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Waiting

O God, you are the maker of heaven and earth, the potter who fashioned all of creation.

Come and rouse our hearts from despair and fill us with the light of faith as we await your return.

Grant us patient perseverance during this period of waiting so that, having been enriched by Christ Jesus, we may joyfully and faithfully live in this world.

Keep us vigilant in our daily living. Wipe away all darkness so our hearts may be made holy and pure. Like our ancestors in faith, we cry out to you to come and save us!

Filled with hope, we trust that all creation will be made new on the day of your return.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

December 3, 2017, First Sunday of Advent



Weekly Words from The Rock

Last week, I provided questions from the Old and New Testament. Here are the answers.

Old Testament:

1. Name the first book in the Old Testament. Answer: Genesis
2. Name the person who is called the Father of the Jewish people. Answer: Abraham
3. Name the young man who was sold into slavery by his brothers. Answer: Joseph
4. What do we call a person who "speaks for God"? Answer: Prophet

New Testament:

1. Name the four gospel writers. Answer: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
2. Who wrote most of the epistles (letters)? Answer: Paul
3. Name two of the Christian groups to whom Paul wrote letters. Answer: I.E., Romans, Corinthians, Galatians,

Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians

4. Name two books in the New Testament that begin with the letter R. Answer: Romans, Revelation
5. In what two gospels can we find the Christmas story? Answer: Matthew, Luke

Next, we are going to look at questions from the Sacraments.

- A. Which sacrament uses the pouring of water to symbolize God's presence?
- B. Name the seven sacraments.
- C. Name the three sacraments of initiation.
- D. Four sacraments use oil in the celebration. Name three of them.
- E. There are three difference stages or levels of holy orders. Name two of them.

I'll give you a week to see if you can come up with the correct answers. Good luck!

Biblical Terminology

We continue our work of defining words and names from the pages of the Bible. My source for this is [Harper's Bible Dictionary](#), Harper & Row Publishers, Copyright 1985.

Centurion – the commander of a hundred men in a Roman legion. The centurion held a position similar to that of a company commander. There were grades among the sixty centurions serving in a legion, with the highest ranking centurion achieving a position similar to that of a "knight" among the Roman nobility. Such men were prestigious members of a relatively small class governing the military. They received substantial pensions upon retirement and would easily count among the local notables of a town (cf. Luke 7:2; Acts 10:1). A centurion supervised the soldiers who crucified Jesus (Mark 15:19).

Holy Humor



God's blessings! Father Peter Schuster

Penance Services, Rochester Area Catholic Churches & Schools Schedule through December 12th

Church	Day	Date	Time	Description
St. Francis	Tuesday	December 5th	1:30 pm	School Service
St. John	Wednesday	December 6th	1:30 pm	School Service
Holy Family, Kasson	Wednesday	December 6th	6:00 pm	Joint Service/Byron
SS Peter & Paul, Mazepa	Wednesday	December 6th	6:30 pm	Parish Service
St. Pius X	Saturday	December 9th	10:00 am	1st Reconciliation
Holy Spirit	Saturday	December 9th	10:00 am	1st Reconciliation
Pax Christi	Sunday	December 10th	4:00 pm	Joint Service/Holy Spirit
Resurrection	Tuesday	December 12th	6:30 pm	Parish Service/1st Reconciliation

Holiday Bazaar Sunday

December 10th, 2017 9:30-2:00 PM

Food, games, cash raffle, craft sale and children's gift shop, bake sale with specialty cookie boxes, cake walk, silent auction, rolls and coffee, luncheon, entertainment and more!



Volunteer opportunities - stop by the display board in the Gathering Space to sign up to volunteer for a game activity, set up and clean up or bring baked goods or cakes for the cakewalk.

Seeking Donations for:

Crafts: Homemade/handmade items such as jewelry, knitted or crocheted items (dishcloths, scarfs), kids' hair clips/headbands, ornaments, painted items, cookie ingredients in a jar, blankets and afghans.

