# Church of the Resurrection

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## PRAYER

PRACTICE PATIENCE

RESPECT



Each week during Lenten Season, we will unfold each letter from the word "Prayer." This week is the letter "a" which is to remind us of *Attitude*. Do I need to adjust my attitude?

Fast from one thing that needs to change in your life.

Anna Nation provides us with the artwork each week.



## Our Hearts Are Ready

God our Father and Creator, of Abraham and Jacob, and all of our ancestors of faith;

bless us in our daily lives of work and prayer, as we find you in Word and bread and water;

Harden not our hearts when we are confronted with Truth, nor when we are lost in confusion or despair;

For we know you are with us, as you were with Moses and the people of Israel, and as you were with the Samaritan woman.

May our hearts be open to accept your
Word, and our spirits be ready to
proclaim your Truth.
May our work reflect your grace
and the fruits of our work
be shared with all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



# Weekly **Words from** The Rock

The response to the "Answer for the Week" comes from an article written by Bishop Frederick Campbell from The <u>Catholic Spirit</u>. In that article he also deals with a question on holy days of obligation and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Let us look at both questions today.

**Question:** I am confused. What days during the liturgical year are holy days of obligation? And when are exceptions made so holy days are lifted? I remember a case last year when a holy day fell on a Monday, so Mass attendance was not mandatory.

## Bishop Campbell's Answer:

I sympathize with your confusion. Let me HOLY HAIR A pastor's son who had just try to help. In the United States, besides every Sunday, six solemnities are celebrated as Holy Days of Obligation:

Christmas (December 25), Mary, Mother of God (January 1), Ascension (40 days after Easter), Assumption of Mary (August 15), All Saints (November 1), and the Immaculate Conception (December 8). In the dioceses of Minnesota, South Dakota, and North Dakota, the feast of the Ascension has been transferred from the traditional 40 days after Easter to the following Sunday (previously the seventh Sunday of Easter).

If a holy day falls on a Saturday or Monday, the feast is still celebrated, but the faithful are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass (although attendance at Mass is still strongly encouraged). The exceptions to this rule are the Solemnities of Christmas and the Immaculate Conception (the patronal feast of the Church in the United States). However, on those rare occasions when December 8 falls on a Sunday, the celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to the following Monday, since no other feast day can replace a Sunday of Advent. Although the feast itself is transferred, the obligation to attend Mass is not.

These obligations are somewhat complicated, but they do reflect the need to honor the cycle of liturgical life and to respond to certain pastoral realities.

**Ouestion**: Is the Sacrament of the Sick reserved only for the seriously sick and dying, and before life-threatening surgeries like colon cancer? Our priest feels that cataract surgery does not merit anointing before the surgery.

Bishop Campbell's Answer: The best answer that I can give is to quote from the General Introduction to the Rite of the Anointing of the Sick: "Great care and concern should be taken to see that those of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age receive this sacrament. A prudent or reasonably sure judgment, without scruple, is sufficient for deciding on the seriousness of an illness; if necessary a doctor may be consulted." With this in mind, the ultimate decision lies within the pastoral prudence of the priest.

#### **Holy Humor**

gotten his driving permit asked his father about using the family car. His father answered, "Son, I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your Bible more, and get your haircut. Then we will talk about it."

Two months later the boy approached his father again about using the car. His father said, "Son, I'm real proud of you. You have brought your grades up and studied your Bible diligently. But why haven't you gotten your hair cut?"

The young man replied, "Samson had long hair. Even Jesus had long hair." His father said, "Yes, son and they walked everywhere they went!"

#### **Answer for the Week**

**Question**: Many times I hear people mention one's Easter duty with the sacrament of reconciliation. Thus, what is the church's teaching on one's Easter duty and reconciliation? Is it still necessary to go to confession during the Easter season? How often should one receive the sacrament of penance?

**Bishop Campbell's Answer**: Actually the so-called Easter duty has nothing to do with the sacrament of reconciliation.

The so-called "Easter duty" refers to the obligation to receive Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter season. The obligation in regard to the sacrament of penance involves the requirement to confess one's grave sins at least once a year (without mention of a specific season). Over the years, these two obligations became interconnected in the minds of many of the faithful.

