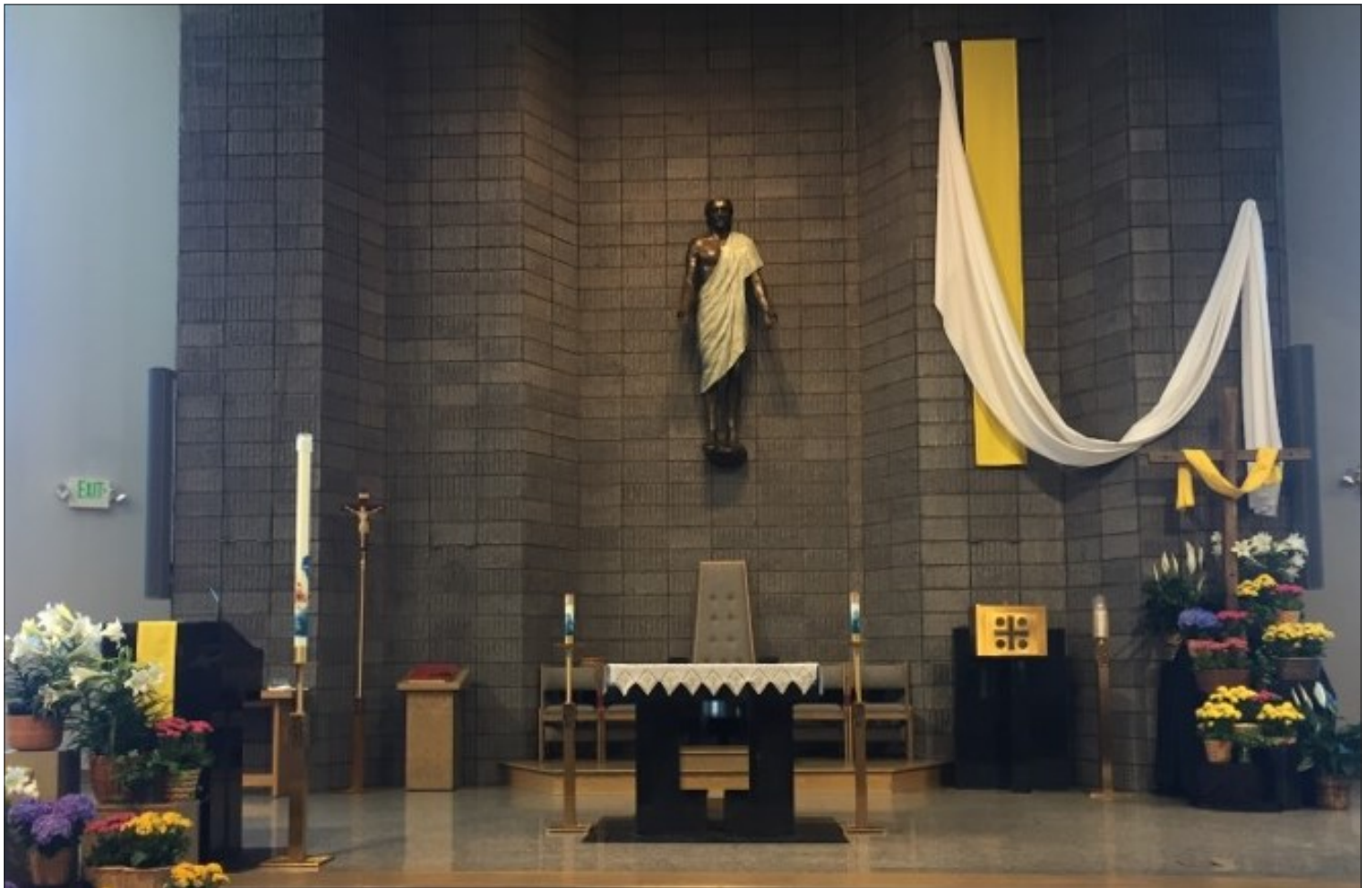
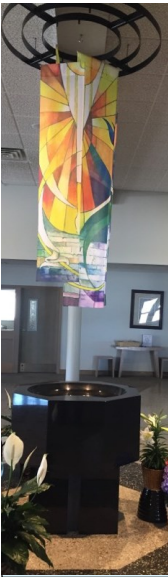


April 15th, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter



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Weekly Words from The Rock



Reflecting on Divine Mercy Sunday, I would like to look at the word mercy. I want to share with you some random thoughts on mercy.

