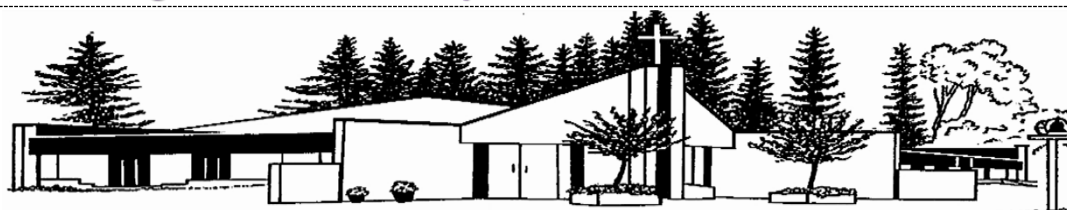


RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT.....MARCH 08, 2026

Saturday, Mar. 7, Mass for Collective March Int. of St. Matthew & Risen Christ.. **6:30 pm**

Sunday, March 8, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew & Risen Christ **9:00 am**

Tuesday, March 10, Mass for the Soul of Jann Bray, rb Francie McAllister..... **8:45 am**

Thursday, March 12, Mass for the Soul of Donna Carlson, rb the Gill Family..... **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

†Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parish of Sts. Peter & Paul†

Mass each Sunday at Risen Christ at 11:30 am

MINISTRY	SATURDAY, March 14th	SUNDAY, March 15th
Plate Min.	Judy Hughes	Pati Heath
Cup Min.	Kimberly Santiago	Paul Heath
	Shelley Nease	Tom Berquist
Lector	Dixon Rice	Cecelia Notess
	Carol Jellison	Jack Fallon
Server	Rick Nease	Gary Hembd
Greeter	Laurie Brandon & Rose Hall	Howie & Marian Ficek

RISEN CHRIST PARISH OFFICE HOURS ARE:

MONDAY ~ THURSDAY 10:00 AM – 12 NOON ~ 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

IF THE DOOR IS LOCKED, PLEASE RING THE BELL.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mar 08 **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 10 Knights of Columbus Ladies – SunRift Beer Company 5:30 pm
- Knights of Columbus meeting 5:30 pm
- Choir 7:00 pm
- 11 Faith Formation 4:00 – 5:15 pm
- 12 Soup Supper 5:30 pm
- 13 Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm
- 15 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
Catholic Relief Services Collection
- Bake Sale after weekend Masses
- 17 Choir 7:00 pm

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.

† St. John Paul II ~ Mass on Mondays @ 9:00 am.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Sat. 9:00-10:30 am

Through Eucharistic adoration He brings peace to people’s hearts. And people with peaceful hearts make a peaceful world.

Make a commitment this Lent to keep Jesus company during Adoration.

OUR LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Soup and Bread Supper - Each Thursday, at 5:30 pm.

Stations of the Cross -Each Friday evening, 7:00 pm.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fries

Risen Christ –March 13th 5:00- 6:30 pm.

St. Matthew’s - March 6th, 20th & 27th 4:30 – 6:45 pm.



SOUP AND BREAD SUPPER

Soup and bread supper will be each **Thursday at 5:30 pm during Lent.** Please sign up to bring either soup or bread. **If anyone can volunteer to take one week each Thursday to help set up and to clean up, please sign up in the social area.**

OUR GIFT TO GOD

Because of your contributions, our congregation has been able to support the work of Jesus Christ locally, regionally, and around the world.

March 1st	Sunday	\$ 5,529
	Building	140
	Ash Wednesday	100
	Total	\$ 5,769



If you or someone you know has experienced a miscarriage, we are here for you with free miscarriage kits and personal, confidential support.