Silent Auction Items: Family or individual baskets, child or adult, holiday or everyday items are welcome and appreciated. We are also in need of empty baskets or containers. Please consider putting together a basket! Call Julie or Beth if you are looking for ideas! Baskets can be put together by individuals, neighborhood groups, ministry groups, etc.

Bingo Prizes: Unwrapped small toys, candy, gift cards, etc.



Children's Gift Shop: Small items-candles, mugs, soaps, picture frames, ornaments, jewelry, other unused items you have on hand.

For more information or any questions, please contact either: Beth Morris (259-3684; bmorr@charter.net) or Julie Hermes (280-6183; juliehermes28@yahoo.com).

45th Annual Holiday Bazaar Big Ticket Cash Raffle.

Please stop by the display table in the Gathering Space to get your envelope with the Big Ticket Cash raffle tickets. Your \$5 ticket could win you 1 of 30 cash prizes ranging from \$50 to \$500. Only 3,500 tickets were printed so your chances of winning are good.

Readings for the Week of December 3, 2017

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [1a]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8/11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
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Parish News

Cookies and Donut Sunday this weekend. Stop in the Zenk Hall for a treat and fellowship. Free will donation.

2018 St. Joseph Sunday Missals are available in the Gathering Space by the office door. Cost is \$4/book.

Holy Day of Obligation Friday, December 8th, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses 8:30 am & 7 pm.

Second Collection next weekend for the Retirement Fund for Religious and National Collection for the Catholic University of America. Your gifts to the Retirement Fund will provide for medications, nursing care and more. Your support for the University will enable them to expand its impact in preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation.

Christmas Children's Choir The Resurrection Children's Choir cordially invites any child in 2nd-7th grades to sing for the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass in the Church along with the Teen Ensemble.

Three rehearsals will be required of each participant.

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office and online. Please contact Music and Choral Director, Joy Viceroy, if you have any questions. The rehearsal schedule is as follows: Thursday, Dec. 7th - 6pm-7pm; Thursday, Dec. 14th 6pm-7pm; Thursday, Dec. 21st - 6pm-7pm

Group Consecration Opportunity On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Friday, December 8, a Marian Consecration will take place during the 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses. All who have made their Consecration to Jesus through Mary are invited to stand and join voices in re-consecrating themselves at this time. A reception with refreshments will be held in the North Hall after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Please join us that morning to celebrate with others who have made the Consecration or find out more about 33 Days to Morning Glory and Marian Consecration. Consecration prayer copies will be available at church.

The 28th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life will be observed on Dec. 8th from 8:00pm-12am Midnight in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel following the 7:00 pm Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. All are invited to come before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in unity with thousands across our country and ask, through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, to re-establish a Culture of Life, return America to being One Nation Under God, restore Religious Liberty and make us worthy of Christ's Peace. Included will be the Patriotic Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, pro-life prayers, hymns and silent adoration. All are invited.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul thanks Gordon Haubenschild and Thrivent Financial Rochester Group for their generous donation toward the Helping Hands program. We will use this donation toward our ministry of helping provide food for those in need. Thrivent's motto is to "Live Generously" and SVDP appreciates their donation.

Giving Tree featuring items needed for Family Promise and Elder Care Ministry. Please stop by the tree, pick out a tag and return the item unwrapped with the tag attached. Monetary gifts can be dropped off in the office or in the drop box located by the office door. Thank you for your generous support.



Liturgy Notes from Joann, *Director of Liturgy & RCIA,* *dirliturgyrcia@rescathroch.org.* **Advent - A New Liturgical Year!**

Time has a rhythm and a pattern. We hear it in music, we see it in the ebb and flow of morning to night, season to season, year to year. Time moves around us and encircles us. Each moment is charged with the presence of GOD. It is this sacred sense of time that encompasses our liturgical year – a journey that begins anew every First Sunday of Advent – a journey in which we encounter Jesus. Today is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical year!