Mercy = a heart moved by misery.

Mercy began with the first sin; however, there are consequences. In Genesis chapter 3, Adam and Eve realize, because of their sin, that they are naked. What does God do? He makes clothes of animal skins.

Thus, one of the consequences of the original sin is that animals had to die. We teach that original sin is passed on from generation to generation. Too, the effects of sin are passed down from generation to generation. An example. Think about alcoholism or anger. What do we say? That is the way his father or grandfather were.

What does sin bring? Old Testament priests were marked by severity. Punishment was severe for sinners, sometimes leading to separation (think leprosy).

Jesus is ruled by mercy and solidarity. (If you want to see the difference, read the story of the Prodigal Son. The son who leaves home ends up feeding the pigs. Jewish people cannot eat pork.

That gives you an idea of how difficult the times had become for the son. In the day, when you returned and had done what the younger son did, the result was public shame and expulsion from the family. However, Jesus Christ, portrayed by the father, teaches us a different way).

The Old Testament law couldn't heal (a leper, etc.). It could only keep a disease from spreading. Only Jesus Christ could heal. When Jesus Christ died, the Holy of Holies (the place where only the chief priest could enter one per year) was exposed. With the new Holy of Holies – Jesus Christ – people are no longer told to stay away. Jesus Christ tells them to come. He is love and mercy.

Our current model of running the church often is marked by maintenance rather than outreach. Mercy requires movement – that we go out. The culture does not applaud priesthood today. People desire revenge, not mercy.

How did the early Church grow? People saw mercy. Unwanted babies, which were tossed over bridges, were picked up by Christians. People also saw the willingness to suffer and die for their faith. People wanted to be part of this.

Story of the Apostle Thomas

On the Second Sunday of Easter, our gospel story was Thomas' encounter with the resurrected Christ. From Harper's Bible Dictionary, page 1066, I would like to share with you the story of Thomas.

"One of the twelve disciples or apostles of Jesus, called "Didymus" (twin) in the Gospel of John (John 11:16; 20:24; 21:2). He appears in each of the apostolic lists (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13). Receiving little mention in the synoptic Gospels, Thomas becomes important in the later portions of the fourth Gospel (the Gospel of John).

He alone appears to be a tower of strength when he encourages the disciples to accompany Jesus into a

hostile Judea even if it means death (John 11:16). He appears to be without understanding when, in John 14:5, he confesses his ignorance about where Jesus is going and therefore finds it difficult to follow him. He is commonly remembered as the "doubting Thomas" who refused to believe in Jesus' resurrection until he saw the scars and was invited to place his fingers where the nails were driven and his hand into Jesus' side (John 20:24-29).

The story stands as a paradigm for all Christians who are called to believe in Christ without having seen him or having been granted tangible proof of his existence (verse 29). Thomas's response is that of all who later believe: "My Lord and my God!" (verse 28). In John 21:1-14, Thomas is one of the small group of disciples who goes fishing and then sees the risen Lord. He is recorded as among those gathered in the upper room after the ascension (Acts 1:13)."

I enclose a legend of St. Thomas. "Legends of Thomas in India abound. In one, the King of the Indies, Gondoforus, gave a small fortune to Thomas to build a palace. Thomas turned around and spent it on the poor, thus "building a superb place in heaven."

Hence he is called by some patron of architects and masons, and his symbol is the builder's square. In another, Thomas saw the king trying in vain to haul ashore a huge beam of timber. Even with men and elephants he failed. So Thomas asked to have the beam, intending to use it in building a church. His request being granted, he hauled the beam ashore with a string." Taken from Father Peter Klein's, Catholic Source Book, Copyright 1990, page 226).

