

# Church *of the* Resurrection

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## *Find Us Ready*

Good and gracious God, who sent the angel Gabriel to announce the gift of your Son, your love for us has no limits and endures forever. As we prepare for the coming of Christ, eliminate within us all sin and fear, giving us pure hearts to receive him. May the Holy Spirit fill us with your grace, just as Mary was so filled, and find us ready to stand in your presence to serve you. Keep us faithful to the covenant you made with our ancestors. May your joy saturate our beings as we go forth proclaiming your salvation, so that, on that final day, we will forever sing your goodness. ***Through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

December 24 2017, Fourth Sunday of Advent





**Quiz Question**

**Weekly Words from The Rock**

Last week, I provided questions about the Apostles.

- A. Who did Jesus appoint to be the leader of the apostles?  
Answer: Peter
- B. Which apostle betrayed Jesus? Answer: Judas Iscariot
- C. Names two apostles who were brothers. Answer: Peter and Andrew or James and John
- D. Which apostle had been a tax collector before he started following Jesus?  
Answer: Levi/Matthew
- E. Who was chosen to take Judas's place after the resurrection?  
Answer: Matthias

**Editorial**

I would like to share an editorial with you from Mike Krokos which appeared in The Catholic Spirit.

What he shares is known by many but bears repeating. Mr. Krokos writes, "We all have read or heard the familiar Christmas story shared in churches and homes this time of year. Joyful hymns, including, "The 12 Days of Christmas," ring out on streets and in

churches throughout the world as we welcome the baby Jesus into the world. But there is more to this 12-day hymn than meets the eye, a story worth sharing each Christmas. It seems that from 1558 to 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not allowed to practice their faith openly.

Someone, it is said, decided to write a carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. The carol has two levels of meaning, plus a hidden one known only to members of the church.

According to the story, each element of the carol has a code word for a religious reality, which the children could remember:

The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.

Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.

Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.

The four calling birds were the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.

The six geese-a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

Seven swans-a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit: prophecy, serving, teaching, exhortation, contribution, leadership and mercy.

The eight maids a milking were the eight Beatitudes.

Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,

faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

The ten lords-a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.

Eleven pipers piping stood for the 11 faithful disciples.

Twelve drummers drumming symbolized the 12 points of belief in the Apostles Creed.

And now you know the rest of the story."

**Holy Humor**

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HOW ABOUT IF INSTEAD OF GIVING YOU EVERYTHING THAT YOU THINK YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS I GIVE YOU WHAT YOU NEED?

**Merry Christmas**

*My prayers for everyone and wishing all of you a Merry Christmas.*

God's blessings! Father Peter Schuster

**Christmas Flower Offering In Memory of/Honor of**



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*Rochester Catholic Parishes*  
**C H R I S T M A S**  
**S C H E D U L E**

*Christmas Eve/Day Masses*

Sunday/Monday, December 24/25 - Holy Day of Obligation

Holy Spirit	Christmas EVE: 4:30 PM, 7:30 PM Christmas Day: 10 AM
Pax Christi	Christmas EVE: 4 PM, 6 PM, 10 PM Christmas Day: 10 AM
Resurrection	Christmas EVE: 4 PM, 6 PM, 10 PM Christmas DAY: 9 AM
St Francis of Assisi	Christmas EVE: 4 PM, 7 PM, (Spanish) , 12 AM Midnight Mass, (Latin) Christmas DAY: 9 AM, 2:30PM, (Vietnamese)
St John the Evangelist	Christmas EVE: 4 PM, 6 PM, 9:30 PM Christmas DAY: 10:30 AM
St Pius X	Christmas EVE: 4 PM, 6 PM, 10 PM Christmas DAY: 8 AM, 10AM

*Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (New Years)*

Monday, January 1st: Because the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, on January 1, 2018, falls on a Monday this year, it is not observed as a Holy Day of Obligation in the USA.

Holy Spirit	New Year's DAY: 9 AM
Pax Christi	New Year's DAY: 9 AM
Resurrection	New Year's DAY: 9 AM
St Francis of Assisi	New Year's EVE: 4:30 PM New Year's DAY: 9 AM
St John the Evangelist	New Year's DAY: 9:30 AM
St Pius X	New Year's DAY: 8 AM

**Readings for the Week of December 24, 2017**

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/  
Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/  
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc  
and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/  
Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18  
Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35  
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40  
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## Parish News

**Office will be closed** Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th 2017. A Blessed Christmas Season to all parishioners and extended family members.

