# RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### † WELCOME TO RISEN CHRIST PARISH †

### WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE TO WORSHIP AND GROW IN FAITH.

### MAY TODAY'S MASS BRING PEACE TO YOUR HEART.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**……..…..**November 29, 2026**
**Sat., Nov. 28,** Mass for Collective November Intentions of St. Matthew & Risen Christ...**6:30 pm**
**Sunday, November 29,** Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew & Risen Christ.…..**9:00 am**
**Tuesday, December 1,** Mass for the Soul of Herman Nieskens, rb Arleen Hughes...**8:45 am**
**Thursday, December 3,** Intention of Mark Super, rb Jane Super ……**8:45 am**

***ADDITIONAL PARKING IS AVAILABLE TO THE EAST OF THE CHURCH ON THE GRASS.***

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### MASSES AT ST. MATTHEW PARISH

Wednesday 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 †

Divine Liturgy (Mass) each Sunday at Risen Christ at 11:30 am

| Ministry Schedule, December 5th & 6th, 2026 | | |
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| **MINISTRY** | Saturday, 12/5 6:30 pm | Sunday, 12/6 9:00 am |
| **Plate Min.** | Shelley Nease | Neil Heino |
| **Cup Min.** | Marlene Mims | Fernand Ricard |
| | Suzanne Johnson | Debra Ricard |
| **Lector** | Dixon Rice | Jack Fallon |
| | Kathy Wright | TJ Higgins |
| **Server** | Don Zimmerman | Charlotte Hattel |
| **Greeter** | Colleen Hutchens & Laurie Brandon | Tom & Terrie Alger |

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 29 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Dec. 01 Choir practice……..7:00 pm
02 Ladies Scripture Study……10:00-11:30 am
Faith Formation……4:00-5:00 pm
06 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**……
07 KC Ladies Dinner at Hungry Hun……5:30 pm
Vigil Mass, **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** at St. Matthew……..6:00 pm
08 **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**……..
Mass at Risen Christ at 8:45 am, 6:00 pm & St. Matthew at 12:10 pm.

**RISEN CHRIST PARISH OFFICE HOURS ARE:**
**MONDAY – THURSDAY 9:00 AM – 12 NOON, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**
**IF THE DOOR IS LOCKED, PLEASE RING THE BELL.**

**PLEASE NOTE: The Sacrament of Baptism is by appointment.**
**Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday, 9:00-10:30 am, or by appointment.**

**The Rosary is led each weekend before Mass: Saturdays beginning @ 6:00pm and Sundays beginning @ 8:30am.** The Knights lead the first weekend of each month. Please contact Allyson Kuechmann to volunteer for the remaining weekends: 406-270-5000.



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

With Advent approaching, we invite everyone in the parish, especially families, to give the gift of yourself to Jesus by spending time with him in adoration.

"To be alone with Jesus in adoration and intimate union with Him is the Greatest Gift of Love." – St. Teresa of Calcutta

*Mark your calendars for the upcoming:* **BAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT DAY!**

**Thursday, Dec. 10th, 10:00 am, Risen Christ Kitchen** – We are looking forward to seeing all of you who enjoy making goodies. This will be a fun day with friends and laughter! All supplies will be provided; we just need your help to bake for our seminarian bake sale.

**Risen Christ would like to recognize and extend our heartfelt thanks to Tom and Julie Berquist** for their 30 years of dedicated service in spearheading the collection and distribution of our Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets.

*Tom and Julie*, we are truly grateful for your many years of generosity, commitment, and faithful ministry to our parish and community. Your dedication has made a meaningful difference in the lives of so many.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to all our parishioners for their continued generosity and support through donations and time given to this important ministry.

**Thank you all for sharing your blessings and helping us bring the spirit of Christ's love to those in need!**

Casual Gentlemen's Gatherings

Friday, December 4th, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Risen Christ Catholic Church
Enjoy adoration, meaningful conversation and fellowship.
It will be a relaxed and welcoming night.
Bring your own Spirits/smokes.
Plan ahead ! This is a recurring event every First Friday.

## OUR GIFT TO GOD

Because of your faithful generosity, our congregation has been able to share the love of Jesus Christ and support His work locally, regionally, and around the world.