As for the story of Thomas's death, it is believed he was martyred at Meliapor in south India. One account says he was run through with a lance at Coromandel in the East Indies.

God's blessings! Father Peter Schuster
Email: pastor@rescathroch.org
Sunday homilies posted on our website.

Parish News

SERVICE NIGHT: OPERATION HOMETOWN GRATITUDE



Our service night is Sunday, May 6th from 4:30-5:30 pm.

Please stop by the display in the Gathering Space to find out more about this project and the items requested.

Extra copies of last Sunday's insert are also available.

We have a container for books and magazines near the office door and containers under the tables for supplies listed on the bulletin insert. On top of the table is a box with coloring pages and pages if you want to write a letter to a soldier.

You are welcome to take them home to complete and bring back when finished.

If you know anyone who has been deployed through the military whether from Rochester or not, either send the name to the office or call Karen Reopelle.

If they are deployed and have an APO# (military address), we can obtain this address and get the box to them. Any questions, contact Karen at 507-289-8388 or email her at karenreo1221@aol.com.

Knights of Columbus breakfast following all Sunday Masses. Please stop in for fellowship and a great breakfast. Free will offering to benefit the Resurrection Parish.

We will be celebrating First Communion during all Masses on the weekend of April 28th/29th.

Please note the time of Masses:

Saturday; 8:00 pm

Sunday; 8:15 am, 10:00 am & 11:45 am



Life in the Spirit Testimony to be shared at Resurrection on Sat., April 21st, 3:00 to 5:30 pm in the Zenk Hall. All are invited to come, hear Laura and Michael

Krondratuk story. Join us in a time of healing, praise and worship—listen to the authors of "By God's Grace, How God led us to Faith, through healing and beyond." Stories of conversion and healing from their many trips to Medjugorje. Additionally, Laura will sing songs she has written through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for considering a donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Parish Goal: \$80,370

Number of Donors: 168

Total Pledged & Received: \$68,730; (received: \$57,674)

Percent of Goal: 85.52% (received: 71.76%)

Resurrection's Annual Rummage and Plant Sale is being planned for May 2018. Please keep our sale in mind as you are doing your spring cleaning. More details to follow. We will not accept appliances, exercise equipment, computers, printers. Any questions, contact Kathy Meadows at 507-529-7689.

Food for Friends—we are in need for a driver to pick up food from Channel-One on the 2nd Wednesday of the month for months of April, May and June and bring back to Resurrection. Time is flexible.

We are also in need for someone to pick up the black tubs at the school on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, and taken to the Church. Again, the time is flexible. The tubs are outside on the school's dock, and these can be picked up sometime during the AM preferably. Please call Cindy at 507-398-6985.

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 Mon-Fri 8:30 am

Rosary Mon-Fri 8:10 am; Sat. 7:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 6:45-7:45 pm

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

Baptism Pre-Jordan class is held the second Tuesday of the month. Contact the Parish Office to register for the class or schedule a baptism.

Communion for Homebound Call the office for assistance.

Hospital/Homebound Please notify the parish office if you would like a visit from a priest.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

For those considering becoming Catholic, contact Joann Reier, 507-288-5528, ext. 109.

Calvary Cemetery Steve Flynn, Call 507- 273-0140, or email; director@gmail.com.



Liturgy Notes from Joann,

Director of Liturgy & RCIA,
dirliturgyrcia@rescathroch.org.

Mystagogy

CHRIST IS RISEN!

The Sundays of the Easter season are a continuation of Easter Sunday. Forty days of fasting have given rise to fifty days of feasting! One way to keep the celebration alive in the weeks to come is to practice *mystagogy*. Mystagogy is a prayerful breaking open of the Easter mysteries, especially focusing on the liturgical symbols of Easter.

