly recommended to sign up in pairs.

**Point of Contact:** Mike Hanson at (406) 314-7826 or [mikester55@hotmail.com](mailto:mikester55@hotmail.com).

#### **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.

**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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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. Catholic Culture.org

**READINGS FOR TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-SEPTEMBER 14, 2025**

**Numbers 21:4b-9**

**Philippians 2:6-11**

**John 3:13-17**

**PRACTICE OF HOPE**

The cross is a paradox that is the essence of Christian hope. This simultaneous symbol of brutal failure and glorious exaltation is the ultimate reminder of God's infinite love. To realize this love, the Christian must confront the worldly view of the cross and embrace the exact opposite view: rather than death, life; rather than failure, triumph.

✠ Read Pope Francis' meditation, "The Tree of the Cross" ([https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/cotidie/2013/documents/papa-francesco-cotidie\\_20130914\\_tree-cross.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/cotidie/2013/documents/papa-francesco-cotidie_20130914_tree-cross.html)). **See below**

✠ Pray in front of the crucifix before or after Mass this Sunday. Become involved with a faith-based organization that advocates for prisoners or prison reform.

*At Home with the Word 2025*

**POPE FRANCIS**

**MORNING MEDITATION IN THE CHAPEL OF THE DOMUS SANCTAE MARTHAE**

***The tree of the Cross Saturday, 14 September 2013***

The story of man and the story of God are interwoven on the Cross and essentially weave a love story. It is an immense mystery which we are unable to understand on our own. How can we "try a taste of that aloe honey, that bitter sweetness of Jesus' sacrifice?" Pope Francis explained how to do so on Saturday morning, 14 September, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, at the Mass he celebrated in the Chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae.

In commenting on the day's readings — from the Letter to the Philippians (2:6-11) and from John's Gospel (3:13-17) — the Pope said we can grasp "something" of the mystery of the Cross "on our knees in prayer", and in "tears" as well. Indeed, tears actually "bring us close to this mystery". "Without shedding tears", and especially without "heartfelt tears, we shall never understand this mystery". It is the "weeping of the penitent, the weeping of our brother and sister who see so many human miseries and likewise see them in Jesus, on his knees weeping".

The Church Fathers, the Pope said, "always compared the tree of Paradise with the tree of sin; the tree that bears the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil, of knowledge, with the tree of the Cross". The tree of Paradise "did such great harm", whereas the tree of the Cross "brings us salvation and health, and pardons that harm". It is this "itinerary that human history follows". It is a way that enables us "to encounter Jesus Christ the Redeemer, who lays down his life for love".

The tree of the Cross tells the story of God who "wanted to take on our history and to walk beside us". In the First Reading the Apostle Paul "sums up the whole of God's story in few words: Jesus Christ, though he was in the form of God, did not consider it a privilege to be like God". Rather, the Pope explained, he "emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men". Indeed Christ "humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a Cross." This is "the itinerary that God's story followed". But, the Bishop of Rome wondered, why did it do so? The answer is found in Jesus' words to Nicodemus: "for God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life". God, Pope Francis concluded, "took this itinerary out of love, there is no other explanation". Source: The Holy See

### TRIUMPH OF THE HEART MOVIE

You are 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 made 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 depending 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?"

### 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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### THE FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, September 21st 1 - 4 pm at SNOWLINE ACRES

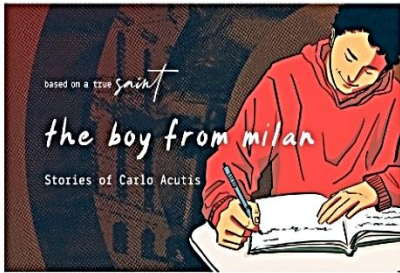
Come and join the celebration of The Feast of St. Matthew.

All are welcome to a great BBQ brought to you by the  
Knights of Columbus.

There will be music and entertainment, a little magic and maybe  
some clowning around.

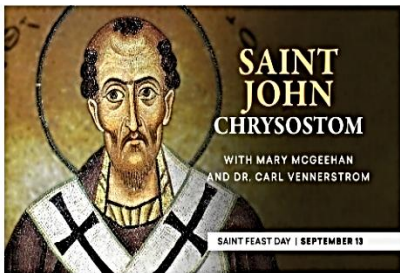
You won't want to miss it.

## THIS WEEK ON FORMED SEPTEMBER 7, 2025



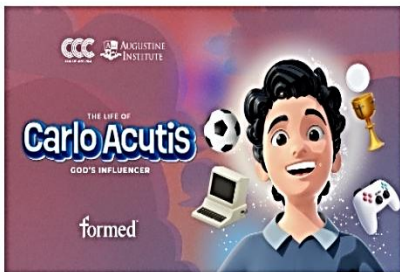
### The Boy from Milan

You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.



