



RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE.....November 23, 2025

Sat., Nov. 22, Mass for Collective November Int. of St. Matthew & Risen Christ **6:30 pm**

Sunday, November 23, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew & Risen Christ **9:00 am**

Tuesday, Nov. 25, Mass for the Soul of Sister Rita Winter, rb Paul & Pati Heath **8:45 am**

Thursday, November 27, Mass of Thanksgiving, Risen Christ **8:45 am**

Thursday, November 27, Mass of Thanksgiving, St. Matthew..... **10:00 am**

Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parish of St. Peter & Paul

Mass each Sunday at Risen Christ at 11:30 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, November 27th, November 29th & November 30th, 2025

MINISTRY	THANKSGIVING	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Plate Minister	Paul Heath	Kimberly Santiago	Eric Barry
Cup Minister	George Josten	Suzanne Johnson	Neil Heino
	Jody Schweigert	Judy Hughes	Jody Schweigert
Lector	Rick Nease	Vicki Walbruch	Anne Mahoney
	Shelley Nease	Rachel Cincis	Jack Fallon
Server	Gary Hembd	Needed	Gary Hembd
Greeter	Rose Hall	Dan & Tammy Newton	Howie & Marian Ficek

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov	23	OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	
	25	Choir	7:30 pm
	26	NO Faith Formation	
	27	Happy Thanksgiving! ~ Mass	8:45 am
	28	Funeral Mass for Janet Rodeghiero, Rosary 1:30 pm, funeral.....	2:00 pm
	30	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	

RISEN CHRIST PARISH OFFICE HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS: MONDAY ~ THURSDAY
 10:00 AM – 12 NOON
 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
IF THE DOOR IS LOCKED, PLEASE RING THE BELL.

~Gather and Rest, Be Happy and Blessed~

MASS SCHEDULE FORTHANKSGIVING WEEK

Wednesday, November 26th, 12:10 pm at St. Matthew

Thursday, November 27th, 8:45 am Risen Christ, 10:00 am St. Matthew

PLEASE NOTE: The Sacrament of Baptism is by appointment

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

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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ~ Saturday 9:00-10:30 AM

“My joy, my pleasure, my delight is to be with you” (Prov 8:31)

† FAITH FORMATION & MINISTRY NEWS †NO CLASS ON NOVEMBER 26TH

† The youth are making prayer cards for our seminarians each month - if you have anything you would like to include in the mailings please leave it in the parish office by the 2nd week of each month.† Watch for a new list to sign up for snack volunteers coming out in December.† Kids Bulletins are available on entry table.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour was well attended last Sunday. Thank you to all who participated. As we have said before, “It takes a village to make it happen.” We have a wonderful crew with Judy Stack, Jody Schweigert, Terrie & Tm Alger, Marian Ficek and Kathy Shanahan that make it happen. Thank you to the wonderful bakers who have contributed many times over, and to our choir who don’t just sing but bake wonderful treats. Thank you to those who help set up Thursday mornings after Mass and to those who put away the chairs and tables after coffee hour. We so appreciate all your help in making this a wonderful Community event. See you in December!

OUR GIFT TO GOD

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

November 15th & November 16th	Sunday	4,835
	Thanksgiving	50
	Total	\$4,885

DECORATING HELPERS NEEDED FOR ADVENT

Advent is a season of joyful anticipation!

The Lord has given me a well-trained tongue, that I may speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. – Isaiah 50:4

Make Up Minister Training

LECTORS: December 1 @ 6:00 PM

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training
December 1 @ 7:00 PM**

***All Ministers have been asked to attend
one session for 2025/2026
Books will be distributed at session***

Cancelled



AKA Holy Spirits/Holy Smokes

Ages 21+

**December 5th, 2025
6 PM at Risen Christ**

Bring Your Own Spirit(s) and Smokes. Partaking of them is optional.

Feel free to bring something to grill and/or a side dish to share.

The evening begins with Adoration followed by discussion around the bonfire.