The discipline of mystagogy begins with encountering the risen Christ in the sacraments and is meant to give us “a new perception of faith, of the Church, and of the world” (RCIA 245). This discipline is part of the journey for Sophia and Jackie who were baptized at the Easter Vigil and encountered the risen Christ for the first time in Holy Communion. It is a discipline that all of us need to practice as we learn to see our faith, the Church and the world with new eyes. The following are mystagogical reflections from Living Liturgy, published by Liturgical Press:

Last Sunday, the risen Christ appeared to the disciples in the Upper Room and said “Peace be with you”. His offering of peace did three things for the disciples: it eased their fear, gave them the power to forgive, and strengthened their belief. When we share the sign of peace at Mass, let us recall that this simple rite is more than a pleasant greeting. It can change a person’s life, especially ours, if we share it with those who are afraid, those we need to forgive, and those who need encouragement in their faith.

In today’s Gospel, the risen Christ asks for something to eat. He eats what has been prepared for him as a sign that he is not an apparition. He’s not a ghost or something that the disciples imagined. He is truly present! He proves this at an ordinary dinner table.



What does this mean, then about our own dinner tables? If the risen Christ has shown himself not only at the altar of the Eucharist but also in such ordinary places as a diner on the road or at a home dinner table, should we not treat the tables wherever we eat as sacred places as well?

Whenever we prepare food and place it before someone to eat in our homes, do we see Christ present there, too? This Easter season, honor the tables where you eat and the opportunity to see Christ present there.

CHRIST IS RISEN, INDEED!

Psalm Refrain for April 22 – Fourth Sunday of Easter (Psalm 118:22)

*The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.
Alleluia.*

Liturgical Ministries

NOTE: Please remember to find a substitute if you are unable to fulfill your ministry as scheduled. Thank you.
Apr 21st/22nd

Altar Servers

- 8:00 pm Kaitlyn O'Meara, Taya Viker
- 8:30 am Dylan Maday, Seth Maday
- 10:00 am Ryan Nepl, Aidan Warrington
- 11:30 am Claudia Pelowski, Felix Pelowski, Stella Pelowski

Eucharistic Ministers

- 8:00 pm Jane & Rick Haeflinger, Sophia Hyke, Debbie Olson, Chad Rasmussen, Theresa Root, Patricia Schoenfelder, Elizabeth Teuteberg
- 8:30 am John-Howard Carroll, Diane Doty, Christine Dvorak, Liz Hanson, Denise Koster, Joan Miller, Audrey Nervig, Eugene Nolan, Patrice Steier, Kevin Sutter, Donna Weber
- 10:00 am Julie Galkowski, Douglas & Melody Hudson, Aida & Joseph Kostick, Mary Stettler, Richard Streit, Brenda & Gary Tschann, Elizabeth Winegarden, John Wurst
- 11:30 am Marianne Aksamit, Denise Kelly, Lynette Leno, Mary Meine, Jackie O'Connell, Sheila Pelowski, Rebecca Woodcock, **NOT FILLED**

Lectors

- 8:00 pm John O'Meara
- 8:30am Michael Lose, Catherine Wagner
- 10:00 am Elizabeth Burke, Jim Burke
- 11:30 am Janet Helgren

Greeters

- 8:00 pm Eileen King, Judith Pelowski
- 8:30 am Tom Brown, Jacob Koster, Janet Koster
- 10:00 am Darci & Peter Kopischke, Jim Vigen
- 11:30 am Carrie Plumlee, **NOT FILLED**

Ushers

- 8:00 pm Jeff Schoenfelder, Joel Schoenfelder, Tyler Schoenfelder
- 8:30 am Kenneth Mueller, Chuck Radloff, Clara Radloff, Albert Weber
- 10:00 am James Maronde, Bob Voss, Brandon Weick, Will Weick
- 11:30 am Mick Garvey, Brett Parks, Karen Reopelle
- 7:30 pm Rosary