As I read the documents of the church concerning the sacrament of penance, I find that there are three principal reasons for receiving this sacrament. The first, and most serious, is that the sacrament is the means by which a penitent guilty of grave sin, is restored to communion with God and the church. Second, the faithful find in the sacrament a remedy for those venial sins that impede a full-hearted response to our baptismal call to holiness. Third, the celebration of the sacrament of penance is the church's prophetic witness to the power of God's grace, mercy, healing, and reconciliation.

As one determines the proper frequency of confession, one should take all three reasons into account.

(Father Schuster's reflection on the sacrament of penance: When I grew up as a child, my parents used to take all of us to the sacrament of penance every three months. Now, personally, I celebrate the sacrament once per month. My rule of thumb has always been that when a sin you struggle with begins to once again rear its head and impact your day to day living, it is time to return to the sacrament).

**Ouestion for the Week**: From time to time, people throw out the title, kiddingly, of Bishop Schuster. They may say, "Father, do you like the way Bishop Schuster sounds?" Meaning, Father Schuster, would you like to become a

I'll provide the answer next week. God's blessings! Father Schuster

**Chrism Mass** – Resurrection Catholic Church will be hosting the Chrism Mass this year at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 10th. We are in need of help. In the Gathering Space, there is a sign-up sheet for Greeters, Servers for the Social and Dinner, and those willing to assist in the dispensing of the Holy Oils. Please help us where you can.

I know that I am not alone in having experienced a bad cold this winter and enduring a very slow recovery process. My heart goes out to any of you that are experiencing an illness at this time. Since my return to work, I have added daily prayers for others that are in the throes of cold's grip.

One of the things that I am most grateful for is the number of people who supported me in prayer. This support was instrumental in giving me strength to fight another day. The first week that I was home sick, I could not pray for myself and it gave me great comfort to know there were prayer warriors asking God for healing and health.

**Thoughts** from Chervl

O When you are ill, your energy and mind is not able to settle down enough to focus on prayers. Each moment you are concerned about keeping your cough at bay. When you have difficulty sleeping, you become even more impatient with your situation and are irritated so easily. What surprised me the most was my inability to read or watch TV. No diversions. I was confronted with facing my cold head on and learning how to

join my struggle to Christ's passion. To recognize how this faith of ours allows us to trust and hope in our darkness was a blessing.

It was a humbling experience. I felt like a juggler who had multiple balls in the air and all of them came crashing to the ground. It was amazing to hear how Fr. Schuster, the Resurrection staff, leadership teams, and parishioners stepped in and took charge of each item in the works: Mardi Gras, Lenten activities, CMA 17 appeal, rollout of the new web site, to name a few. Thank you to all who without a moment's hesitation took on additional roles and responsibilities. I am forever grateful.

The Lenten Small Groups are well underway. It gives me great joy to listen to those who are attending a small group and hear how they are finding it to be very helpful. Here are just a few comments: "We all benefit from each person's understanding of faith. Listening to each other, we come to an even greater understanding of our faith." "It helps to look beneath the surface of things, to probe deeper." "You recognize that God is not shallow." "I have really enjoyed reading and discussing this book." We still have additional study guides in the office if you are interested in looking over the materials and using them for a discussion at home. It's not too late.

There are a variety of opportunities to pray the Stations of the Cross. On Fridays, Stations are prayed in the main church beginning at 5:30 p.m. with Soup Supper to follow in Fr. Zenk Hall. Three more opportunities are available: March 24, March 31, and April 7. Each Friday a unique set of Stations will be prayed and led by a different ministry. On Saturday morning, March 25, Preschool families are invited to do a Stations of the Cross activity from 9:30—10:30 a.m. This is a very engaging way to pray the Stations with our youngest parishioners. The 10th grade teens will be leading Stations of the Cross on Wednesday March 29 at 7 p.m. and all are welcome. You also are invited at noon on Tuesday, March 21, weather permitting, to pray the stations while walking the Prairie Labyrinth.