For the first two weeks of Advent, the readings and the prayers at Mass focus on the Second Coming of Christ. Part of being Christian is to keep one eye focused on the here and now and the other eye focused on the final day. This shouldn't be a scary thought but one filled with longing for that re-creation that GOD'S love will bring. Advent is about GOD'S promises to always be with us. GOD is faithful to those promises.

The last two weeks of Advent (this year one week and one day), the readings and the prayers prepare us to celebrate the Incarnation – GOD becomes man. In the midst of what can be a chaotic world, we hear the story of Mary and Joseph and the angels telling them over and over again in the face of the confusion and stress in *their* lives - not to be afraid. Peace and calm in the midst of anxiety and fear – the shepherds were told the same thing. Be not afraid – words for us as well.

One way to help our dual vision (present and future sight) is to pray. Prayer connects us to GOD and to one another. As we count the days from now until Christmas, one way to bring peace and quiet into our lives is to spend a few minutes with a daily reflection. We have copies of "The Little Blue Book" in the Gathering Space for families/adults. The book contains six-minute reflections for each day of Advent and the Christmas season. It is a gentle reminder to spend some quiet time with the Lord. We also have reflection books for children and teens and weekly bookmarks to mark your pages as you journey through the seasons.

One of the most familiar symbols of the Advent season is the Advent wreath. Our Advent wreath was purchased last year with funds from the Holiday Bazaar. It is a beautiful, full green circle that never ends, with lights that get progressively brighter as the winter nights get longer. The candles on the wreath are decorated with purple and pink, the colors of the morning sky just before dawn. It reminds us that Christ is the light of the world - who comes to dispel the darkness.

Psalm Refrain for December 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

(Psalm 98:1)

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.

Psalm Refrain for December 10 – Second Sunday of Advent (Psalm 85:8)

Lord, let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation.

Liturgical Ministries

NOTE: Please remember to find a substitute if you are unable to fulfill your ministry as scheduled. Thank you.
Dec. 9th/10th

Altar Servers

- 8:00 pm Lawrene Meilander, Kelton Schoenfelder
- 8:30 am Carolyn Jones, Beli Jones, Stefan Jones
- 10:00 am Avery Davis, Aidan Warrington
- 11:30 am Peter Nguyen, Sabrina Schroeder

Eucharistic Ministers

- 8:00 pm Jane & Rick Haeflinger, Denise Koster, Patricia & Walter Max, Debbie Olson, Theresa Root, Elizabeth Teuteberg
- 8:30 am Carrie Carroll, Elaine Doherty, Christine Dvorak, Patty Halder, Nancy Hass, George Klann, Christiane Lund, LeeAnn Mueller, Dianne Plager, Kevin Sutter, Donna Weber
- 10:00 am Margaret Beiswanger, Diane Beiswanger, Regina Boehmke, Esther Connelly, Julie Galkowski, Brett Maronde, Marylu Nemgar, Gary Tschann, Brenda Tschann, Bob Voss, John Wurst
- 11:30 am Marianne Aksamit, Tim Fague, Janet Helgren, Patricia Hurley, Mary Meine, Carrie Plumlee, Karen Reopelle, Rebecca Woodcock

Lectors

- 8:00 pm Therese Schoenfelder
- 8:30 am Ellen Harford, Michael Lose
- 10:00 am Elaine & Jerome Garry
- 11:30 am Lynette Lenocho

Greeters

- 8:00 pm Kirt & Diane Grantner, Judith Pelowski
- 8:30 am Merlin & Gloria Paulson, Tom Brown
- 10:00 am Darci & Peter Kopischke, Jim Sinn Family
- 11:30 am Jennifer Gehling, **Not Filled**

Ushers

- 8:00 pm Greg Hansen, Braeden Schoenfelder, John Schoenfelder
- 8:30 am Kenneth Mueller, Clara Radloff, Chuck Radloff, Albert Weber
- 10:00 am Aaron Davis, Jacob Maronde, James Maronde, William Sullivan
- 11:30 am Jeffrey Schotzko, McKaid Schotzko, Gavan Schotzko

St. Francis School News

The regular monthly meeting of the Home and School Association will be held on Monday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

Grades 3-8 will celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, December 5th at 1:30 p.m.

