

**RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; MOTHER'S DAY ..... MAY 10, 2026**

**Sat., May 9**, Mass for Collective May Intentions of St. Matthew & Risen Christ.... **6:30 pm**

**Sunday, May 10**, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew & Risen Christ..... **9:00 am**

**Tuesday, May 12**, Mass for the Soul of Jack Tonkovich, rb Laurie Brandon ..... **8:45 am**

**Thurs., May 14**, Mass for the Soul of Pat Herzog, rb Stephen & Joan Herzog.... **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

<b>Ministry Schedule, May 16th &amp; 17th, 2026</b>		
<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>Saturday, 5/16 6:30 PM</b>	<b>Sunday, 5/17 9:00 AM</b>
<b>Plate Min.</b>	Vicki Walbruch	Neil Heino
<b>Cup Min.</b>	Mary Anne Gill	Judy Hughes
	Shelley Nease	Kimberly Santiago
<b>Lector</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	Betty Heino
	Kathleen Wright	Kathy Shanahan
<b>Server</b>	Don Zimmerman	Gary Hembd
<b>Greeter</b>	Colleen Hutchens & Toni Gunnerson	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**

- May 10 **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
MOTHER'S DAY; Faith Formation Students to pass out gifts after Mass
- 11 **CONFIRMATION @ RISEN CHRIST** ..... 7:00pm
- 12 KC Women's Dinner at Sacred Waters..... 5:30pm  
KC meeting ..... 5:00 pm  
Choir ..... Canceled
- 13 Ladies' Scripture Study..... 10:00-11:30am  
Faith Formation ..... 4:00 – 5:30 pm
- 14 The Ascension of the Lord
- 16 First Communion @ RISEN CHRIST..... 11:30 am
- 16/17 Holy Land Olivewood Carvings for sale ..... After weekend Masses
- 17 Coffee Hour..... After 9:00 am Mass

**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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**The Knights of Columbus will lead the Rosary on the first weekend of each month before Mass: Saturday's beginning @ 6:00pm and Sunday's beginning @ 8:30am.**

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

**†FIRST HOLY COMMUNION †**

May 16th Mass at 11:30AM. We have been having a great year learning more about our Catholic Faith, receiving the gift of Reconciliation and now the highlight of our year, receiving our First Holy Communion. We thank all of you for praying for us and supporting our journey. We would like to invite our Parish Family to join us for this very special celebration and afterwards with a luncheon in the church social area. Thank you and God Bless: Ember, Jace, Payton, Wesley, and Juliette.

**† FAITH FORMATION & MINISTRY NEWS †**



†Kids Bulletins and MagnifiKid® books are on the table in the social area.

†Reconciliation for all Students and Families: May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30pm

†First Communion Mass: May 16<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30am followed by reception.

†End of the year BBQ will be on Wednesday, May 27th - families please join us for fun games, food and fellowship.

*Please continue to pray for **Ember, Jace, Wesley, Payton, and Juliette.***

### 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.

May 2 & 3	Sunday	\$8,472
	Building Fund	\$210
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,682</b>

### A THANK YOU FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Thank you for your recent charitable contribution. Your support comes at an especially helpful time as we are growing significantly in the number of homes we are building each year because of the current demand for affordable housing. Thank you for keeping kindness and generosity alive in the Flathead Valley.



- MaryBeth Morand, Executive Director

### Our new altar is in place!



**Alpha and Omega:** In the book of Revelation, Christ refers to Himself as the Alpha and the Omega. This refers to Him as the beginning and end of everything, the Creator and the purpose of all creation. It also has been used as a symbol of God's eternity. These two letters have been inscribed and utilized since the earliest days of the Church.

**Chi Rho:** This symbol that looks like a "P" with an "X" superimposed over it is a *Christogram*. Similar to the IHS Christogram, which represents "Jesus" in Greek, the Chi Rho stands for "Christ": the letters X (chi) and P (rho) are the first two letters of "Christ" in Greek.