COLLECTIVE MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2025

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
Drew Morgan, rb Risen Christ Parish
Jan Ruff-Strait, rb Mary Ruff
Jo Mahoney, rb George & Colleen Hutchens
Nickolyn McMillan, rb Risen Christ Parish
Janet Rodeghiero, rb Risen Christ Parish

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SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Ruff & Falk Families, rb Mary Ruff
Kayla Sawyer, 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, Carson Gorton
Riley Helgoe, Matt Keck, Deacon Kaleb Mitchell
Anthony Olmes, Brett Rotz, James Semling
Jamie Severson, Jake Smith
Liam Aippersbach, Ryan Frampton, Mason Yochum

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass times for December 8th St. Matthew's 12:10pm
Risen Christ 8:45 am & 6:00 pm pm

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT- NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

PRACTICE OF FAITH

Advent is the time to prepare Christ's kingdom for his second coming. How can you prepare?

✿ The Advent wreath is a perfect symbol of prayer. The candles remind us to walk in the light of the Lord. Set up an Advent wreath in a place of prayer in your home.

✿ At times we may use words that hurt others. Examine your conscience. Have you hurt others with harsh criticism? Have you been jealous of what others have? You can start to bring peace by praying for their good. Ask their forgiveness and participate in the sacrament of penance.

✿ Pope Francis, in his Angelus message of the Solemnity of All Saints, 2022, made these suggestions: "In the places where we live, study and work, do we.....open up the way to peace, forgiving those who have offended us? Do we care for those who are on the margins, do we redress some injustice by helping those who have less? This is called building peace."

At Home With the Word 2026

FORMING A COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY

If there is a birth, a sickness, or a death in our parish community, or that of someone you know, please call

Mary Sonju, 406-250-8610. She will be happy to send a card.

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 Rose Hall or Jelita Mayville in the Parish office.



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 you will get a return call.



PRAYING THE ROSARY

The Knights of Columbus Council 8329 will lead the Rosary at 8:30 AM every Sunday before Mass.

†Please Join Us! †

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*"Good, better, best. Never let it rest. 'Til your good is better and your better is best." - St. Jerome*

**ST. MATTHEWS EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

**HIRING NOW! – 2 OPENINGS**

Infant Childcare & Preschool Teacher

Requirements: •Level 2 on the Montana early Childhood Project Registry

•Infant/Pediatric CPR and First Aid Certification

•Experience working with infants and/or preschool children

About the positions: Full time M-F 40 hours per week, 12 months. This infant class is NEW to our program. Pay depends on experience.

Call or email Tanya, [ELC@stmattsaints.org](mailto:ELC@stmattsaints.org) - 406-756-6807

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO & ST. MATTHEW'S KNIGHTS PRESENT: CRAB FEED!**

Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at Snowline Acres.

All you can eat Dungeness crab, adult beverages & live music!

Early seating at 4:30 pm and late seating 7:30 pm.

Tickets are limited and available in the Parish office or from your Knights of Columbus.



**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT ~ PARISH APPEAL**

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) and click "How to Give" under "Resources." #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection. [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd)

**SUPPORT THOSE IN MOST NEED ~ 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal**

The situation of poverty in rural Guatemala diminishes access to education and medical care for many indigenous people who live in the area of Guatemala's *Boca Costa* served by the Helena Mission. At Santiago de la Asuncion School, a Jesuit-sponsored group, Fe y Alegria, is providing for direct education costs. At the same time, your contribution to the 2025 ACA provides a boarding opportunity for young people who live at a distance, as well as building maintenance and other administrative costs. Your gift to the ACA also allows Clinica Maxena to provide for all who come seeking medical attention, including those who cannot afford the minimal consultation fee (about \$5), and to assist with the costs for those who need specialized care (such as cancer treatment) at a Guatemala City or other regional medical facility. We are grateful for your financial support, which translates into medical and educational services that begin to improve the lives of the indigenous people living in the Mission area. Please keep the work of the Guatemala Mission in your prayers.