Enjoy God's embrace.

Readings for the Week of March 19, 2017

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Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15,

19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt

1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:3-4, 18-21ab/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

## **Parish News**

**KC Breakfast** today following all Sunday Masses. All are invited. Free will offering.

Labyrinth Walk, Tuesday, March 21st at Noon. Join us as we walk through the Labyrinth celebrating the season of Spring.

Communal Penance Service, Tuesday, March 21st at 6:30 pm. After the service we will have several priests available for Reconciliation.

Stations of the Cross Friday, March 24th, 5:30 pm. Soup supper will follow.

2017 Lenten Season Parish Almgiving. Week Three: March 18th/19th. St. Vincent de Paul Society. Informational Meeting for the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at Resurrection. We invite caring people to assist our friends in Rochester who need food, clothes, rent assistance, utility assistance and other needs. Christ said, "What you do for the least of my brothers you do unto me." Is it time for you to really live your religious convictions and give something back for all you have received? Come join us for an informational meeting on Wednesday, March 22 at 7:00 pm in the Conference **Room at church**. We invite you to come and learn more about our rewarding ministry.

Young Children Stations of the Cross, Saturday, March 25th at 9:30 am. Any questions regarding this event, call Sheila Pelowski, Director of Children's Ministry at 288-5528, ext. 101 or email sheilap@rescathroch.org.

**40 Days for Life**, please see the sign up sheets in the Gathering Space for Saturday, March 25th. Please consider spending some time on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood praying for families. So far there have been 98 babies spared from abortion that we know of in this campaign which started March 1st.

**Rummage Sale** coming this spring. If you will be doing house, garage and yard clean up and have things you do not want to keep, please put them aside. New this year will be green plants looking to be adopted, so if you have house plants, seedlings, please consider our Rummage Sale.



# **Liturgy Notes from** Ioann

Chrism Mass - Holy Oils



Oil was important in the lives of our Jewish ancestors. In the Bible, we learn that oil was used in cooking, as a fuel for lamps and as a healing agent in medicine. It was also used to anoint the

head of a guest as a sign of welcome, for beautification of one's appearance and to prepare a body for burial. Oil was a symbol of sanctification, healing, strengthening, beautification, dedication, consecration and sacrifice. Given the significance of oil in its heritage, the early Church adopted the use of olive oil for its sacramental rituals and we continue to use it today in our

The Holy Oils we use in our Sacraments are blessed by the bishop at a special Mass called the Chrism Mass. Every Diocese in the Church celebrates this Mass once a year during Holy Week. The Chrism Mass for the Diocese of Winona will take place on the Monday of Holy Week – April 10 at 7:00 PM here at the Church of the Resurrection.

The Oil of Catechumens (oleum catechumenorum or oleum *sanctorum*) is used in connection with the sacrament of baptism. It is used following a prayer of exorcism and symbolizes the person's need for the help and strength of GOD to live as a child of GOD.

The **Oil of the Sick** (*oleum infirmorum*) is used in the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. In this rite the priest anoints the forehead and the hands of the person seeking healing.

Holy Chrism (sacrum chrisma) is a mixture of olive oil and balsam, an aromatic resin. This oil is linked with the sanctification of individuals and is used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. It is also used in the dedication ceremony of a church when the bishop anoints the altar and the walls. The blessing of the Holy Chrism at the Chrism Mass is different from that of the other oils: here the bishop breathes over the vessel of chrism, a gesture which symbolizes both the Holy Spirit coming down to consecrate this oil, and the life-giving, sanctifying nature of the Sacraments for which it is

We are in need of volunteers to help dispense the Holy Oils from the large vessels (see photo) into small bottles for each parish in the diocese. If you would like to help with this task, please signup at the tall table in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions about the Chrism Mass, please contact the Parish Office.

Psalm Refrain for March 26 - 4th Sunday of Lent (Psalm 23:1)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

# **Liturgical Ministries**

NOTE: Please remember to find a substitute if you are unable to fulfill your ministry as scheduled.

