

# ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mon - Fri 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

February 19, 2023

## Everything For The Greater Glory Of God

### Eucharistic Celebrations:

Saturday Mass: ..... 4:30 pm

Sunday Masses: ..... 7:00 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Masses: .....

Wed. .... 12:10 pm

Fri. .... 8:30 am

Reconciliation: .. Sat. 3:00 - 4:15 pm

Wed. 1:00 - 3:00 pm

### Sacraments:

Baptism and Marriage Prep: by appointment ..... 752-6788

First Communion and Confirmation ..... 752-6788

### Parish Staff:

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## St. Matthew

Adoration .....Tues. 1:00– 10:00 pm  
.....Wed.8:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Daughters of Isabella.....Every 4th Monday 6pm  
Knights of Columbus ..... 1st Thursday 7:00 pm ....RMC  
Rosary .....1st & 3rd Sat. of the month 4:00-4:30 in the church  
RCIA ..... Tues. 7:00 pm in the RMC  
Faith Formation K-5 R.E/Saints.....6-7 pm Wednesday  
Faith Formation 6-8...Edge.....6-7 pm Wednesday  
Faith Formation 9-12 Youth Group.....6-7 pm Wednesday  
Adult Formation.....6-7 pm Wednesday

<https://www.stmattsaints.org>

Visit St. Matthew's School Website and see what's happening!

[saintmatthewskalispell.org](http://saintmatthewskalispell.org)

Visit our website and get the latest updates from St. Matthew's Parish!

### Seminarian Prayer Request

Dillon Armstrong  
John Cooney  
Riley Helgoe  
Kaleb Mitchell  
Brett Rotz  
Deacon Kyle Tannehill  
Alex Olmes  
Anthony Olmes  
James Semling  
Jamie Severson

### Spirituality Year

Carter Anderson  
Shae Bills  
Lane Buus  
Matt Keck  
Jack Peed



### Advertiser of the Week

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## This Week's Daily Readings

### **Mon. 2/20/23 –Monday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time**

Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2,5; 2 Tm 1:10; Mk 9:14-29

### **Tue. 2/21/23 - Tuesday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time**

Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4,18-19,27-28,39-40; Gal 6:14; Mk 9:30-37

### **Wed. 2/22/23 - Ash Wednesday**

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4,5-6ab,12-13,14,17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Ps 95:8; Mt 6:1-6,16-18

### **Thur. 2/23/23 - Thursday After Ash Wednesday**

Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2,3,4,6; Mt 4:17; Lk 9:22-25

### **Fri. 02/24/23 - Friday After Ash Wednesday**

Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4,5-6ab,18-19; Am 5:14; Mt 9:14-15

### **Sat. 2/25/23 Saturday After Ash Wednesday**

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2,3-4,5-6; Ez 33:11; Lk 5:27-32

### **Sun. 2/26/23 - First Sunday of Lent**

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4,5-6,12-13,14,17; Rom 5:12-19; Rom 5:12,17-19 Mt 4:4b; Mt 4:1-11

### **ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**12:10 pm @ St. Matthews**

**6:00 pm @ Risen Christ**

### ***VOLUNTEER OPORTUNITIES***

Please consider being a part of the Mass. There are opportunities to become a Sacristan, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Greeter and Altar Server. Call the Parish Office to sign up. You can choose how often you want to volunteer and training is available with Deacon Charlie. 752-6788

### Mass Intentions

2/22/23	12:10 pm	Rebecca Davis +
2/24/23	8:30 am	Betty Wagner
2/25/23	4:30 pm	Accumulative Mass Intentions
2/26/23	7:00 am	For The People
2/26/23	11:00 am	Oakman John Schaut +

**ADORATION**

**Adoration During Lent Begins**

An ancient legend has it that the pelican brought its dead young ones back to life by wounding its breast and giving them its blood. Christians applied this image to Jesus Christ from the very earliest times. A single drop of the most sacred blood of Jesus, shed on Calvary, would have been sufficient to make reparation for all the crimes, all the acts of hatred, impurity and envy of all men of all the ages, past and present. But Christ went still further: He shed the very last drop of his blood for mankind and for each individual, as though only that particular person existed on earth...*This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven,* Jesus Christ said these words at the Last Supper. They are repeated by the priest each day at Holy Mass as he renews the sacrifice of Our Lord, which continues to be offered until the end of the world. The next day on Calvary, when, already dead, having surrendered his life to his Father, *One of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water* - therefore the very last drop of his blood. The fathers of the church see the sacraments and the very life of the church as springing from this pierced side of Christ: *Oh death that gives life to the dead, Saint Augustine! What can be purer than this blood? What wound was ever more health-giving than this?* It is through this wound that we are healed.