(406)885-7011

strichardmiscarriageministry@gmail.com

Flathead Journey Community invites you to Journey Gatherings in Bigfork

3rd Sunday of the Month,
February through October (2nd Sat of June)

Saint John Paul II Catholic Church
195 Coverdell Road, Bigfork, MT



February will be Snacks & Sweet Treats due to K C Breakfast after Masses

Potluck luncheon at 2:30



followed by brief teaching, music and prayers.

2026 Dates

February 15, March 15, April 19, June 14 (2nd Sat),
July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, 2026.

We meet Downstairs in Brady Hall

Drive to NORTH end of parking, turn left to lower parking lot

† FAITH FORMATION & MINISTRY

NEWS †

- Kids Bulletins and MagnifiKid books are on the table in the social area.
- Congratulations to the 2nd graders on their First Reconciliation.
- **We are collecting Easter eggs and candy for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt!**



COLLECTIVE MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026

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FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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Karel & David & Terry Barrett, rb Ken Barrett
Carol Trimble, rb Bruce Trimble
Janet Rodeghiero & Tim Slobojan, rb Diane Slobojan
Pat & Les Herzog, rb Stephen & Joan Herzog
Kathleen Ott, rb Janet Rodeghiero
Jan Ruff-Strait, rb Mary Ruff
Janet Rodeghiero, rb Mary Ruff
Soul of Todd, son of Lisa Flynn, rb Mary Burgess

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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Kayla Sawyer, rb Mary Ruff
Ruff & Falk Families, rb Mary Ruff
Fran Cavanagh, rb Karol Witt

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**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

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Carter Anderson, Shae Bills,
Carson Gorton,
Riley Helgoe, Matt Keck,
Deacon Kaleb Mitchell,
Anthony Olmes, James Semling,
Jamie Severson, Jake Smith,
Liam Aippersbach,
Ryan Frampton, Mason Yochum

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**ONLINE GIVING!\*\*GIVE CENTRAL.ORG**

Great news for online giving! Instructions are as follows:

- \* Go to [givecentral.org](http://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!*

READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 15, 2026

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**PRACTICE OF FAITH**

The healing of the blind man teaches us that Jesus takes the initiative in our spiritual life. Sin blinds us from the true vision of God and wounds our souls and our relationships. Jesus is waiting to touch you, heal you, and restore you to communion with him and others. Some may question your belief in Christ. You are called to profess your faith in Jesus to them. At Mass, Jesus asks you to stand before him, say "I do believe, Lord," and worship him. How can you avail yourself of Jesus healing touch this week?

✳Examine your conscience. Which daily habits blind you from the light of Christ? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal how you have offended God and others.

✳Participate in the sacrament of reconciliation. Allow Jesus to heal your spiritual blindness.

✳At Mass, concentrate on the words of the creed. Show Jesus you believe by boldly professing faith in him.

~At Home With the Word 2026

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

**Our Whitefish Spring Campaign is happening now!**

**There are three parts to the campaign: prayer and fasting for an end to abortion; explaining the truth to family and friends; and prayer vigils.**

**You can pray and fast for an end to abortion on your own. You can reach out to family and friends whenever appropriate. The vigils are held in front of the Whitefish abortion facility.**

**Details for the vigils: DATES: Through Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> Mondays through Saturdays**



**• TIMES: 7am – 7pm LOCATION: sidewalk outside All Families Healthcare at 737 Spokane Avenue in Whitefish**

**• Sign up at the 40 Days for Life table in the Doran Center.**

**• 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)**

## 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



Looking for a meaningful gift?

Check out our “holy pens”, St. Michael the Archangel mini statues, holy water fonts, rosaries, **Holy Family medals**, and more.

† See Rose Hall or Jelita Mayville in the Parish Office for details.

***The Holy Family Medal is to honor Jesus, Mary, & Joseph as a model of virtue, faith, and familial love. As a sacramental, it is worn***

***as an outward sign of devotion to encourage prayer, seek protection, and remind the wearer of the need for God's grace in daily life.***

## 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.

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Sam Joy earned  
5<sup>th</sup> place in the  
Flathead County  
Spelling Bee - Way  
to Go, Sam!