Weekly Calendar

Monday, Apr. 16th

First Communion Practice 6:30 pm
Heart of Trinity Prayer Group 7:00 pm

Tuesday, Apr. 17th

Pre Jordan 5:30 pm

Wednesday, Apr. 18th

Food for Friends 4:30 pm
Walk to Emmaus 6:30 pm

Thursday, Apr. 19th

Children Choir 6:00 pm
Adult Choir 7:00 pm

Friday, Apr. 20th

Serran's Group 9:15 am

Saturday, Apr. 21st

Society of Divine Mercy Monastery
Prayer Group 6:30 am
Life in the Spirit Seminar 3:00 pm

Sunday, Apr. 22nd

Sunday School 8:30 am/10:00 am
Fyre Teen Night 4:30 pm

Monday, Apr. 23rd

Communion Dress Rehearsal 6:30 pm
Heart of Trinity Prayer Group 7:00 pm

Tuesday, Apr. 24th

Knights of Columbus 7:00 pm
St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting
7:00 pm

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now. Mother Teresa



Hours of Need call Tim Fague at 507-288-6578 to sign up. * 2nd adorer hours.

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

Rest In Peace

May the eternal Light shine upon him

Joseph Dee
Husband of Linda

Art Mueller
Father of Dan, Dave, Tom and Joan Wobig

Baptism

Born to a new life in Christ and joined to our faith community through the Waters of Baptism, we welcome:

Bobby Marines, III
Child of Bobby and Jennifer

Devasi Major Johnson
Child of Demetrius and Jennifer

St. Francis School News

Spring NWEA testing begins this week.

There will be an informational meeting regarding the annual Eagle Bluff trip for parents of students going into grade 7 and 8 for the 2018-19 school year at 6:30 pm on Monday, April 16.

The weekly all school Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 17 at 9:15 am, followed by Exposition, Adoration throughout the day and Benediction at 2:30 pm.

Tuesday, April 17 is St. Francis Night at Potbelly's. Mention the school at the cash register and Potbelly's will donate a percentage of your guest ticket back to the Home and School Association.

The 8th grade graduation picture will be taken on Thursday, April 19. This is a dress up occasion for our 8th grade students.

Community News

Weekly Bulletin deadline is Monday. email to communications@rescathroch.org.



Baseball Night 2018 All are invited to join in the fun on Friday, April 20th at Holy Spirit! Come watch the MN Twins take on the Tampa Bay Rays on the big screen, enjoy stadium-style food at far less than stadium prices! (a family of four can eat for around \$10); test your brain on Baseball Trivia; stroll through the Silent Auction; learn about 1860s Baseball with the Roosters and Hens; see Slider and enter for door prizes! There will also be free activities for kids.

Doors open at 5:30 PM. First Pitch is at 6:10 PM. Holy Spirit Church is located at 5455 50th Ave NW in Rochester. Free will donations will help cover costs of entertainment and supplies. This community and family fun event will raise funds for youth trips. Questions: Contact Mary Nowakowski at 280-0638 or youthministry@holyspiritrochester.org for more information.

Save the Date! Polka Mass, May 19 at 5:00pm at St. Charles Borromeo Church (1900 E. 6th St., St. Charles, MN). A Brat Supper will follow the Mass along with more Polka Music!



Musical Musings from Joy

Music and Choral Director,
choirdirector@rescathroch.org.

The **National Association for Pastoral Musicians (NPM)** has a special place in my heart. As the top professional organization in my field, there are countless opportunities for networking, enhancing one's spiritual life, and honing one's craft amongst other like-minded individuals. I have been blessed to be awarded two scholarships by NPM that aided in my graduate school expenses, as well as have the opportunity to have one of my original compositions workshopped amongst notable composers, such as Christopher Walker, Paul Inwood, Tom Kendzia, and David Haas.