**2nd Collection Next Weekend for St. Vincent de Paul,** December 30/31st. 100% of what you donate goes directly to our friends in need. We are able to help with rent, utilities, food from our pantry, grocery and gas cards. We visit them at their homes and can see firsthand what their needs may be. We could not provide this help without your wonderful support. We are blessed to be able to help with shelter and food during the holidays and cold months ahead. We warmly welcome all to join this rewarding ministry. If interested in becoming a member, please contact Kathy Geisler at 281-5358. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

### *Holiday Bazaar Big Ticket Raffle Winners*

Emily Schwalbe.....	\$500
Dana Goetziner.....	\$500
Barb Tazell.....	\$300
Bruce Meadows.....	\$300
Chris Miksanek.....	\$200
Tom Hoeke.....	\$200
Thomas Robak.....	\$200
Patricia Max.....	\$200
Jenny Gehling.....	\$200
Loy Colebeck.....	\$175
Kathryn Fitzgerald.....	\$175
The Drill Family.....	\$100
Joyce Kruger.....	\$100
Jean Guyer.....	\$100
Regina Vogt.....	\$100
Mike and Sarah Petersen.....	\$100
Abel Subia.....	\$100
Dale Hawker.....	\$100
Jean Weland.....	\$75
Dan Sanders.....	\$75
Woodworth-Krahn.....	\$75
Claudia Dreyer.....	\$75
Katie Miller.....	\$75
David Martin.....	\$50
Woodworth-Krahn.....	\$50
Mary Riles.....	\$50
Dan Talmo.....	\$50
Susan Maas.....	\$50
Mary Ann Peterson.....	\$50
Melody Hudson.....	\$50

**Thank you to those who donated to our Big Ticket Raffle:**

Keller Williams Realty (Debra Benson), Wigham Trucking (Doug), Macken Funeral Home, ReMax Realty (Mark Kiefer), Med City Mobility (Elwood's), Prime Time Health Advisors (Mike Salscheider), Restovich, Braun & Associates, Maday Chiropractic (Brent Maday), Quarry Hill Animal Hospital (Josh Noser), Ted Smith Insurance, Premier Bank, Culp Dental Technics, Kuntz Electric, Health-N-Healing (Debbie O'Meara), Steve Green Heating & AC, Eastman Auto, Knights of Columbus, Schoenfelder & Brass Farms, WHV (Anthony Shirek), Expert Truck & RV (Jesse Lesmeister) and anonymous donators.



## Liturgy Notes from Joann,

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

### Christmas Season

This Sunday (December 24) we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent AND Christmas Eve. The Mass we attend on Sunday morning celebrates the last Sunday of Advent. We need to come back to church to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord either Sunday evening or Monday morning.

Yes – you can receive Holy Communion more than once on the same day. Canon No. 917 of the church’s Code of Canon Law states: “A person who has received the most holy Eucharist may receive it again on the same day only during the celebration of the Eucharist in which the person participates.”

One of the songs we might hear during the Christmas Season is “The Twelve Days of Christmas.” The song was written as a catechism song to help young Catholics in England learn about their faith – especially at a time when the practice of Catholicism was prohibited. This song reminds me that every day is a celebration of Christmas - the Presence of Christ among us. (Fr. Schuster’s article describes each day). Every day we are called to be “GOD-bearers,” bringing the gift of Christ to others. Our celebration is less about a *past* event as it is about a *present* reality that reminds us of our unique privilege in cooperating with the grace of the Holy Spirit to make Christ present in all the circumstances of our lives.