**Loving Our Neighbors in Guatemala.**

# full of GRACE: encountering the mystery of mary

*Joint Parish Advent Mission*

*December 7-10th*

*Fr. Jeremiah Shryock, CFR*

**Sunday, December 7th, St. Matthew's Parish**

6:30pm Rosary

(602 South Main Street)

7:00 Mission Presentation

8:00 Reception and Book Signing

**Monday, December 8th, Risen Christ Parish**

6:00 Mass for Holy Day of Obligation

(65 West Evergreen Drive Kalispell, MT)

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

7:00 Presentation

8:00-9:00 Reception and Book Signing

**Tuesday, December 9th, St Matthew's Parish**

6:30: Rosary

(602 South Main Street)

7:00 Presentation

8:00-9:00 Reception with book signing

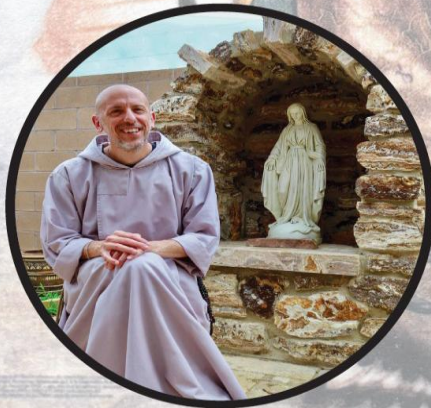
**Wednesday, December 10th, Risen Christ Parish**

6:30: Rosary

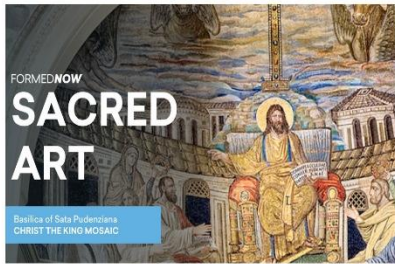
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7:00 Presentation

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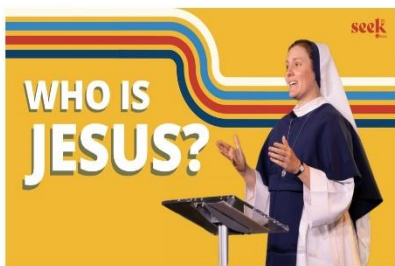


Fr. Jeremiah Myriam Shryock CFR, currently lives at San Juan Diego Friary in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He preaches retreats, is a spiritual director and is the author of *Amid Passing Things: Life, Prayer, and Relationship with God* (2019), *Mary and the Interior Life* (2023), and *Let Him Lead: An Invitation to Let Jesus Guide Your Heart and Your Life* (2025).



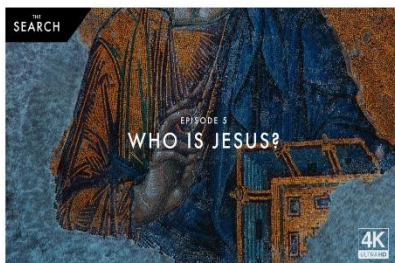
## Sacred Art: Christ the King

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.



## Who is Jesus Christ? w/ Sr. Bethany Madonna | SEEK23

Sr. Bethany Madonna from the Sisters of Life dives into the truth about who Jesus Christ is. Discover the love of Jesus for yourself and listen to Sr. Bethany Madonna!



## Who is Jesus? | The Search | Episode 5

The most beautiful part of this story is this: we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history?

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 Nazareth Page*  
*A Gospel meditation for your home*  
*November 23, 2025 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*  
*Luke 23:35-43*

Historians have filled in some of the background events that were going on during the lifetime of Jesus. What I find most interesting is that while Romans controlled life in Israel for decades, there was oftentimes serious resistance to their rule. This often took the form of local uprisings on the part of Jews under Roman dominance.

One of the major ways the Romans showed their vicious power was to capture and kill anyone they thought was in their way; to show their power, they often publicly crucified Jews, hundreds or perhaps thousands of them. Surrounding this violent chaos Jesus lived and eventually died at the hands of the Romans.

Today's gospel described some of the circumstances of the death of Jesus. Next to him being crucified were two other Jews who seemed to know about Jesus, and perhaps a little about his powers. One asked him to miraculously free them from their fate. The other accepted what was happening and asked to be part of whatever the future of Jesus entailed. One asked for a miracle while the other was willing to accept whatever was ahead for all of them.