### St. John Chrysostom | Catholic Saints

From Antioch, the political center of the fifth-century world, arose a golden-tongued preacher and bishop: St. John Chrysostom. Listen to Dr. Carl Vennerstrom and Mary McGeehan discuss the life and preaching of this great doctor of the Church who gave us countless powerful prayers and homilies.



### Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer

"Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer" is a beautifully animated film that brings to life the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, a modern teenager who used his passion for technology to share the Catholic faith with the world.

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

# RISEN CHRIST PARISH FAMILY PICNIC-BARBEQUE

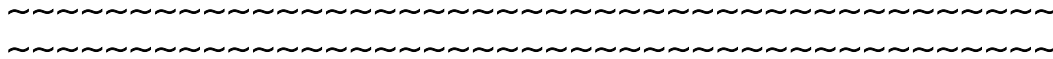
Bingo ~ Games ~ Prizes



**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.**



## **BURGERS & BINGO!**

Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00 – 7:30 pm at St. Charles Borromeo

Hamburgers, hand cut fries & coleslaw.

Prepared by St. Charles Knights of Columbus

\$13 adults, \$8 kids under 12

5 Games are just \$5.00! Win amazing prizes!

PLUS, DELICIOUS DESSERT AUCTION!

All proceeds benefit high school students attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis this November.



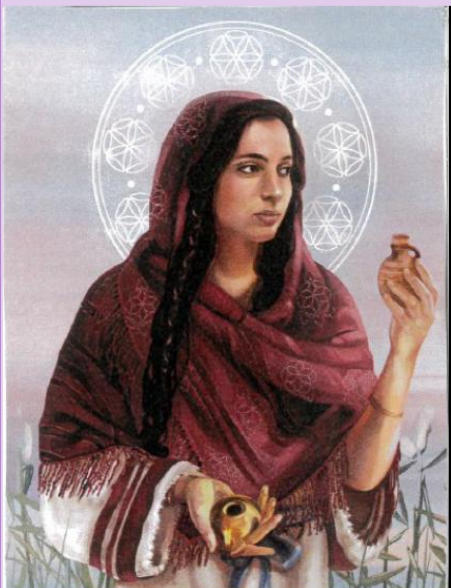
## *“Come and See”*

*Monday, September 22, 2025*

*Social @ 6:15 pm*

*Program @ 7 pm in the Doran Center*

### *Mary Magdalene Insights from Ancient Magdala*



#### *Featured Speaker Jennifer Ristine*

*Jennifer Ristine has been consecrated in the Society of Apostolic Life, Regnum Christi, since 1997. During that time she has been engaged in faith and spiritual formation primarily through teaching, writing, conferences, retreats and spiritual direction. She lived and worked in Ancient Magdala, in the Holy Land for four years, which inspired various works on Saint Mary Magdalene: Mary Magdalene: Insights from Ancient Magdala; Nine Days with Mary Magdalene, and Becoming Magdalene. She has Masters in Theology, Ignatius Spirituality and the Mystics.*

*Appetizers, beverages, gourmet raffle basket  
Free Will Offering*

*The Nazareth Page*  
*A Gospel meditation for your home*  
*September 7, 2025 – Twentieth-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Luke 14:25-33*

Today's gospel contains one of the most surprising words of Jesus in all the gospels. They are worth quoting. "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." I have spent fifty years promoting marriage and family life as important aspects of the Christian life. Was I wrong? Did I skip this passage in the gospels?

The answer I came to after much thought is that I was right in my priorities. We all should affirm the sacred value of human relationships with family and others, but they are not the whole picture. What's first for anyone who decides to be a disciple of Jesus is placing the values of God first.

Yet love of God and love of neighbor are often joined in the gospels. In one gospel passage Jesus teaches that if one claims to love God, yet hates their neighbor, they are liars. Further, the gospels teach that we show our love for God by loving our neighbor. Especially anyone needing help.

Recall the words of Jesus at the Last Supper: "Love one another as I have loved you." He follows that challenge with giving his life for them and for us. Even the Ten Commandments contain this duality. The first three commandment are about our relationship with God and the next seven are focused on our relationship with our neighbor.

So, love God with all your heart, but also include loving and caring for others in that love. Often, the real "cost of discipleship," or the test of true love of God, is shown by caring about and helping others. Yes, we are to love God with all our heart, mind and soul. Although not God alone, but all God's good creation.

There are times when love can be especially challenging, especially loving those we know all too well, like family members or close neighbors. We know their good qualities, but also their weaknesses, imperfections and idiosyncrasies. We know their occasional faults and failures. But God continues to love them. And God's love should be the measure of our love. Think of Jesus. Based on his love for us, he gave his life for us. All of us!

David M. Thomas, PhD

### **“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.

### **† 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.