However, my proudest achievement within NPM thus far is the attainment of my Cantor Colleague Certificate. This accolade recognizes me as 1 of only 31 cantors in the entire country with an advanced skillset. It marks the third stage out of three in the Cantor Certification track. Due to my high level of achievement, as well as other factors, I was invited to sit on the NPM Cantor Steering Committee at the National Convention last summer. Within this nationwide group, I help to adjudicate and mentor people going through all levels of the Certification program. Beginning next year, I will begin overseeing the second stage of certification, the Intermediate Cantor Certificate. In the meantime, I am also working on becoming a Certified Cantor Trainer.

The first stage of certification, the **Basic Cantor Certificate (BCC)**, recognizes and hones the skills of parish cantors through song, study, and spirituality. I am proud to say I have been walking with five of Resurrection's cantors over this year in working to obtain their individual certifications. Just yesterday, we had our last official workshop. Next month, we will do a "mock" examination to prepare them for their "real" one at the end of the month.

For their exams, they will be adjudicated on the basis of singing of two Psalms, a *Kyrie*, and a Lamb of God as well as sight-singing. There is also a written portion to the exam based on their knowledge of musical notation and the Order of Mass. In short, the BCC is certainly not for the faint of heart!

I kindly ask that you keep these cantors in prayer over the next several weeks as they continue to prepare for such an important event. Next year, I am hoping to offer this workshop on a wider basis to Resurrection and all of the parishes in Rochester.

Hymnal Scavenger Hunt How'd you do with last week's Hymnal Scavenger Hunt? It was *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*, which can be found in your red hymnal at #457 and your green hymnal at #401. Here's this week's clue:

This **Easter** hymn is set to the **Salzburg** hymn tune and references Jesus as the **Lamb**. Hint: This song may be found in both hymnals.

Mass Intentions

Mon.,	Apr. 16th	8:30 am	†Simon & Lorraine Klein
Tues.,	Apr. 17th	8:30 am	†Renita Sobotta
Wed.,	Apr. 18th	8:30 am	†Madge Loughlin
Thurs.,	Apr. 19th	8:30 am	Thanksgiving for Holy Family
Fri.,	Apr. 20th	8:30 am	†Tom Murray
Sat.,	Apr. 21st	8:00 pm	†Violet Kitslaar Prescher
Sun.,	Apr. 28th	8:30 am	†Barbara Hoffman
		10:00 am	†Jerry Johnson
		11:30 am	For the Family

Two Employment Opportunities at our Parish

We are seeking a Part-Time Maintenance Assistant. Primary responsibilities include room set-up and cleaning, minor equipment repair, and facilities maintenance. Flexible hours are required, including some night and weekend hours. Please see rescathroch.org for full job description and application, or call Erica at 288-5528 for more information. Send letter of interest, resume, and references to Erica Stiller at: parish.administrator@rescathroch.org

We are seeking a full-time Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry to serve the youth of our parish in grades 6-12 in Rochester, MN. Candidates should possess a bachelor's degree or higher in Theology, Religious Studies, Education, or related field. May substitute equivalent certification and experience in Faith Formation and Youth Ministry. Candidate should be a mature, responsible adult who is a practicing Roman Catholic with a desire to support the mission and purpose of the Roman Catholic Church to make life-long disciples of Christ. Strong communication and collaborative skills are necessary, ability to work flexible hours including some nights and weekends, and familiarity with technology and social media. Primary responsibilities include 6-12 faith formation, Confirmation preparation, curriculum and budget planning, and engaging the youth in parish, social, and spiritual activities as part of their growth in the Catholic faith. A more detailed description can be found on our website at rescathroch.org. Send letter of interest, resume, and references to Erica Stiller at: parish.administrator@rescathroch.org

The Rochester Area Council of Catholic Women invites all ladies to meet with us on Saturday, April 28th at Holy Redeemer, 22 E. 2nd St., Eyota, MN. Mass begins at 9am, following with the Program, refreshments, and fellowship!

Catholic Charities Annual Mother's Day Appeal weekend of May 12th and 13th One Annual Appeal---one weekend each year—Catholic Charities comes to you seeking help and hope. If you knew you had the power to change the world at your fingertips...what would you do with it?