November 21st & 22nd:
Sunday $6,723
Thanksgiving $70
**Total: $ 6,793**



## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your generous support last week of 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.*

## SHARE YOUR GIFTS – BECOME A LITURGICAL MINISTER!

We are looking for parishioners willing to share their time, talents, and faith by serving in the following Liturgical Ministries:

***Eucharistic Ministers ~ Lectors ~ Greeters ~ Altar Servers ~ Safety & Security***

**We would like to offer a gentle reminder that God has blessed each of us with unique gifts and talents. Please do not be like the servant who buried his coin in fear! God has given you your talents to be shared and multiplied for His glory.**

## THANK YOU FROM DE LA SALLE BLACKFEET SCHOOL!

"Thank you for your collaboration with our fall campaign!" Your donation provides vital Catholic education for underprivileged students in our neighboring Blackfeet community.

## INTRODUCTION TO MARIOLOGY 2026

This four-part course in Mariology will explore the four major Marian dogmas (Mary as the Theotokos, the Immaculate Conception, Mary's perpetual virginity, and the Assumption) by grounding them in Scripture, history, and the broader theological Tradition of the Catholic Church. In so reintegrating these dogmas in their broader historical-theological context, this class seeks to assist parishioners in understanding the role of Mary in both salvation history and in their own spiritual lives. More broadly, it will attempt to demonstrate the profound impact that dogmatic theology has on spirituality and vice versa–thus healing the common perception that the discipline of theology and the lived experience of the faith are divorced, standing relatively independent of one another. The Schedule is as follows:

Class #2:
The Immaculate Conception: Mary as Bride
Date & Time: Sunday, November 29th (4:00-5:30 PM)
Location: **Risen Christ Catholic Church**

Class #3:
Mary's Perpetual Virginity: Mary as Daughter
Date & Time: Sunday, December 6th (4:00-5:30 PM)
Location: **St. Matthew's Catholic Church (Doran Center)**

Class #4:
The Assumption: Mary as the Church
Date & Time: Sunday, December 13th (4:00-5:30 PM)
Location: **Risen Christ Catholic Church**

# Collective Mass Intentions for the Month of November 2026

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## For the Faithful Departed

**Karel & David & Terry Barrett, rb Ken Barrett**
**Carol Trimble, rb Bruce Trimble**
**Janet Rodeghiero & Tim Slobojan, rb Diane Slobojan**
**Kathleen Ott, rb Janet Rodeghiero**
**Janet Rodeghiero, rb Mary Ruff**
**Jan Ruff-Strait, rb Mary Ruff**
**Barbara Culliton, rb Larry & Betty Visocan**
**Dorothy Schwehr, rb Mary Ruff**

## Special Intentions

**Don & Marty Huber**
**Kayla Sawyer, rb Mary Ruff**
**Ruff, Falk, & Sawyer Families, rb Mary Ruff**
**Fran Cavanagh, rb Karol Witt**

## Risen Christ Mass Requests For The Following Special Intentions

**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**

## For Our Seminarians

**Carter Anderson, Shae Bills**
**Carson Gorton, Riley Helgoe**
**Matt Keck, Anthony Olmes**
**James Semling, Jamie Severson**
**Jake Smith, Liam Aippersbach**
**Ryan Frampton, Peter Fiocchi**
**Nathan Olmes, John Cooney**

# Risen Christ Giving Tree for the

FLATHEAD WARMING CENTER

**Creamer**
**Sugar (Bags of Sugar)**
**Granola Bars**
**Paper Towels**
**Ramen Noodles**
**Black Tea**

As you may recognize, Kalispell has a very large homeless population and an even more significant affordable housing situation. The Flathead Warming Center located on Meridian Drive has been housing 50 homeless individuals and/or families over these cold winter nights. Everyone deserves a warm place to sleep!

This Advent, Risen Christ is again sponsoring the Flathead Warming Center. Over the last several years your generous contributions have helped provide needed comfort to save the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves through the Giving Tree.

Starting immediately the Giving Tree with donation receptacles is located in the Church entry. Cash or checks written to the Flathead Warming Center may be inserted in the receptacles or given to the church office. Paper towel rolls, hand warmers and ground coffee are welcome and can be put under the tree.

Your cash or check donations will be greatly appreciated!

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
Flathead Warming Center

Blessings to you during this season of hope
and thank you for your support!