*May the grace and blessings of this season fill your hearts with peace, hope and love.*

**Psalm Refrain for December 24 –**

*Christmas Vigil Mass (Psalm 89:2)*

**Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

**Psalm Refrain for December 24 –**

*Christmas Mass at Midnight (Luke 2:11)*

**Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**

**Psalm Refrain for December 25 –**

*Christmas Day Mass (Psalm 98:3)*

**All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

**Psalm Refrain for December 31 –**

*Feast of the Holy Family (Psalm 105:7,8)*

**The Lord remembers his covenant forever.**

## Liturgical Ministries

**NOTE:** Please remember to find a substitute if you are unable to fulfill your ministry as scheduled. Thank you.  
**Dec. 30th/31st**

### Altar Servers

- 8:00 pm Lawrene Meilander, Kaitlyn O'Meara
- 8:30 am Ryan Sanders, Kyle Sanders
- 10:00 am Avery Davis, Lilly Davis
- 11:30 am Cameron Vareberg, Eric Vareberg

### Eucharistic Ministers

- 8:00 pm Jane & Rick Haeflinger, Debbie Olson, Chad Rasmussen, Theresa Root, Patricia Schoenfelder, Kim Shimak-Hansen, Elizabeth Teuteberg
- 8:30 am Elaine Doherty, Diane Doty, Christine Dvorak, Mary & Michael Lose, Christiane Lund, Joan Miller, LeeAnn Mueller, Dianne Plager, Patrice Steier, Kevin Sutter
- 10:00 am Regina Boehmke, Esther Connelly, Julie Galkowski, Timothy Geisler, Melody & Douglas Hudson, Aida & Joseph Kostick, Andrew Kowal, Marylu Nemgar, John Wurst
- 11:30 am Tim Fague, Janet Helgren, Patricia Hurley, Lynette Lenoach, Jackie O'Connell, Sheila Pelowski, Catherine Tiegs, Rebecca Woodcock

### Lectors

- 8:00 pm John O'Meara
- 8:30 am Richard Miller, Catherine Wagner
- 10:00 am Sharyn & Bob Voss
- 11:30 am Mary Meine

### Greeters

- 8:00 pm Eileen King, Rita Strickland
- 8:30 am Karl & Lynn Ladin Family & Laura Rud
- 10:00 am The Sinn Family, Becky & Gary Reiland
- 11:30 am Carrie Plumlee, **NOT FILLED**

### Ushers

- 8:00 pm Richard Clark, Randall Schoenfelder, Braeden Schoenfelder
- 8:30 am Kenneth Mueller, Francis Mueller, Clara Radloff, Chuck Radloff
- 10:00 am Aaron Davis, Jacob Maronde, James Maronde, Dave Mueller
- 11:30 am Mick Garvey, Brett Parks, Karen Reopelle

# St. Francis School News

The school students and staff wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

School resumes Wednesday, January 3rd.

## Community News

**Volunteer Opportunities-Madonna Towers** Volunteers are needed at Madonna Towers for different pastoral ministries: visiting residents, praying with and bringing Communion to residents, leading Communion Services or leading music during services, and praying the rosary with residents in assisted living, skilled care and memory care units. Training will be provided at Madonna Towers, but the most important qualifications are a desire to give of your time, a listening ear, and a caring and faith-filled spirit. For more information or to sign up to be a volunteer, contact Sr. Sue Reif, OSF at 206-2227 or [Sue.Reif@bhshealth.org](mailto:Sue.Reif@bhshealth.org)

**Into the Deep Young Adult Camping Retreats** Interested in attending a retreat with other young adults from around Minnesota? Check out the Into the Deep retreats that focus on Theology of the Body, incorporating outdoor adventures such as hiking, skiing, etc. See below for some of the retreats, and visit their website at [idretreats.org/why-outdoors](http://idretreats.org/why-outdoors).

- **Young Adult Retreat, ages 18-39** Lutsen Mountain Ski Area, MN January 5-7, 2018
- **Singles, 18 and up** Isle Royale National Park, MI (hiking) June 10-15, 2018
- **Couples** North Shore of Lake Superior, MN May 10-13, 2018

## About the Parish

Weekly Bulletin deadline is Monday before noon.  
General Email: [communications@rescathroch.org](mailto: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

### Pastor

Fr. Peter Schuster

[pastor@rescathroch.org](mailto:pastor@rescathroch.org)

### Parochial Vicar

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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)

Shirley Russo: 507-289-2607;

[rochestersmr1@gmail.com](mailto:rochestersmr1@gmail.com);

Cheri Jensen: [jensentccl@aol.com](mailto:jensentccl@aol.com).