"A life not lived for others is not a life." ~Mother Teresa

Faith Formation



News from Sheila, Sunday School, Children's Ministry dresscm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x 101

Sunday School: Today children learned that Jesus told his apostles to go out and tell the world that he had died and risen to new life. Lord Jesus, send us your spirit to give us the strength to live as you taught us. Help us to bear witness to your by our actions and our words. St Anthony of Padua pray for us! Amen.

How can you help bring the good news to others?

One way is volunteering your time as a teacher or helper in Nursery or Sunday School. All you need is an open heart, love for Jesus, and one hour of time roughly 20 Sunday's out of the year! Please contact me if you would like to know more about our Children's Ministry programs. Stella Pelowski, Liz Hanson, and Carolyn Jones are pictured here sharing their love for Jesus with Sunday School students.



News from Stacey, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x 108

Thank you to all the Faith Formation Catechists: For all the children and their families that attend Faith Formation classes on Monday evenings, we are grateful for the time, energy, love and patience that our Resurrection catechists share with us. They are saints in the making! Let me introduce our faithful leaders and the grade that they work with on Mondays: Karen Reopelle, Emily Samman and Kristin Cerda (1st grade); Emily Spaulding, Jean Roth, Margaret Frank and Theresa Root (2nd grade); Lynn Ladin, Heidi Miksanek and Chris Miksanek (3rd grade); Ellen Balderes and Stephanie Viker (4th grade); and Stacie Schmid and Shlena Neppi (5th grade). Together, these catechists have served our children and families for more than 40 years combined. And

many are planning to return next year to continue their ministry. Thank for all that you do to make the experience of learning and praying joyful for our children!

First Communion: Practice is Monday, April 16th at 6:30pm in the church. One parent/adult needs to stay with their child for the entire practice. Our Dress Rehearsal and Group Photo will be on Monday, April 23rd at 6:30pm. First Communion weekend is April 28/29.

Totus Tuus Summer Faith Program: The Totus Tuus Team will be at Resurrection during the week of June 18-22. Registration forms are in the Gathering Space and on our website under Faith Formation grades 1-5 summer activities. Come and learn new things about our Catholic Faith in a fun, upbeat atmosphere. This year we'll be learning about the Apostle's Creed and The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. Bring a friend!!

Virtues in Practice: April's virtue is justice. St. Anthony of Padua, help us to be fair to everyone and to return everything we borrow. Help us to find things when they are lost. St. Anthony, pray for us. Amen.



News from Rosemary, Grades 6-12, Youth Ministry, dre6to10ym@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x 104

There are no Wednesday classes this week, April 18th due to the Confirmation Walk to Emmaus. Classes resume next week, April 25th for grades 6-9.

First year Confirmation (grade 9): Faith sharing groups meet today, April 15th (Group A) and April 29th (Group B) at 11:00am. Please make sure to attend one of the sessions.

Second year Confirmation (grade 10): The Walk to Emmaus Night of Reflection is Wednesday, April 18th at 6:30-9:30pm. This is a mandatory event for all candidates. Anyone who has a conflict must notify me ASAP.

Camp Summit: We are coming down to the wire for applications! If you'd like to be a part of this Catholic Adventure Camp held at Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center. Our parish will be attending the Aug. 6-9 session. Pick up an application at the display in the Gathering Space. The cost is \$250 per camper (scholarships are available).

Steubenville Rochester: We are in need of chaperones to accompany our youth to this 3-day conference. It is held right here at the Mayo Civic Center and our group attends as commuters (sleep at home and meet at the Civic center at the beginning of each day.) Please contact me if you are able to attend.

If you'd like to attend Steubenville Rochester, please see the Gathering Space display for instructions to the online registration.

Totus Tuus Primetime: June 17th-21st for grades 6-12 at 7:30-9:30 pm. Led by the Totus Tuus team, each evening includes fun time, topic discussion, and prayer. The evening ends with Evening Prayer in the church. Students in grades 6-12 can also help as aides in the morning sessions with grades.