Thank you. March 25th/26th

#### **Altar Servers**

8:00 pm	Taya Viker, Devon Wald		
8:30 am	Chris Simonson, Hailey Talmo		
10:00 am	Andrea Augeson, Will Creighton		
11:30 am	Jesse Hirvela, Cameron Vareberg		

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Eucharistic	Ministers
8:00 pm	Jane & Rick Haeflinger, Debbie Olson, Judith Pelowski, Chad Rasmussen, Theresa Root, Kim Shimak-Hansen, Elizabeth Teuteberg
8:30 am	Patty Haler, George Klann, Denise Koster, Christiane Lund, Joan Miller, Micki Miller, Eugene Nolan, Charlotte Robinet, Beverly Sanders, Patrice Steier, Donna Weber
10:00 am	Elaine & Jerome Garry, Timothy Geisler, Aida Kostick, Joseph Kostick, Andrew Kowal, Marylu Nemgar, Mary Stettler, Andrew Thilges, Brenda Tschann, Gary Tschann
11:30 am	Marianne Aksamit, Denise Kelly, Lynette Lenoch, Daniel McCormick, Michelle Ouh, Sheila Pelowsk Karen Reopelle, Rebecca Woodcock
Lectors	
8:00 pm	John Wald
8:30 am	Ellen Harford, Richard Miller
10:00 am	Regina Boehmke, Robert Taylor
11:30 am	Allen Aksamit
Greeters	

8:00 pm	Kirt & Diane Grantner, Eileen King		
8:30 am	Laura Rud, Nancy Brehmer		
10:00 am	Jim Vigen, Rae Ann Vigen		
11:30 am	Carrie Plumlee, Jennifer Gehling		

#### Usl

Ushers	
8:00 pm	Jeff Schoenfelder, Tyler Schoenfelder, Joel Schoenfelder
8:30 am	J.R. Miller, Clara Radloff, Chuck Radloff, Albert Weber
10:00 am	Dave Mueller, William Sullivan, Bob Voss, Brandon Weick

McKaid Schotzko, Kilian Schotzko, Jeffrey

## **Rosary**

11:30 am

7:30 pm Kyle Herring (Saturday evening)

Schotzko

## About the Parish

Weekly Bulletin deadline is Monday before noon. General Email: communications@rescathroch.org; General Office Email: officemgr@rescathroch.org

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## **Parish Office Hours**

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-5:00pm

## Mass Schedule

Saturday 8:00 pm Sunday 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am Daily Mass 8:30 am Monday - Friday

## Rosary, Prayer and Devotions

Rosary: 8:10 am Monday-Friday Saturday: 7:30 pm (starting January) Adoration Chapel: 24 hours, 7 days

## **Parish Registration**

We warmly welcome new parishioners and request that they register by calling the parish office.

#### **Pastor**

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#### **Communion for Shut-ins**

Each First Friday and upon request. Call the office for assistance.

## **Hospital Visitation**

Please notify the parish office if any parishioner is confined to a hospital and would like a visit from a priest.

## **Calvary Cemetery**

Joseph Vroman 288-1770 www.calvarycemeteryrochester.org

## **Rochester Catholic Schools**

RCS Office 507-424-1817

## Rite of Christian Initiation of **Adults (RCIA)** For those considering

becoming Catholic contact Joann Reier: 288-5528.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday from 6:45 - 7:45 pm

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

Baptism preparation is held the second Tuesday of each month. Consult the Parish Office for the Pre-Jordan class and to schedule a baptism.

#### **First Communion**

First Communion/Reconciliation is usually in second grade.

#### **Confirmation**

Confirmation is a two year program starting in ninth grade with Confirmation being at the end of the tenth grade.

## **Marriage**

Please make arrangements with the parish at least six months prior.