**Calvary Cemetery** Steve Flynn, 507-273-0140, Email: [calvarydirector@gmail.com](mailto:calvarydirector@gmail.com).

## Weekly Calendar

### Monday, Dec 25th

Mass 9:00 am

Office Closed

### Tuesday, Dec 26th

Mass 8:30 am

Office Closed

### Saturday, Dec 30th

Society of Divine Mercy Monastery

Prayer Group 6:30 am

Reconciliation 6:45-7:45 pm;

Mass 8:00 pm

Folk Music Group 7:00 pm

### Sunday, Dec 31st

Masses 8:30 am; 10 am; 11:30 am

### Monday, January 1st

Mass 9:00 am

Office Closed

### Tuesday, January 2nd

Mass 8:30 am

Office Closed

### Friday, January 5th

Wedding Rehearsal 5pm

### Saturday, January 6th

Wedding 1:30 pm

Cookie Saturday





# Musical Musings from Joy

Music and Choral Director,  
choirdirector@rescathroch.org.

How do we all feel about the processional hymn's length? Do you agree that it should end when the Priest has reached the altar, or should we keep it going for longer than that? There's no right or wrong answer here, but there can be a strong matter of opinion!

I encourage you to look up the different entrance antiphons for the weeks ahead and pray with them. Do you find any correlations to the readings of the day?

The next sung part of the Mass whose history we're going to discuss is the penitential rite:

*The penitential rite, the sprinkling rite, and the Kyrie may be examined as a whole, since the penitential rite includes the sprinkling rite and sometimes the Kyrie. The sprinkling rite, "was very popular already in the earlier centuries...While this is taking place, an antiphon or an appropriate song is sung. One of these antiphons begins with the words Asperges me ("Cleanse me"), and as a result people sometimes speak of the 'rite of aspersion.'"<sup>1</sup> Therefore, the musical antiphon most closely associated with the sprinkling rite has endured as its nominal legacy. Nowadays, the sprinkling rite is often performed during the Easter season as a reminder of baptism, though it may be included in any Mass. Moreover, "the Kyrie litany originated in the East. Pope Gelasius I (492-496), a Greek from Sicily, introduced it into the Roman liturgy."<sup>2</sup> Indeed, it acclaims the Kyrios and implores Him for mercy. What is more, "the refrains or acclamations alone were sung by the choir as many times as needed to cover movement."<sup>3</sup> Like the Introit, the Kyrie would face evolution in later times, changing it to the threefold "Kyrie, Christe, Kyrie" format recognized today.*

During the Advent season, we have been using the sung *Kyrie* during Mass following the *Confiteor*. Have you recognized this change? What are your thoughts on it? Do you find you get anything further out of singing the *Kyrie* than by simply just reciting it? How about the Greek? Do you like the inclusion of this language, or would you have preferred English? Any and all thoughts are appreciated!

<sup>1</sup>. Adolf Adam, *The Eucharistic Celebration: The Source and Summit of Faith*, tr. Robert C. Schultz (Collegeville, MN, USA: Liturgical Press, 1994), 25.  
<sup>2</sup>. Johannes H. Emminghaus, *The Eucharist: Essence, Form, Celebration*, tr. Matthew J. O'Connell (Collegeville, MN, USA: Liturgical Press, 1978), 121.  
<sup>3</sup>. Paul F. Bradshaw and Maxwell E. Johnson, *The Eucharistic Liturgies: Their Evolution and Interpretation* (Collegeville, MN, USA: The Liturgical Press, 2012), 202.

**Hymnal Scavenger Hunt:** How'd you do with last week's Hymnal Scavenger Hunt? It was *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*, which can be found in your green hymnal at #282 and your red hymnal at #347. Here's this week's clue: *This contemporary Advent song continuously urges us to ready the path for God in his coming. It echoes all of the Isaiah readings we've been hearing lately!*

Hint: This song may be found in your green hymnal!