The all school Advent Prayer Service will be prayed on Wednesday, December 6th at 1:20 p.m. in the church.

The weekly all school Mass will be celebrated on Friday, December 8th at 9:15 a.m. in celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Community News

Lourdes High School HiLighters and Center Street Singers Concert, Tuesday, December 5, 7 pm, Pax Christi Catholic Church, 4135 - 18 Ave. NW, Rochester. All are welcome. A free will offering will be accepted.

The Carmelite Brothers of the Annunciation Hermitage invite you to their Christmas Open House on Friday, December 8th from 5-7:30 pm at the Hermitage, 1009 East Oakland Ave, Austin, MN. Come join us for refreshments and visit our Craft Store for affordable gift ideas; handwoven rugs, Monastery soaps, St. Joseph's preserves and Carmelite coffees. Any questions, call the Hermitage at 507-437-4015.

About the Parish

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

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 6:45-7:45 pm

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Communion for Shut-ins Each First Friday and upon request. Call the office for assistance.

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

(RCIA) For those considering becoming Catholic, contact Joann Reier, 288-5528.

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.

First Communion/Reconciliation is usually in second grade.

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

SPRED (Special Religious Education for adults with development disabilities)

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, Dec 4th

Faith Formation Classes Grs. 1-5,

4:30 pm and 6:00 pm

Heart of Trinity Prayer Group

7:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec 5th

Holy Hour 7:00 pm/Social 8:00 pm

Confirmation Centers

Wednesday, Dec 6th

Food for Friends 4:30 pm

Faith Formation Classes Gr 6-10

6:00 & 7:30 pm

Well Read Mom Group 7:00 pm

Cantors 7:00 pm

Thursday, Dec 7th

Elder Care Ministry Christmas Card

Mailing 9:30 am & 6:30 pm

Children Choir 6:00 pm

Buildings & Ground Committee

Meeting 7:00 pm

Adult Choir 7:00 pm

Friday, Dec 8th

Holy Day of Obligation Masses

8:30 am & 7:00 pm

Widow Group Meeting 9:15 am

Marian Consecration Reception

9:15am

National Night of Prayer 8:00 pm

Holiday Bazaar Set up

Saturday, Dec 9th

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Musical Musings from Joy

Music and Choral Director,
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We're going to stray from the musical active participation discussion this week so I may introduce you to a few differences you'll see as we celebrate the Liturgical New Year and begin Advent. (Don't worry, we'll pick up right where we left off!) Incidentally, I am thrilled to be getting regular emails from so many of you regarding this very important topic. It's great to hear your thoughts "from the pews" – perhaps you'll even see some of those ideas being implemented in the very near future!

The primary difference you will note during Advent is the change of the Mass setting. This references the musical arrangements of the Ordinary of the Mass, or the parts that don't change from week-to-week. (The *Gloria in excelsis*, the Gospel Acclamation, the *Sanctus*, the Memorial Acclamation, and the *Agnus Dei*.) For the last several months, we used *Mass of Renewal* by Curtis Stephan. Now, we are using *Mass of Charity and Love* by Steven C. Warner, based on the hymn *Where Charity and Love Prevail* by Paul Benoit. This setting is not in the hymnal, but you may find it on an insert in the back of your green ones. (Thanks to our SPARK participants for making sure these were ready in time!)