**COLLECTIVE MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2026**

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**FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Karel & David & Terry, & Travis Barrett, rb Ken Barrett  
Carol Trimble, rb Bruce Trimble  
Janet Rodeghiero & Tim Slobjan, rb Diane Slobjan  
Pat & Les Herzog, rb Stephen & Joan Herzog  
Kathleen Ott, rb Janet Rodeghiero  
Jan Ruff-Strait, rb Mary Ruff  
Janet Rodeghiero, rb Mary Ruff  
John Dudis, rb Risen Christ Parish  
Mary Grace Galvin, rb Jim Galvin

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Kayla Sawyer, rb Mary Ruff  
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  
Mary Ruby, Bob Vine, Larry Visocan

**FOR OUR SEMINARIANS**

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

**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 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.

**RISEN CHRIST GIFT SHOP**

Looking for a meaningful gift?

Check out our "holy pens", St. Michael the Archangel mini statues,  
**holy water fonts & bottles**, rosaries, and more.

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



## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

**St. Saint Ignatius of Laconi**

Feast Day: May 11<sup>th</sup>

*"Charity is the richest alms we can give."*

**St. Pancras, Martyr**

Feast Day: May 12<sup>th</sup>

*"Though I am a child in body, my heart is old, and by the virtue of my Lord Jesus Christ, your threats and menaces move me no more than does the painting that I see upon the wall. These gods that you want me to worship are but deceivers of creatures."*

**Our Lady of Fatima**

Feast Day: May 13<sup>th</sup>

*"Sacrifice yourselves for sinners and say many times, especially when you make a sacrifice, 'O Jesus, this is for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.'"*

**St. Matthias, Apostle**

Feast Day: May 14<sup>th</sup>

*"The Lord knows the hearts of all; may we be found faithful in His service."*

**St. Isidore the Farmer**

Feast Day: May 15<sup>th</sup>

*"Labor with your hands, but lift your heart to heaven."*

**St. Simon Stock**

Feast Day: May 16<sup>th</sup>

*"O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein that thou art my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart, to succor me in this my necessity. There are none that can withstand thy power. O show me herein, that thou art my Mother. Amen."*



### † HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY †

*She is clothed with strength and dignity,  
and laughs at the days to come.  
She opens her mouth in wisdom;  
kindly instruction is on her tongue.  
She watches over the affairs of her household,  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
Her children rise up and call her blessed;  
her husband, too, praises her:  
"Many are the women of proven worth,  
but you have excelled them all."  
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;  
the woman who fears the LORD is to be  
praised.  
Acclaim her for the work of her hands,  
and let her deeds praise her at the city gates.*

**READINGS FOR SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:**

**May 17, 2026**

**Acts: 1: 12-14**

**1 Peter 4: 13-16**

**John 17: 1-11a**

**PRACTICE OF FAITH**

Living as a baptized Christian is not always easy. We are promised eternal life with Jesus, but this comes at the end of our paschal journey. In the second reading, Peter tells us we may be “insulted for the name of Christ.” He calls us blessed when we share in Christ’s sufferings. How do we make it through such trials? In today’s Gospel, Jesus prays for us. Also, the Christians in today’s first reading show the way, “All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.” We need to pray with our Blessed Mother in the Upper Room of our church. This week try to:

† Place your trials before Jesus. Let him pray for you.

† At Mass, pray with Mother Mary and with your sisters and brothers. Pray for strength as you share the sufferings of Christ. ~At Home With the Word 2026

**FRAUD AWARENESS REMINDER:** Clergy and parish staff will never ask for gift cards, passwords, or sensitive information via email or text. Report suspicious messages to the Parish Office.

**Job Posting: Maintenance/Janitorial Position (Full-Time)**

St. Matthew’s Catholic School is currently seeking a reliable and motivated individual to fill a full-time Maintenance/Janitorial position. This role is responsible for maintaining cleanliness, safety, and general upkeep of facilities.

