

AdorationTues. 1:00– 10:00 pm
Wed.8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Choir PracticeMondays 7:00 pm
Daughters of Isabella.....Every 4th Monday 6pm
Knights of Columbus 1st Thursday 7:00 pmRMC
Rosary1st & 3rd Sat. of the month 4:30-5:00 in the church
RCIATues. 7:00 pm RMC
Faith Formation K-5 R.E/Saints.....Wednesdays 4-5:15 pm
Faith Formation 6-8...Edge.....Wednesdays 7-8:30 pm
Faith Formation 9-12 Impact.....Wednesdays 7-8:30 pm

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 St. Matthew's Parish!

<https://www.stmattsaints.org>
 Visit St. Matthew's School Website and see what's
 happening!

Live Streaming – St. Matthew's is happy to
 be able to provide live streaming of the
 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass each weekend. To
 view, please visit the parish Youtube channel
 "St. Matthew's Parish, Kalispell, MT"



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Joni McKiernan
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This Week's Daily Readings

Mon. 3/01/21 – The Second Week of Lent
 Dn 9:4b-10; 79:8,9,11,13; Jn 6:63c,68c; Lk 6:26-38
Tue. 3/02/21 - The Second Week of Lent
 Is 1:10,16-20; 50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23; Ez 18:31; Mt 23:1-12
Wed. 3/03/21 – The Second Week of Lent
 Jer 18:18-20; 31:5-6,14,15-16; Jn 8:12; Mt 20:17-28
Thur. 3/04/21 - The Second Week of Lent
 Jer 17:5-10; 1:1-2,3,4,6; Lk 8:15; Lk 16:19-31
Fri. 3/05/21 - The Second Week of Lent
 Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a; 105:16-17,18-19,20-21; Jn 3:16;
 Mt 21:33-43,45-46
Sat. 3/06/21 - The Second Week of Lent
 Mi 7:14-15,18-20; 103:1-2,3-4,9-10,11-12; Lk 15:18; Lk 15:1-3,11-32
Sun. 3/07/21 – The Third Sunday of Lent
 Ex 17:3-7; 95:1-2,6-7,8-9; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4:42,15;
 Jn 4:5-42

Stations of the Cross
Fridays @ 12:10 pm and 6:00 pm

Please Note:
Church Open - In addition to regularly scheduled
 Masses, adoration and reconciliation times, the
 church will be open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00
 p.m.

Mass Intentions

03/02/21	12:10 pm	Randy Rainwater
03/03/21	7:15 am	Avery Matelich
03/04/21	12:10 pm	Dorothy Redinger
03/05/21	8:45 am	Ted Reed
03/06/21	5:00 pm	For The People of St. Matt's and the accumulative Mass intentions for March
03/07/21	8:00 am	Witt Family, Living & Deceased
03/07/21	10:00 am	Frances & James Fogleman
03/07/21	12:00 pm	John Graves

ADORATION

Can You Not Watch One Hour With Me?

Martha was upset with her sister Mary for sitting at the feet of Jesus when there were preparations to be made for dinner. Jesus replied, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and upset about many things, one thing only is required. Mary has chosen the better portion and she shall not be deprived of it.” (Lk 10:38-42)

Often times we too, act like Martha; always busy with activities, errands, phone calls, etc.

People are very protective of their time. They look at an hour a week commitment to something like adoration and all they can think is, I don't know if I can give that hour up every week. They look at their time as the most precious thing they have - and they are right. The thing is, you will never outdo God in generosity. Your time in adoration will never be wasted, and you'll never give up more than you get. If they only understood what you get through Eucharistic Adoration, they'd want to be in adoration one hundred hours a week. Jesus fills in all the holes and gets you started building eternal mansions in heaven. Love is sitting there, waiting for you.

Sit at Jesus' feet during Adoration every Tuesday from 1-10 pm and Wednesday from 8 am to 6 pm.

Call Ruthann @ 756-8551 or 260-7707 to sign up. Our goal is 3-4 people per hour.

Permanent Commitment Needed
Wednesdays 11 am to 12 pm
Wednesdays 4 pm to 5 pm

The Importance of the Organ

In the first few centuries of the Church, liturgical music was required to be done in an *acapella* fashion—that is without the use of any instruments. With the development of the organ as sort of royal instrument, the organ began to be introduced in chapels throughout Europe. The earliest introduction was likely by Charlemagne to his great chapel at Aachen.