**READINGS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
**NOVEMBER 29, 2026**

*Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7* *1 Corinthians 1:3-9* *Mark 13:33-37*

**PRACTICE OF HOPE**

As Advent begins, we are reminded, "Be watchful! Be alert!" The end of the world may be in the distant future, but we do not know what the future will bring, nor do we know our own fate. We do know that we have hope in the second coming of Christ and the full establishment of the kingdom of God. The Church asks us in the season of Advent to make our hearts ready at any time to give an account of our actions and attitudes.

† Each day, pray with confidence the words said after the Our Father at Mass: **"We await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ."**

† Think about grudges or hurts you may be holding onto. What relationships need repair in this season of hope?

† Thinking about those relationships, focus on one of them and make a plan to pursue reconciliation and forgiveness.

~At Home with the Word 2026

## RISEN CHRIST GIFT SHOP IS OPEN!

**Shop each weekend until Christmas, before Mass.**



Looking for a religious gift for Christmas to remind someone of the Light of Christ? Stop by the gift shop in the community room! We carry a beautiful selection of rosaries, bibles, holy water fonts, and more. Every purchase directly supports our parish ministries.

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

## FORMING A COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY

As a parish family, we want to share in one another's joys and sorrows. If there is a **birth, illness, or death** in our parish community or in the family of someone you know, please contact **Mary Sonju at 406-250-8610**. Mary will be happy to send a card on behalf of our parish, letting others know that they are remembered and cared for.

## 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; they will return your call.

## IS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION UP TO DATE?

Please take a moment to ensure the parish office has your current contact details on file. In addition to your primary phone number and address, it is incredibly helpful for us to have an ***Emergency Contact*** who we can reach if needed. To update your information, please complete a contact information form (available on the table in the social area) and drop it in the box provided or email us at rcparish@montanasky.us. Thank you for helping us keep our community records accurate and safe!




## † FAITH FORMATION & MINISTRY NEWS †

*Welcome to Advent! Be sure to check your advent calendar for great activities!*

**Needed! 2 Volunteer Teachers for Faith Formation classes.**
Contact the Parish office with questions or to sign up! Thank you!

**†** *Kids Bulletins* and *MagnifiKid* booklets are FREE and can be found on the table in the community room. Please take advantage of this great resource for your children!

**†** We will be making cards for our seminarians again this year and would love to use pictures from past Christmases and other occasion cards. Bring them to the social room and place in our "let's recycle basket".

**†** Classes resume **Weds., Dec. 2**. Remember to arrive by 4pm. See you then!





Local craftsman John Hayden, owner of Hayden Altar Works, installed our new high altar on November 16th with the help of Fr. Stan and his assistants. This beautiful altar is the product of many months' planning, carpentry, and artistry.





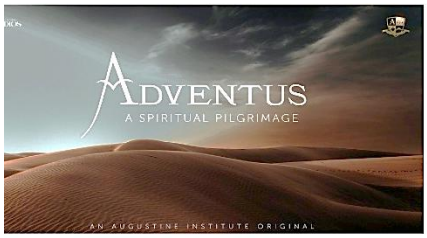
***VALLEY VOICES COMMUNITY CHOIR PRESENTS***
***A Christmas to Remember***

***Allyson Kuechmann, Director ~Beth Brown, Accompanist***
***with Grace Notes Handbell Choir from Missoula's First Lutheran Church***
***Saturday, December 12 at 7 pm***
***Sunday, December 13 at 3 pm***
***Whitefish Performing Arts Center***
***Admission is free.***




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# FORMING CATHOLICS FOR LIFE – NOVEMBER 29, 2026




## Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season.

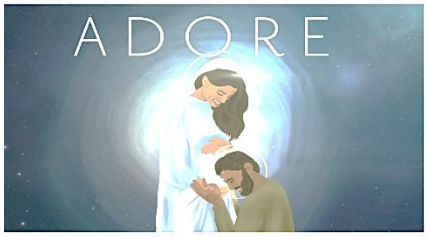
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## Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree This Advent

Hosted by Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Rooted guides Catholics through a daily Advent reflection using the Jesse Tree model traditionally practiced by families. Each seven-minute episode introduces the ancestors of Jesus Christ, shares a Scripture passage, and offers an engaging, practical reflection.

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## Adore: Advent with Fr. John Burns

You have a choice this Advent: Get caught up in the annual rush of shopping, decorating, and parties or slow down and take a few minutes each day to remember who this season is really about—Jesus. In Adore, Fr. John Burns will help you reclaim the sacred sense of longing and joyful hope at the heart of Advent.