Christ's surrender on the Cross, renewed in the Blessed Eucharist, purifies us of our weakness.

**Ash Wednesday is this week. Let us all take the time during Lent to adore our Lord, to develop that personal relationship with Him.**

**40 Days for Life**

**Ash Wednesday, February 22nd - Saturday, April 1st**

Our opening prayer Service will take place on Feb. 22nd from 3-5 pm in front of the All Families Healthcare abortion facility, located at 737 Spokane Ave. in Whitefish.

St. Matthew's sponsored vigil hours are from 7 am to 7 pm on March 15th - 17th. [Go to 40daysforlife.com/whitefish](http://40daysforlife.com/whitefish) to sign up.

**DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA**

**What is a Burse?**

A Burse is an endowment. Burse Cards are used as a prayerful remembrance for deceased persons, persons celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, weddings or any event where prayers are desired. The Burse Card is sent to the family of the remembered individual by the person who obtained the card. The minimum suggested donation for the Burse Card is \$5.

Bishop Vetter receives the names of Burse recipients monthly and adds these names to his daily prayers. The money donated for Burse Cards is sent to the Diocese of Helena for the educations of Seminarians.

Burse Cards can be obtained from the Daughters of Isabella at their monthly Pie/Baked Goods sale held the 3rd weekend of every month. Burses can also be obtained from any Daughter of Isabella. Contact Marlene Stevens at 406-212-0276 or Shirley Burns at 406-249-7275.

**Special Intentions for February  
For The Faithful Departed**

Rebecca Davis  
Laney Hanzel  
Art Crandall  
Claus & Catherine Witt  
Lowell Cloninger  
Darlene & Skip Maughan  
Fr. Stephen Tallman

**Special Intentions**

Gary Christensen  
Baylen Dimeo  
Nancy Zoellner  
Matthew Bliven  
Vander Barnes  
Michelle Jenkins  
Breanna Backeberg



# St. Matthew's Catholic School

It's A Great Day To Be A Saint

## SAVE THE DATE

**Vacation Bible School  
June 26th - June 30th**

## **2023 Eucharistic Congress & Catholic Youth Coalition Convention**

### **Pertinent Details:**

**Date:** March 25-26, 2023

**Location:** Carroll College (Helena, MT) – PE Center

**Who:** Open to All Ages (on-site childcare will be provided for elementary-aged children)

**What:** An inspiring weekend of keynotes, workshops, and the Sacraments, centered around our theme "Called to the Truth." We will conclude with a joyful, public witness of our faith in a Eucharistic Procession through downtown Helena.

To learn more or to register, go to

[diocesehelena.org/eucharisticcongress/](https://diocesehelena.org/eucharisticcongress/)

Or call John Bacon at 406-752-6788

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

St. Matthew's school has a few positions to fill. Please send your resume to [hr@stmattsaints.org](mailto:hr@stmattsaints.org) or call 406-751-6811 for additional information.

1. **Custodian** to work part-time in the mornings at the school .
2. Part-time and/or full-time **Assistant to a Lead Teacher** in the Early Learning Center.
3. Part-time **Post Intervention Teacher (Tutor)** 2023/2024 school year.
4. Full-time **Art Teacher** for the 2023/2024 school year.
5. Part-time **After School Care Assistant** from 3:30-5:30 pm.

## **An Opportunity to Help Your Parish!**

It's time for the **ANNUAL PARISH ENDOWMENT MATCH** program!

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Is how much the FOUNDATION will give each parish endowment.