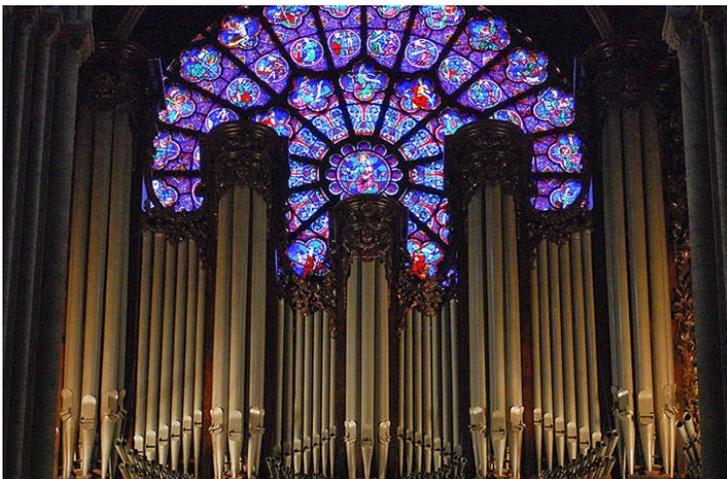
Another early instance is in the 10th century in the Cathedral of Winchester England. This organ required 70 men to operate it and was recorded to be heard across the city.

Alongside the introduction of the organ into cathedrals was its introduction into the monasteries. It soon became the unofficially official instrument of the Western church and its grandeur only grew with the development of new pipe voicings and registrations. Mozart eventually referred to the organ as the “king of instruments.”

Now, why so much importance to this instrument? Why would Vatican II give the “pride of place” in the liturgical setting to the forbidding of “secular” instruments?

I think there is a theoretical and practical answer to this. Theoretically, the most Divine instrument is the human voice due to its having the power to praise God in word and music. The organ also has a keen similarity to the voice in its sound and capability. Some voicings on the organ can blend so well with voices that it's difficult to tell that an organ is even being used!

Practically, the organ is extremely versatile; it can express solemn grandeur and joy or collected and calm lamentation. Secondly, there is a certain reservation in the organ that prevents non-sacred and perhaps overly sentimental expression. Often instruments like a saxophone or electric can take a large expressive personality in their performance; the organ does not have such capability thus making it very much disposed in the service of the Sacred Mysteries.





Since we don't get to see everyone's smiling faces this year, we have put together "Night Of Baskets"!

Gather a group of your friends together for February 27th, This is our last night of our Virtual Auction. Each of these baskets include a charcuterie board made by The Kopper Kitchen, on a one of a kind St. Matthew's Saints Montana Shaped Cutting Board. These will be delivered to your home on February 27th.

**To bid on these baskets
Text SMCS to 71760
starting February 15th!!!**

A message with a web link will be returned. Open the link and register. Once registered, you will be able to see auction items and place bids.

BROWN SCAPULAR



There will be a Brown Scapular Investiture on March 25th, time TBA, the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Brown Scapular is a Sacramental of the Catholic Church, a devotion as old as the Holy Rosary. It is a sacramental devotion to our Lady of Mount Carmel.

By participating in this Rite of Investiture we formally place ourselves, with complete trust, into the care of our Blessed Mother.

More information will be to come in the next few weeks. If you are interested or have questions, please call Kari Sandor @ 406-471-3580 or email: sandorkari@yahoo.com



LENTEN SEASON: REFLECT. REPENT. RESTORE

"Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by [giving alms](#); and we practice self-control through [fasting](#). We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began a new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this [reflection](#). In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults](#), a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics." (USCCB.ORG)

Mrs. Wagner's second graders had their first meeting with the Flathead High School SHE-RAs book club students following COVID protocols. Mrs. Wagner's students met in small groups with the high school students to enrich their reading skills.

Mrs. Rainwater's first graders celebrated 100 Days of School by creating projects that were on display in the lunchroom. And then..... there were the bubbles!!!! In sub-zero temperatures...Mrs. Rainwater said, "After making bubble solution, first grade blew bubbles and froze them in the sub zero temps." Brrrrrr..... Pop?

Acknowledgement Our Team of Essential Workers

If you ask our morning custodian, Mary, she will tell you that her work day at St. Matthew's Catholic School begins before sunrise. She is responsible for the care of the Pre-K Academy, the first floor and second floor rooms and hallways. That's a lot of space to clean and sanitize in five hours. Mary always has a smile on her face and is willing to help maintain a safe and clean environment for staff and students. Thank you, Mary!

The work clock starts ticking a little later for our maintenance man, Mike. He is responsible for handling incoming work orders, snow removal, building maintenance, purchasing parts and supplies, and also helps maintain the other church-owned properties. The safety of our staff and students is one of his top priorities. We appreciate Mike's dedication to our school and parish. Thank you, Mike!

Jimmy is our evening custodian beginning his shift as the students are leaving school. Often Jimmy has to work around after school activities like athletic and special events and meetings. He is diligent about reporting areas that need attention. Part of Jimmy's job is to clean and disinfect classrooms and other common areas. Staff and student health and safety are important to Jimmy as he is willing to make suggestions to help make our school a safe and healthy place to be. Thank you, Jimmy!

We are so appreciative of our custodial and maintenance staffers who are essential members of our staff at St. Matt's. They are often diligently working behind the scenes and may not be aware of how grateful we are for their dedication to St. Matthew's School. We thank you and hope you know you are appreciated.