**Schedule:** 40 hours per week, 5 days per week

**Benefits:** Available

Please contact Human Resources for more information or to apply: 406-751-6811



**Magnificat Renewal Time!**

**Renewal Fee:** \$35 due 5/22 at St. Matthew’s Parish Office (put cash/check in envelope marked “Magnificat”; include phone number).

**New Subscriptions:** \$35-52/year. Contact Pat Murphy (406-885-2383)

**Features:** complete Mass readings for Sundays, weekdays, and feast days; daily reflections; morning and evening prayers.

**ASCEND | Catholic Marriage Retreat**

**June 10–14, 2026 | Spruce Lodge at Glacier Camp | Lakeside, Montana**

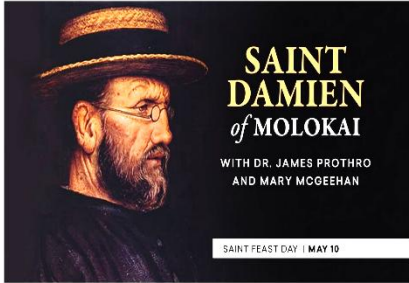
A Catholic retreat for couples who feel called to more – or who simply desire deeper connection and renewal in their marriage.

Designed for mission-driven couples *and for those seeking to renew and fortify their marriage*. Includes daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and daily talks and reflections by the retreat hosts, Fr. Nathan Cromly, Dr. Peter & Chantal Howard, Bill & Angela Schnieders.

[www.ascend-experience.com](http://www.ascend-experience.com) | [hello@viriditasliving.com](mailto:hello@viriditasliving.com)

Contact Angela Schnieders for local commuter rate and scholarships.

## THIS WEEK ON FORMED ~ MAY 10, 2026



### **St. Damien of Molokai | Catholic Saints**

St. Damien was born in Belgium but spent most of his life ministering to lepers in Molokai, Hawaii. An incredible example of holiness, he dedicated his whole life to spreading the Gospel. Sit down with Dr. James Prothro and Mary McGeehan as they discuss the life and witness of this great saint.

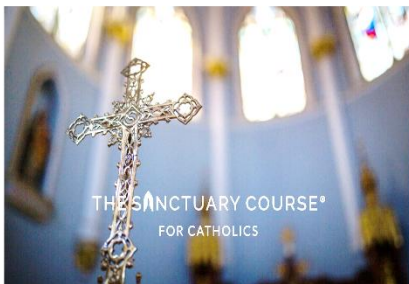
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### **The Sanctuary Youth Series**

The Sanctuary Youth Series is centered on the pressing questions that young people are asking about faith and mental health. It provides space to engage these questions and start important conversations in youth ministries and church communities. Drawing on insights from mental health professionals, theologians, and evidence-based research, this educational and interactive course is designed to reduce stigma, increase awareness, and prepare students for a faith journey that includes seasons of flourishing and languishing.

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### **The Sanctuary Course for Catholics | Trailer**

This eight-session course—designed for use in small groups—explores the realities of mental health and illness, as well as the vital need for faith-based community conversations about these topics. The sessions are accompanied by compelling films that feature the stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists.

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*  
*May 3, 2026 – Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
*John 14:1-12*

Today's gospel offers us a great summary of the mission of Jesus. We might assume that in this address to the apostles, he was offering a major reason for his becoming human and living among us. He embodied the "personality" of God, the creator of all good that exists in the universe. In seeing and experiencing Jesus we are assured that we are also seeing God. Especially God's attitude and relationship to all of us.

In a very real sense, Jesus impersonates God. At least that is how he would have been initially understood by those he met in his public life. Of course, later, after the Resurrection, he was understood more as God in human form.

So, while he had all the characteristics of being fully human, he also revealed the personhood of God. This is obviously one of the great mysteries of our faith. We cannot fully explain what exactly constituted the Incarnation. As the Catholic Church teaches, it is a *mystery* of faith.