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If a parish receives \$300 worth of gifts to the church endowment by March 31, 2023, the church will receive another . . .

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*Last year the FOUNDATION gave \$30,000 to our parishes through these grants and matches!*

Mail your tax deductible donation to **FDOH, PO Box 1729, Helena, MT 59624** and put the name of your parish on the memo line, or **donate online at [fdoh.org/giving](https://fdoh.org/giving)**. Questions? Contact the Foundation at 406-389-7050.

*Match donations must be postmarked by March 31, 2023.*



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## **Dear St. Matthew's Families & Friends,**

Once again it is time to start gearing up for Holy Hoops! The calendar has been marked for March 20th-23rd. The Holy Hoops Committee would like to thank you all for your previous generous donations to The Holy Hoops Basketball Tournaments.

Thanks to donations, we are able to provide our students with a unique basketball experience that has been going on since 2011. This year donations raised will be used to redo the gym floor.

### **Sponsorship Tiers:**

Any money under \$100 would get a thank you in the Holy Hoops Program.

\$100 would provide a name on Holy Hoops shirts/program, small logo.

\$200 would provide a name on Holy Hoops shirt/quarter page ad in program, large logo.

\$300 would provide a name on Holy Hoops shirt/half page ad in program, large logo.

\$500 or more would provide a name on Holy Hoops shirt/full page ad in program, large logo

Thank you for all your support. We would not be able to do this without all the great families, and friends of St. Matthew's School. Donations can be dropped off or sent by mail to the school. All donations and sponsorships need to be sent in by February 24th to be able to have your name and logo put onto the Holy Hoops shirts. We are looking forward to lots of fun, action packed games, and friendship!

Sincerely,

St. Matthew's Holy Hoops Committee



## General Announcements

### Knights of Columbus



**Dates:** Fridays Feb. 24th, March 10th & 24th  
**Time:** 4:30 - 6:45 pm  
**Dine-In:** St. Matthew's School Cafeteria  
**Take-Out:** Please call 406-260-6446 to Place an order. Allow 1/2 hour for pick up.

#### Menu:

2 Fish Tacos, Fries, Coleslaw & Dessert  
Or  
Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw, Applesauce & Dessert

**Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm**

## General Announcements

### 40 Cans For Lent



The Knights of Columbus are asking every parishioner to contribute one can of food for each of the 40 days of Lent. The food will be donated to local charities. Bring in your canned goods and leave them in the Doran Center. This Lent, help people in your community while also helping your council!

St. Matthew's Parish has several homebound parishioners and parishioners in nursing homes that would like to partake in communion. A few more volunteers are needed to accomplish this. If you would like to help out, please call Brett Bennetts at 406-253-6411.

### Risen Christ's Fish Fry Dates: Same Great Menu!

**Friday, March 3rd**  
**Friday, March 17th**

**4:30 pm to 6:45 pm**  
**Dine in or "Take Out"**

**Stations of the Cross at 7 pm**



## DO YOU NEED TECHNICAL HELP??

In conjunction with the new **Techno-Saints Service Club** at St. Matthew's School, St. Matthew's Parish will be providing computer and phone technical help. After 11:00 am Sunday Mass throughout the school year, we will be downstairs in the Doran Center from 12:30 - 2:30 pm.

#### Technology help would include:

- \* Education on how to operate your computer/phone
- \* Security checks and recommendations on anti-malware/virus issues
- \* Software/App installation
- \* Simple computer repairs and upgrades
- \* Help with filling out online forms & printing online documents

#### IN ADDITION:

Used Apple iMAC and iPADS are available to purchase. Money will be used to help St. Matthews purchase new school computers and other technology purchases for the school.

For more information contact Steve Carpenter, IT Manager and Computer Technology Teacher at St. Matts. Email: [techuser@stmattsaints.org](mailto:techuser@stmattsaints.org) or phone or text: 406-752-6303 X211

## LENT

Our observance of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which falls on Feb.22nd this year. It is a day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. At Mass on Ash Wednesday, the imposition of ashes replicates and 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 Lent. 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. Thus, 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. our goal here is to break a bad habit forever 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.



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