Stations of the Cross  
3:20  
Each Friday of Lent



St. Matthew's  
BLUE & GOLD AUCTION  
February 28, 2026

*The Nazareth Page*  
*A Gospel meditation for your home*  
*March 1, 2026 – Second Sunday of Lent*  
*Matthew 17:1-9*

I wanted to make my 50th birthday a special experience. As it happened a close friend suggested that he and I take a serious hike in the great outdoors of Colorado. After I agreed, he suggested that we really make it special by climbing one of the state's most renowned mountains, Pike's Peak. And we did.

The climb was challenging but also inspiring. Once at the summit, I could look out in all four directions over great distances. I came to a new appreciation of God's creation being able to personally witness what the Jesuit poet, Gerard Manley Hopkins called "God's grandeur."

My appreciation of my first fifty years took on deeper meaning. I was filled with gratitude. As I reflect on today's gospel, I can more fully imagine what the closest disciples of Jesus felt when he invited them to climb that mountain with him and experience what's called his transfiguration.

Not surprisingly, they asked to remain awhile on the mountain. Build some tents for Jesus and Moses and Elijah, they suggested. We don't want this moment to end. But Jesus knew "mountaintop moments" are only momentary. They come and go. This experience was to strengthen the faith of his disciples. But their lives and their ministry involved matters more "down to earth." Just as it is with us.

We are now entering the season of Lent, a time when we are invited to more intentionally turn our attention to prayer and reflection on the mystery of our life with God. This season has been called the church's "annual retreat" for all.

During these days nature seems more at rest. It's a good time to focus on our daily lives and routines to search for God's presence. I find it helpful to reflect on and examine the life that I share with family, friends and neighbors, even with strangers. Where is God to be found in moments of communication and connection with others? There is much talk today about what is called "social isolation." We each might ask ourselves how much full attention do we give to those who share with us the gift of life?

Jesus invited his disciples to come down from the mountain because he knew that their attention needed to focus on what's "down to earth." Yes, the sacred can be experienced on mountain tops, but God is just as present right here with us, here where we are.

David M. Thomas, PhD

*The Nazareth Page*  
*A Gospel meditation for your home*  
*March 8, 2026 – Third Sunday of Lent*  
*John 4:5-42*

At the beginning of the Bible, we are told that God created heaven and earth and then created water. While those who wrote this were not scientists (as we understand them), they touched upon a very important scientific truth. In the very beginning of our universe, there was only hydrogen, a bit of helium and a touch of lithium. All were molecular units made up of one proton and one electron. Quite simple for sure.

But as time unfolded, other elements came into being, oxygen being of singular importance eventually hydrogen and oxygen bonded together making water. When astronomers search for life outside our solar system, an essential part of their search is for water. Without it, no living entities are possible. This leads us to today's gospel: Jesus meets the woman at the well, a well that provided water for the inhabitants of this Samaritan community. A well was needed because this area was arid mountainous territory.

There are almost countless ways to interpret this part of John's gospel. We might talk about the symbolism of water and baptism. Many like to note the Jesus visited and accepted a maverick community, the Samaritans. Focusing on the woman at the well, after meeting Jesus she went and told her neighbors about Jesus, becoming a missionary or evangelist in the gospels. Here I invite us to think of God's creation of water.

I mentioned above that at first only hydrogen existed. But that had to change. Built into the mechanics of creation was a developmental process that is extremely important for you and me. Without this process, we wouldn't be. In fact, no life would exist anywhere. Let's move ahead. Once water existed, carbon was created and from the innumerable combinations of water and carbon eventually all living things came into being.

When Jesus went to the River Jordan to begin his public ministry, or to the Sea of Galilee to invite his first disciples, or to Samaria where he met the woman at the well or when he washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper, note that what is common to all these major moments is water, one of God's greatest creations!