Why Jesus died such a horrible and violent death has challenged his followers to the present day. What the gospels say about his acceptance of his death on the cross has challenged his followers through the ages. One thing seems clear. He was caught in the turmoil of the historical events of his time and did not attempt to escape them. My own view as a theologian follows the view of those who hold that being crucified for us was the most intense expression of his love for us.

His crucifixion remains a profound event, both mysterious and meaningful that happened in all history. He died as an innocent person, someone who only did good. He did not deserve his death sentence, nor did he resist it.

I believe the crucifixion of Jesus demonstrates the presence of evil in our world in terribly dramatic fashion. God gives to each of us the freedom and capacity to do good or evil. And Jesus lived in the midst of this reality. The two accused criminals (perhaps among those resisting Roman rule) are examples of two opposite ways to deal with this. One asked that Jesus miraculously change this situation and the other accepted it all. Jesus did not offer an escape route for himself or the two hanging beside him., He let history unfold. Why do you think he chose to let it all proceed as it did?

~David M. Thomas, PhD

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!



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November 2025

## Montana Tax Credit

- **100% Tax Credit:** Donate to student scholarships through St. Matthew's Catholic School SSO and receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on your Montana income tax.
- **Support Students:** Your donation directly funds scholarships for students at St. Matthew's Catholic School.

\*\*See insert for more information

## FAITH, INTEGRITY, KNOWLEDGE

### 8th Grade PERKS!

PERKS are special ways we celebrate our 8th graders' final year—like monthly treats at Norm's, Colter Coffee runs, or lunch brought in. Want to help make their year memorable?

Stop by the office with a gift card, cash, or check. Thank you for supporting our Class of 2026!



*Mark your Calendar*

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# Starlight MARKET

December 5, 2025 | 5-8pm

✦ Calling all local artists, crafters, and bakers! ✦

Join us for our Starlight Market — a festive evening celebrating creativity, community, and Christmas joy. Reserve your booth today call Julia Cummings 406-890-9025 or [smparents@stmattsaints.org](mailto:smparents@stmattsaints.org)

St. Matthew's School & Early Learning Center

## Deck the Halls Christmas Raffle

Do you already have Christmas on your mind? ✦  
Looking for fresh decorating ideas this holiday season? Here's your chance to Deck the Halls and support our school at the same time!

Available with all St. Matthew's School & Early Learning Center students and in the school office beginning Monday, November 3rd.

♥ Each ticket color represents one of our school "Choirs" —but no matter which color you choose, every ticket has an equal chance to win!

**Important Dates:**

- Ticket Sales Begin:** Week of November 3rd
- Tickets & Money Due:** Monday, November 24th
- Drawing Held:** Tuesday, November 25th

**Enter to Win:**

- 🌲 6-foot Christmas Tree
- 🌿 24" Wreath
- 🌿 25' Garland all from Snowline Acres
- 🛒 Basket filled with a beautiful variety of Tree Trimmings

All proceeds from the raffle will help purchase Blue & Gold Auction tickets for our amazing St. Matthew's staff, in appreciation for all they do for our school community.

♥ Thank you for your support—and a special thank you to Snowline Acres for their generous donation!

Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased in St. Matthews Parish Office also.

## INTRODUCTION FROM BISHOP VETTER

Greetings to you! In the past days and months, I have heard from many of you from across the Diocese of Helena questions regarding immigration and the stance of the Church. I am happy to share with you our Special Pastoral Message on Immigration by the Bishops of the United States in unity with one another and with our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, issued on November 12, 2025, at our Fall Plenary Assembly in Baltimore. I stand behind this message 100%.

In Christ, I am

Most Rev. Austin A. Vetter

Bishop of Helena

## **STATEMENT FROM THE U CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS ON IMMIGRATION**

As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity.

Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church's teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (*Genesis 1:27*). As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God's compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (*Zechariah 7:10*). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (*2 Corinthians 8:9*), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (*Luke 10:30–37*), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (*Matthew 25*). The Church's concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us (*John 13:34*).

To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (*cf. 1 Corinthians 12:26*). You are not alone!

We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of goodwill to continue and expand such efforts.

We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

*As disciples of the Lord, we remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint! (cf. Romans 5:5) May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.*