In the season of Advent, we stray from the *Gloria in excelsis* until Christmas Eve. (With the exception of the Immaculate Conception!) However, we are doing something a little different to help mark the season. Instead, we are singing the *Kyrie eleison* immediately after the *Confiteor* during the Penitential Act. It is call-and-response – in short, you repeat what is sung. You'll catch on quickly, have no fear! Our Memorial Acclamation this season is also different. Instead of using the words, "When we eat this bread and drink this cup..." we are using, "Save us, Savior of the world, for by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free."

Finally, after much consideration, we are beginning to announce the Responsorial Psalm when it occurs in one of the hymnals so you may have the option of following along. Hopefully, this helps you to participate much more fully and actively throughout the entirety of the Mass.

I will share that the music may seem quite stagnant over this season. Never fear, the variety will return after Christmas! In an effort to help prepare our minds and hearts for the season of Christmas, it is important to reflect and mediate on the Advent season as purposefully as possible. Reusing the hymns from week-to-week will help us journey through this season more fully and intentionally. In the meantime, have a blessed Advent and know of my prayers for you as we prepare for Christmas. Peace!

Hymnal Scavenger Hunt How'd you do with last week's Hymnal Scavenger Hunt? It was *Now Thank We All Our God*, which can be found in your green hymnal at #603 and your red hymnal at #545. Here's this week's clue: *This song is a contemporary take on the 'O' Antiphons. We are reminded that Christ, our salvation, will soon be here.* Hint: This song may be found in the green hymnal!

Mass Intentions

Mon., Dec., 4th	8:30 am	Priests in Recovery
Tues., Dec., 5th	8:30 am	†Lou Kellner
Wed., Dec., 6th	8:30 am	†Mai Buy & Ann Nguyen
Thurs., Dec., 7th	8:30 am	†John Neylon
Fri., Dec., 8th	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Special Intention †James Theobald
Sat., Dec., 9th	8:00 pm	†Kathleen O'Brien
Sun., Dec., 10th	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	†John Costello †Bill & Monica Norman For the Parish

Financial Blessings Sunday, Nov. 19th, 2017

Church Support.....	\$15,963
Capital Projects.....	\$1,530
Children's Collection.....	\$49
EFT Church Support.....	\$360
EFT Capital Projects.....	\$15
Campaign for Human Development.....	\$2,382

Financial Blessings Sunday, Nov. 26th, 2017

Church Support.....	\$12,156
Capital Projects.....	\$740
Children's Collection.....	\$40
EFT Church Support.....	\$360
EFT Capital Projects.....	\$15
On-Line Giving.....	\$145

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



Our chapel is available 24 hours/7 days a week
 Prayerfully consider committing to one hour a week before Him in Eucharistic Adoration.

Life changes when we spend time with Jesus face to face.

Could you not spend one hour with Me?*

Matthew 26:40

Hours of Need

Call Tim Fague at 507-288-6578 to sign up.

*** We are looking for a second adorer in these 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*	11 am*	12 pm	10 am*	5 am*
		3 am*	3pm*	1 pm	1 pm*	8 am*
		4 am*		3 pm	2 pm	1pm
		9 am*			4 pm*	3 pm
					10 pm*	4 pm
					11 pm*	9 pm*
						10 pm*

Faith Formation



News from Sheila, Sunday School, Children's Ministry
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Pre-Jordan News: It has been a blessing working with the prayer shawl group. Recently they committed to extending their service to include prayer blankets for newborns who receive baptism here at Resurrection. The blankets are truly a source of God's blessing as the women unite in fellowship to pray and create beautiful pieces of artwork. These blankets are also blessed by our parish priests! The first recipient of these blessed baby blankets is truly a miracle baby.