## **Weekly Calendar**

## Monday, March 20th

Faith Formation Gr 1-5, Stations of the Cross 4:30 pm/6:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 pm Heart of Trinity Prayer Group 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 21st Lenten Study Group 9:15 am

Labyrinth Walk 12:00 pm

RCIA 6:00 pm

Communal Penance Service 6:30 pm Social Concerns Meeting 6:30 pm Holy Hour/Social Hour 7:00 pm

## Wednesday, March 22nd

Food for Friends 4:30 pm Faith Formation Classes Gr 6-10 6:00 pm/7:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul 7:00 pm

#### Thursday, March 23rd

Lenten Study Group 9:15 am Faith Formation Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Adult Choir 7:00 pm Friday, March 24th Widows Group 9:15 am Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm, Soup following

## St. Francis School News

The weekly all school Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 21st at 9:15 a.m.

All school Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Wednesday, March 22nd at 2:30 p.m. in the church.

## **Community News**

**40 Days for Life** From March 1 through April 9, our local Catholic community will participate in 40 Days for Life – a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods. You are invited to stand and peacefully pray during the 40-day vigil on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood (located in the Northgate Shopping Center).

St. James Coffee Ireland Pilgrimage There will be an informational meeting for a pilgrimage to Ireland at St. James Coffee on Wednesday, March 22nd at 7 pm at St. James Coffee. Monsignor Don Schmitz will lead the pilgrimage on Oct. 10-19th, 2017 to many places in Ireland, including Knock, Cliffs of Moher, Killarney, Glendalough, and to see the Book of Kells. Brochures are available at St. James Coffee. If you have questions or to reserve your spot, please contact Ed Ventures Inc. at 507-289-3332.

Join us for our Live Stations of the Cross. St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1315 12<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Great for the entire family! Wednesday, March 22nd, 5:00pm. Free Panera Bread Soup Supper (Free will offering) 6:00pm Stations begin in the Church.

Child Care Resource and Referral is now Families First of MN Early Head Start, Head Start and School Readiness programs are now enrolling for the 2017-18 school year. These programs provide free or low cost early learning experiences for pregnant mothers and children age birth to 4 years old. Both programs provide support for families. Services are also available for children with special needs. Both programs are 4-Star Parent Aware rated. Visit <a href="https://www.familiesfirstmn.org">www.familiesfirstmn.org</a> to fill out an application online or call 507-287-2009.

Food for Friends: Our Parish is AWESOME! Over \$2,000 was collected for our ministry from our week of Almsgiving! This will help us continue to purchase fruit and special items for students in need. Thank you! For the month of March the food collection is peanut butter and jelly. We have a great start to meet our goal of 130. One jar (plastic) of either item helps us to get closer to goal. The pasta/rice will be distributed this week. Winter keeps coming back. We have a student in need of a size 6 snow pants. If you have a pair not in use, we would be glad to accept your donation. Also, when you wrap things up for the winter season and know that your child's boots or winter gear will not work for another year, please consider donating to Ben Franklin. We went through many, many winter gear items.

## **Mass Intentions**

Mon.,	Mar., 20th	8:30 am	†Isabelle Gorr
Tues.,	Mar., 21st	8:30 am	Special Intention
Wed.,	Mar., 22nd	8:30 am	†Forgotten Souls
Thurs.	, Mar., 23rd	8:30 am	†Archie Asleson
Fri.,	Mar., 24th	8:30 am	†Imelda Nelson
Sat.,	Mar., 25th	8:00 pm	†Joseph Reier
Sun.,	Mar., 26th	8:30 am	†Einer Hanson
		10:00 am	†Patrick O'Shaughnessy
		11:30 am	For the Parish

## Financial Blessings Sunday, Mar 12th, 2017

Church Support	\$12,642
Capital Projects	\$735
Children's Collection	\$87
EFT Church Support	\$360
EFT Capital Projects	\$15

## Dedication Candles Mar 18th-Mar 25th

1. Tim and Marge Fague (55th Wedding Anniversary)



# Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration *Hours of Need*

Could you not spend ne hour with Me?"

Matthew 26:40



**Life changes when we spend time with Jesus face to face.** Prayerfully consider committing to one hour a week before Him in Eucharistic Adoration. Call Tim Fague at 507-288-6578 to sign up. Any hour is welcomed.