**Respectfully,
Your Principal**

General Announcements

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Seminarians in Service

By Dan Bartleson,
Communication Services Director
Diocese of Helena



Brett Rotz

Spirituality Year (Rathdrum, ID)

Brett is in what is called a Spirituality Year at the seminary. All first-year seminarians spend the year reflecting on and exploring God's calling on their lives with a particular focus on prayer and knowing Jesus' will. Brett spends time at a local Catholic K-8 School. He spends time with students as a positive male role model, which many don't have. Conversations can be wide-ranging, and Brett encourages helpful behavior and leadership among peers and positive classroom engagement. Brett said students have started to embrace the idea of journaling their thoughts and experiences as a reflection and discipline. After an hour at the school, Brett participates in street evangelization, sharing his time and faith with the homeless. One of Brett's guiding ideas in this ministry comes from Fr. Mark Mary C.F.R, who said, "Let your life be convicting and your words be consoling."

Please continue your prayers for our seminarians and an abundance of young men to serve as priests in the Diocese of Helena.

40 CANS FOR LENT

40 Cans for Lent is a Knights of Columbus community charity program that connects traditional Lenten almsgiving with needs of local families. The "one-can-per-day" donation is inspired by Christ's 40 days of fasting in the desert. You can put your cans in the wagon in front of the church or in the Doran Center by the grotto.



This Lent, help people in our community while also helping your Council.

Seminarian Prayer Request

Dillon Armstrong

Matthew Christiaens

John Cooney

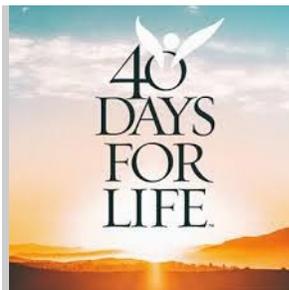
Tyler Frohlich

Riley Helgoe

Kaleb Mitchell

Brett Rotz

Kyle Tannehill



40 Days for Life

Please join St. Matthews in praying outside the Whitefish Abortion Clinic On Friday, March 12th and Tuesday, March 16th.

Contact Giorgio at gpnavarini@gmail.com for more information

LENT

Our observance of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which falls on Feb. 17th this year. It is a day of fast and abstinence for Catholics. At Mass on Ash Wednesday, the imposition of ashes replicates an ancient penitential practice and symbolizes our dependence upon God's mercy and forgiveness.

The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The church asks us to surrender ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. The fasting we all do together on Fridays, is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and household fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms is some effort to share this world equally, not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.

The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not only to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of your hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

LENT REGULATIONS

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the traditional pillars of our Lenten observance. Lent encourages us to place special emphasis on prayer-both personal prayer and praying together as God's people. The time of Lent offers a heightened awareness of almsgiving works of justice and charity, and tending to those who are in need.

Fasting and abstinence challenge us to avoid attachments to the "things" of this world.

All between the ages of 18 and 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

All who are 14 and older observe abstinence on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Len. All others are encouraged to fast and abstain in ways appropriate to their circumstances.

Fasting means one full meal each day with the other meals not equaling a full meal. Eating between meals is not allowed, but liquids are allowed.

Abstinence means that no meat is allowed. If health or ability to work would be seriously affected, fast and abstinence do not apply.

THE LENTEN CHALLENGE

Lent is a season of prayer and penance set apart by the church to prepare us for Easter and to recall Our Lord's fast in the desert. This season of preparation and sanctification can be fittingly accomplished through voluntary amendment of life, acts of penance, and work of charity. Lent is a time to learn to love our souls more than our bodies. This every Christian should make a special effort to practice mortification and strive for holiness during the forty days of Lent.

Do Not Let This Time To Grow In Holiness Pass You By!

Consider the following categories on what you should do for Lent.

1. **Voluntary Amendment of Life:** Give up those things that you need to give up sooner or later, namely bad habits. Your goal here is to break a bad habit for ever and Lent is a good time to do it. Love your soul more than your body.

Examples: Gossiping, surfing the web without real need, watching TV, overeating, eating between meals, eating junk food, bad drinking habits, complaining, saying vulgar words, not getting up on time, using a snooze alarm, wasting time playing video games, going to movies, etc.

2. **Acts of Penance:** Perform some kind of penance: Your goal here is to train yourself to say "no" in little things so that you can say "NO" to big temptations later. You may resume doing the things you have given up here once Lent is over. Love your soul more than your body!

Examples: Avoid eating or drinking something that you enjoy, such as desserts. Give up eating out, taking hot showers, drinking alcoholic beverages, etc.

3. **Works of Charity:** Perform some good and holy actions. Your goal here is to strengthen your relationship with Christ and His Beloved Church. Ideally what you start here would continue in some way even after Lent is over. Love God more than yourself.

Examples: Pray the rosary every day, attend daily Mass as much as possible, read the Sacred Scriptures, spend more time with family, increase spiritual reading, make a daily visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament or some shrine of Our Lady.