# Mass Intentions

Mon., Dec., 25th	9:00 am	†Lyle Yokiel
Tues., Dec., 26th	8:30 am	†Einer Hanson
Wed., Dec., 27th	8:30 am	†Bonnie Weiler
Thurs., Dec., 28th	8:30 am	Reparation of Sins
Fri., Dec., 29th	8:30 am	†Joyce Baumler
Sat., Dec., 30th	8:00 pm	Nguyen Family Members
Sun., Dec., 31st	8:30 am	†Dorine Piotrowski
	10:00 am	For the Parish
	11:30 am	†Spencer Riley

<b>Financial Blessings Sunday, Dec., 10th, 2017</b>	
Church Support.....	\$20,697
Capital Projects.....	\$880
Children's Collection.....	\$64
EFT Church Support.....	\$360
EFT Capital Projects.....	\$15
On Line Giving.....	\$255
Retirement for Religious/Catholic University.....	\$3,738

**Dedication Candles**  
December 23rd-30th


1. †Matthew Hanson
2. †Howard Brandt†



**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*	5 am*	12 pm*	10 am*	5 am*
		3 am*	11 am*	1 pm	1 pm*	8 am*
		4 am*	3 pm*	3 pm	2 pm*	1pm
		9 am*			11pm*	3 pm
						4 pm
						9 pm*
						10 pm*

# Faith Formation



**News from Sheila**, Pre-Jordan, Nursery, Sunday School, Children's Ministry  
dresscm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x 101  
**Have a very Merry Christmas!**  
**No Sunday School or Nursery: 12/24 & 12/31**  
**Save the date: MOVIE NIGHT: Friday, Jan. 19th**  
Featuring the movie Trolls!



**News from Stacey**, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x 108  
**Grades 1-5:** *We have these blessed four weeks of Advent to prepare for Christ's coming, but in truth, we must be ready every day. We must have the wisdom of the Kings and the humility of the Shepherds to recognize our God and be waiting for the day when we must journey to see Him face to face. May your family be touched by the baby Jesus in the crèche, as well as the Savior on the Cross. Merry Christmas! We will not have classes on December 25th and January 1st.*



When we come back together for classes on January 8th for grades 1,2, 3, and 4, **the 5th graders will have Learning Centers with parents 4:00-7:00pm in Fr. Zenk Hall.**

**First Communion:** We will have a Parent Meeting on Monday, January 15th at 6:30pm in Fr. Zenk Hall. There will be time to go over the sacrament requirements, to choose the Mass time for your child to receive the sacrament, and to ask questions. Please bring your calendars and a small school picture of your child for our chalice display.

**Virtues in Practice:** Our December virtue is *generosity* and the 3rd-5th graders have been learning about St. Mary Magdalene. She is often shown holding a jar of perfume because she anointed the body of Jesus at His burial (Mark 16:1) and so many people think it is she who anointed Him at Bethany (John 12:3). In return for the great love she showed Him, Saint Mary Magdalene was one of the first people Jesus appeared to on Easter Sunday, and it was she who ran to tell the Apostles, "I have seen the Lord!" (John 20:18) 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 -the best example of *generosity* ever!



**News from Rosemary**, Grades 6-12, Youth Ministry, dre6to10ym@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x 104  
*May the peace of Jesus be with you and your family throughout this holy holiday season! Merry Christmas to all!*  
**Wednesday Faith Formation:** There are no classes Dec. 27. Classes will resume Jan. 3rd  
**First Year Confirmation (9th Grade):** Save the date: Parent and Candidate meeting January 21st at 2:00pm. This is when we organize our faith sharing groups. Volunteers needed to be faith sharing leaders! We need a minimum of 10 adults willing to lead a group with a partner. This is a great opportunity to take an active part of the Confirmation process with the candidates. Please contact me if you are interested or would like more information. No experience necessary!

**Second Year Confirmation (10th Grade):** The mandatory Confirmation Retreat is January 6th at the Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch from 10:30am-5:00pm. Please look for a mailing in the next couple of weeks for the complete information. If you are unable to attend, you must notify me so we can arrange an alternative.

**FYRE:** Jan. 28: "Art on the Go" event in the Fr. Zenk Hall, 3:00pm. For ages 8 and up. All proceeds will benefit youth scholarships.

In January, our FYRE nights will focus on a study of the Gospel of Matthew. All middle and high school students are welcome!

**Young Adults:** Visit the Rochester Catholic Young Adult Ministry webpage at [www.rochestercatholicmn.org](http://www.rochestercatholicmn.org)