To register, please go to: 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 29, 2026– First Sunday of Advent*
*Mark 13:33-37*

I have depended on a Day-Timer Planner for keeping track of the details of my life for the last fifty years. I first began using it when I was director of a large graduate studies program at Regis University in Denver. There were times when I oversaw the education of over two-hundred students. I had to keep track of the many details of their studies. I also had a full schedule of lectures and workshops that I offered from coast to coast. Further, I was constantly researching topics that became the basis of published books and articles. I was also a dad of five active children and helped my wife oversee their growth,

One of the great blessings of my work and family life was what I learned from attending a workshop given by Stephen Covey himself, creator of a system of arranging and keeping track of the many details required of one's life, both professionally and personally. My Day-Timer was always with me. It told me what I should to do, where I needed to be and what I was to do day after day. No surprises for me. I was always (well mostly) prepared for everything. I was the captain of my ship.

When Jesus was born, his world was also quite scheduled with both religious and secular activities. The most important future event people looked forward to, however, was the arrival of the Messiah, the one sent by God to "save" God's people, Israel. Not surprisingly, when he began his public life, Jesus was asked (perhaps quite often) if he was the expected Messiah, and if not, did he know when the Messiah was coming.

His answer is in today's gospel. Perhaps in a few years or even sooner, he said. Or even imminently. His final advice was always to be ready to receive God into your life all the time. Something like this can also be said to us today. Always be ready, alert and open to God's personal coming to you.

A personal note. I can point to various times during my 88 (!) years when I experienced God's communicating presence. Sometimes this happened when I was quietly praying and trying to sense God's presence, but more often only "after the fact." I experienced God in the midst of challenges and difficulties, in times of doubts and indecision. Often, I discerned God's will for me through other people. The point I am trying to communicate is that God can enter our lives at any time. Even when we least expect it.
So, as Jesus said in today's gospel, "Be alert! 24/7. (I added that last part.)

David M. Thomas, PhD

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

**SAINT MATTHEW'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL** has the following positions available:

**† SCHOOL REGISTRAR ~** Seeking a dedicated, organized, and welcoming School Registrar to join our school community as soon as possible! The School Registrar plays an important role in supporting our students, families, faculty, and administration by maintaining accurate student records and helping ensure the smooth operation of school enrollment and registration. This is a full-time position. Call Theresa at 406-751-6811 or email *hrsaintmattsaints.org.*

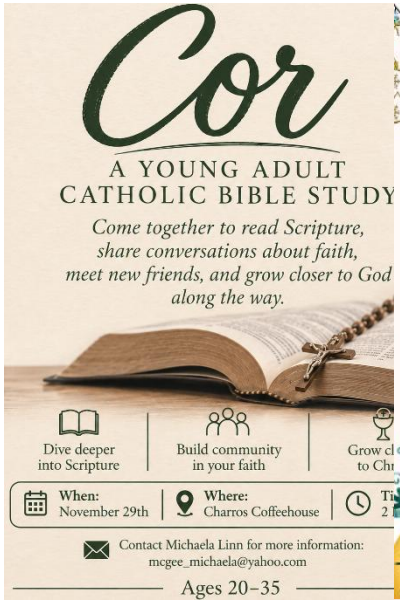
**† SHORT-TERM MATH SUBSTITUTE TEACHER NEEDED GRADES 6-8**
Including Algebra 1 for the anticipated period of Jan. 27, 2027, thru Mar. 10, 2027.
Interested candidates may contact Dr. Peterson, Principal, at 406-752-6306.













**CRAB FEED AT ST. CHARLES BORROMEO**

*Knights of Columbus present:*
*CRAB FEED*
All-you-can-eat Pacific
Dungeness crab
Adult beverages
Live Music
Great fun!

**December 4th, 2026**
Moose Lodge, Whitefish
Early seating: 4:30 pm
Late seating: 7:30 pm



## SINFULLY RICH GOLDEN TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Find a Knight or stop in the Parish Office to get your winning ticket!




*Your generous support helps the Knights of Columbus support many programs including:*

- Maintenance of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Statue on Big Mountain
- K of C Projects supporting our priest and maintenance of the church and our school
- Catholic Vocations Support
- Theology of the Body Training
- Right to Life
- Pregnancy Support
- Coats for Kids
- Food for Families
- Keep Christ in Christmas Program
- Special Olympics
- Widow and Orphan support
- Catholic social services

MONTANA TAX CREDIT

These forms are available at the back of St. Matthew church.