\* We are looking for a second adorer in these hours.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	11 am*	1 am	11 am*	12 pm	3 am*	5 am
		3 am*		1 pm	2 pm	8am*
		9 am*		7 pm*	4 pm*	2 pm
					5 pm*	9 pm
						10 pm

## **Faith Formation**



News from Sheila, Sunday School dresscm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x101

Our next letter to contemplate from the word **PRAYER** is A. A for "attitude." What is your attitude this Lent as you walk with Jesus? Parents are the first role models for their children. Intentionally use language that supports the joy, appreciation, and blessings of being able to walk with Jesus. Share the positive side of any trials. Remember that when faced with adversity, Jesus IS inviting you closer to his most sacred heart. When you feel your attitude slipping: stop, say a Hail Mary and a Glory Be and say Jesus I Trust you! Give God time to work, give God your trust that he will transform you! Mother Mary pray for us! Amen.



News from Stacey, Grades 1-5 dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x108

**Grades 1-5:** Faith Formation classes for Monday, March 20th will meet at 4:30 and 6:00pm. Children can go to their classrooms, where they will join the rest of their class to receive instructions before going to church for Stations of the Cross. Parents and families may go ahead and find a seat in the church. Our 5th graders will be leading us. After

Stations of the Cross, the children will return to their classrooms until the end of the hour. Check out the bulletin board to see what the children gave up for Lent this year and to pray for them on their Lenten journey.



**Virtues in Practice:** *Respect* means recognizing the dignity of all people. St. Damien volunteered to serve the people living with leprosy in Hawaii. He built houses, an orphanage, and a church. He started a band & choir for the children, baptized and converted many people and started perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Damien showed them dignity and respect by visiting the people in their homes every week. St. Damien, remind us to be respectful to all people, especially the sick. Help us to be brave like you and reach out to others to show them God's love for everyone. St. Damien of Molokai, pray for us! Amen. **First Communion:** Parents can practice the parts of receiving communion with their children, families can offer to bring up the gifts at Mass, and children can follow along in their My Own Mass booklets. Please turn in your child's photo for the Chalice display, if you haven't already. Upcoming practices are on Monday, April 17th and Monday, April 24th, both at 6:30pm in the church.



**News from Rosemary,** Grades 6-10 *dre6to10ym@rescathroch.org* or 288-5528 x104 **First year Confirmation (9th grade):** the Faith Sharing Groups that were cancelled due to the snow last week are rescheduled for tonight, March 19th at 6:30 pm.

"Colors of Mercy": We are ending the collection of art supplies by Wednesday, March 22. If you would still like to donate, we need crayons, markers, water color paints, and paper. The middle school students will prepare them for distribution on the **Spark Night**, Wed. March 22 at 6:00pm. All middle school students are invited to help!

**Please check the display board in the Gathering Space** for summer activities. Most registrations are ongoing now. Anyone who wishes to apply for the Prayer or Fiat Team for Camp Summit must return it to me

by April 25th!

**Thoughts for Lent:** Many times our experiences are influenced by our attitudes going into them. Do you go to Mass thinking it's going to be boring? During this season of Lent, how about an "attitude adjustment." Go to Mass with an intention to actively participate. Try to listen to every word of the readings, Father's homily, and of the prayers that make up the Mass. Join in the singing with enthusiasm. Silently add your own prayers to those of the congregation. You may find that you get more out of the Mass than boredom!



**News from Georges,** Grades 11-12, Young Adult *dre11to12yam@rescathroch.org* or 288-5528 x116 **Teens** 

Babysitters needed!!! Contact Georges or Sheila if you love little children:)

19 March Sunday 4:30pm - 6:00pm = Fire Night (Topic: Prayer)

26 March Sunday 4:30pm - 5:30pm = Holy Hour (Guest musician: <a href="www.aly-aleigha.com">www.aly-aleigha.com</a>)

2 April Sunday 4:30pm - 6:00pm = Teen Service Night

**Young Adults** 

Friday, March 31st, 5:00 pm - Family Obstacle Course Night! Do your children have too much energy? Bring them to Fr. Zenk Hall to compete in some fun-filled challenges. Food provided.