So, give thanks for that gift. Do not take it for granted. Care for it, be good stewards of its use, take care of its quality as we use it each day, and be aware of its role in not only creating you, but also preserving your life through all your days and nights. And be mindful of its role in your spiritual life. Thank God for water. And life. And all good.

David M. Thomas, PhD

## THIS WEEK ON FORMED ~ MARCH 8, 2026



### **How to Lent**

Lent is right around the corner. In How To Lent, you will be guided by priests and religious in the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that you can make this your best Lent yet.

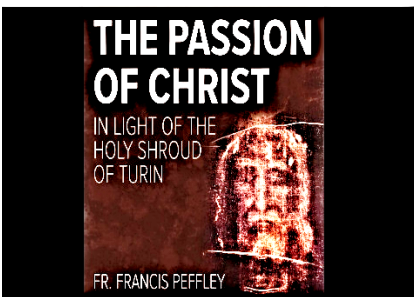
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### **St. Frances**

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup." Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year. <https://catholicallyear.com/at-home/>.

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### **The Passion of Christ in Light of the Holy Shroud**

The Holy Shroud of Turin was called the greatest relic in Christendom by Pope St. John Paul II. Fr. Peffley presents new, detailed scientific and medical evidence for the authenticity of the Holy Shroud.

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

## LEAD ME, LORD KALISPELL DEANERY CCW SPRING RETREAT

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

10 AM - 2 PM

ST. RICHARD PEARCE CENTER - COLUMBIA FALLS

All women of faith are invited to a Spring Retreat hosted by St. Richard Parish. We are pleased to welcome Father Kyle Tannehill and Deacon Charlie Harball as our featured guest speakers.

PRE-REGISTRATION  
ENCOURAGED BY MARCH  
10TH.

For more information and/or register, please contact:

RaeDeen Heupel, President  
406-890-1171

Pam Clackler, Vice President  
530-945-6982



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### A Weekend for Worship, Encounter, and Renewal

This year's Eucharistic Congress will be the largest gathering of its kind our diocese has hosted – an event for all ages featuring incredible speakers, dynamic breakouts, and prayer experiences, all centered around the Eucharist and the life of our Catholic faith.

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

We are committed to ensuring that no one will be denied access to the event because of finances. The maximum cost for any family to attend Eucharistic Congress is \$250. Additional financial assistance is available for both individuals and families. Please visit our Congress webpage for details.



Scan the QR code  
to register now

or go to [diocesehelena.org/eucharisticcongress](https://diocesehelena.org/eucharisticcongress)



## Short Lent Prayers

Short Lent prayers are an easy way to go from *desiring* to pray more during Lent to actually doing so.

After all, Lent includes (and prepares us for) some of the longest liturgies of the year.

Palm Sunday features the first reading of the Passion of Christ before we hear it again

on Good Friday. Holy Week also features Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil, two liturgies that are unique and beautiful. And longer than normal.

When we're not at Mass, sometimes we just need short, simple prayers to remain close to God during our busy days. Lent is no different.

Here are some easy prayers you can say to feel connected to God during Lent this year:

- *“God, may Your light guide my day, and your spirit bring me peace. Amen.”*
- *“God, may my sacrifice of today of (state your Lenten sacrifice) remind me of my dependence on You for all the blessings I enjoy. Amen.”*
- *“May I stand in solidarity today with all my brothers and sisters around the world who are suffering. May we be united in your love, and may I work to build your kingdom here on earth.”*
- *“Heavenly Father, I’m truly sorry for the moments today where I missed the mark. I ask for your forgiveness and the [strength](#) to better follow Your call tomorrow. Amen.”*
- *“God, I lift up (name of the person you’d like to pray for) today. I ask that you bless them abundantly today and throughout Lent. Amen.”*
- *“Oh Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything. Amen.”*

Source: [hallow.com](http://hallow.com)