Introducing Brayden Carter Gill. Brayden's mother Sarah, received her blanket while still pregnant and attending a Pre-Jordan meeting. Little Brayden arrived almost 4 weeks early on November 4th at 2:58 am after mom was induced due to high blood pressure. Being premature, Brayden was taken by nurses right after he was born due to breathing problems and jaundice. Multiple episodes occurred where Brayden would stop breathing. But Brayden, his name meaning "brave", made a strong recovery and was able to go home with mom Sarah after just three days! While in the hospital, Brayden met some parishioners from St. Francis, our sister parish, who blessed him. Upon visiting Resurrection a week after his birth, he received another blessing by Father Shawn. In this photo you can see Brayden thanking Our Father for his constant watch over him.



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

Grades 1-5: We have faith formation classes on Monday, December 4th at 4:30 and 6:00pm. Advent is here! This is the "waiting in joyful hope" time of the liturgical year. Prayerfully consider how to make this time joyful for your families. What can you do to celebrate a little every day? Pick up the Advent materials for adults and children and make these prayers a part of your lives. Take time to ponder, like Mary, over the angel Gabriel's words. Invite Mary and Joseph into your discussions. Make them part of your family this year and see how it changes Advent in a positive way.

First Reconciliation: We will be receiving the sacrament of reconciliation on Tuesday, December 12th during our Parish Penance Service at 6:30pm in the main church. Families need to arrive by 6:15-6:20pm to check-in at the table in the Gathering Space and prepare to receive the sacrament. All family members are encouraged to attend and participate by praying with us. If you have any questions, please contact Stacey.

Virtues in Practice: December's virtue is *generosity* and St. Nicholas of Turkey and St. Mary Magdalene are our two saints that model this virtue. *Generosity* is defined as 'giving without counting the cost.' When we truly love someone, we want to give them all kinds of good things without worrying about how much time or treasure it will cost. Jesus Christ gave His own life for all of us without counting the cost. Jesus is the best example of *generosity*! We celebrate St. Nicholas' feast day on December 6th. He was a bishop who was always giving to the poor. He heard about a family with three daughters who had no money to get married. Each time one the girls was ready to get married, St. Nicholas left gold-once, twice, three times! He never told them that he had given the money, but did it in secret. *St. Nicholas, help us to notice those in need. Make us want to give of ourselves, even if no one notices our good deeds. Let us be satisfied with knowing that Jesus sees our generosity and is pleased. St. Nicholas, pray for us! Amen.*



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



Second Year Confirmation (10th Grade): Today (Sunday) at the 11:30am Mass, the candidates celebrate the **Ritual of Commitment**. The candidates affirm that they are ready to commit to the Confirmation process and we (the parish) along with Fr. Schuster agree to support them by prayer and our example. Please keep these young men and women in your prayers as they continue their journey to Confirmation. All candidates must attend the **Confirmation Centers** with either a parent or sponsor. They will be available Tues., Dec. 5 and Wed., Dec. 6 from 3:00pm-8:00pm. Please pick one time to attend- they take about 40 min. to complete.

Faith Sharing session for December are Dec. 10 (6:30pm) and Dec. 17 (11:00am). Please make sure to attend one of the sessions. Sponsor conversation forms and waivers for the retreat (Jan. 6th) are due at these sessions.

Rochester Unite is 4:30pm, Dec. 9th at St. John the Evangelist church. Unite brings young people from all over the Rochester Area together for an event that includes: Holy Mass, great music, dynamic speakers, and meaningful prayer. The speaker for this month is Bishop John Quinn. Unite is presented in collaboration with the Greater Rochester Area Catholic Youth Ministers (GRACYM) and is sponsored by the participating parishes, the Diocese of Winona, Catholic United Financial, and many individual donors.



FYRE youth night, tonight (Sunday) at 4:30pm. All high school and middle school parishioners are invited to join us in the Fr. Zenk hall for discussion, snacks, and exploring our faith. There is no FYRE night on Dec. 10th- I hope to see everyone at Unite!

Young Adults: Visit the Rochester Catholic Young Adult Ministry webpage at www.rochestercatholicmn.org