St. Paul uses a helpful image in describing the Incarnation of God in Jesus by stating that it is like looking at this reality through a darkened lens. We partially comprehend it, but not fully. But as it is in learning about anything in life, the more we do try to understand the Incarnation, the more we will understand it, however partially.

In some of my theological writings I have restated the key message of today's gospel as Jesus telling us that he is the way to the truth of our lives. His life is the model of how we should live.

I add here, however, that some have diminished the power of today's gospel by saying that Jesus is simply like God, or one who imitated what he thinks God to be like. But John's Gospel is much more accurate. It's like the difference between a forced smile for a picture and an actual smile that comes forth spontaneously in moments of happiness or delight. One is manufactured and the other is genuine. Which smile is more real?

This also points to the care that must be taken when viewing various artistic renderings of Jesus. At best, they are useful in helping us understand the person Jesus actually was. But on the other hand, this can be misleading. There is no way around this challenge because I don't think Jesus was ever caught on camera. When I try to picture Jesus, I close my eyes and often see more.

David Thomas, PhD

*The Nazareth Page*  
*A Gospel meditation for your home*  
*May 10, 2026 – Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
*John 14:15-21*

Today's gospel offers a spiritual roadmap on how to connect with God. But instead of indicating how distant God is from us, it reverses the search to telling how close God is.

Regular readers of "The Nazareth Page" know that I have a deep interest in cosmology and astronomy. We live in a great age of discovery for mapping (or trying to understand) the full dimensions of our cosmos. I won't offer here a lesson on all that we have learned from the amazing discoveries of our time, the most well-known being from the Hubble telescope and the James Webb Space Telescope. To gaze ever outward is to look back in time as it takes time for the early light of the expanding galaxies and stars to reach us. Literally, we can see what constituted the universe in the first centuries of its existence.

When I was a youngster and first learning about God, I was simply told that God was in heaven. And if I inquired about the location of heaven, I was advised to look up. Heaven was in the sky. For a while that satisfied my spiritual curiosity. Years later I learned about outer space, first about the solar system, then our galaxy, the Milky Way. Eventually I learned about all the rest. (Which is a lot!) In a sense the location of God for me seemed more distant because God created the universe so God must in some sense be outside it.

As I became more familiar with the writing of those deeply immersed in spiritual matters, I found another way of thinking about God's presence. One insight that helped me get closer to God was by dismissing the image that God is outside of creation and replacing it with the idea that creation can be thought of as inside God.

Add to this, a thought from today's gospel where Jesus states that he will continue to live with us along with God the Father and the Holy Spirit. So where is God? As close to us as we are to ourselves. This is spiritual language full on. It's deeper than appearances or physical reality. Even deeper than interpersonal reality where those close to us are thought of as near although they may be geographically distant.

Another hurdle we have to overcome is not thinking of God as if God were part of the physical universe. Again, stretching language some, we are correct in saying that God is immediately present and God is everywhere we might go. Again, referring to today's gospel, we are never alone or distanced from God. We may feel closer to God in certain locales or situations, which is human. The greeting used at Mass, "God be with you" is to invite awareness of God between us. It affirms that God is already there!

David M. Thomas, PhD



**Fatima, the Portuguese city  
of miracles**



**Our Lady of Fatima**



**Santo Ildefonso Church  
(Porto)**

Parishioners Shannon and Lon Smith are excited to offer a trip to Fatima and Portugal in March 2027. This private sightseeing tour will include stops to Porto, Coimbra, Fatima, and Lisbon. We will fly out of Kalispell to Porto to begin our adventure.

The tour will be hosted by Blue Tour Company. Blue Dot provides 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 Blue Dot'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 14 years of experience and have guided over 17 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 Fatima and Portugal.

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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**First Meeting is Thursday, May 14th. 7- 9 pm in the Doran Center at St. Matthew's**