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People of Light

O God of all nations, who beckon us to live in the light, you scattered the darkness through the birth of your Son, Jesus. Prophets of old foretold that your brilliance would cover the earth and draw all peoples into your loving care. Grant that we, who, like the Magi, seek the radiance of your glory are found worthy to proclaim your holy name. Shine brightly within our hearts and illuminate our minds as we faithfully share the Good News. May all peoples be drawn closer to you by the revelation of your Incarnate Word. Keep us ever in your care, so that, filled with joy, we may always work to build a just and peaceful world. *Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

January 7th, 2018, The Epiphany of the Lord



Weekly Words from The Rock

Editorial

In an article within The Wanderer (December 20, 2012), James Drummey speaks of the letters in the word "Christmas" and the meaning of each. Last week, we looked at the letters C,H,R,I,S. They are:

C is for the Christ Child, born on Christmas Day.

H for herald angels in the night.

R means our Redeemer.

I means Israel.

S is for the star that shone so bright.

We look at the final letters this week.

T is for three wise men, they who traveled far: The Bible doesn't mention that there were three wise men, but it does mention three gifts (gold, frankincense, and myrrh), and tradition gives the men the names Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Although they were often identified as kings, the three were probably astrologers who studied the heavens for signs and observed a celestial event that caused them to travel a long distance, perhaps from Arabia or Persia. They actually visited the Christ Child in a house (cf. Matthew

2:11) and, after being warned in a dream not to report back to King Herod, they returned to their homes by another route.

M is for the manger where He lay: In the book and video entitled *The Three Trees*, one of the trees growing on the mountainside dreams of being made someday into a beautiful chest that will hold a great treasure. But instead the tree is made into a feed trough for animals and is terribly discouraged until one night a beautiful woman placed a newborn Baby in the trough. Then the tree realizes that his dream has come true, for he is holding the greatest treasure of all, the Son of God. The lesson is that God has a plan for all of us, one that we cannot even imagine.

A is for all He stands for: The key word here is "all." Ask some people what Jesus stands for, and they will produce His message to "be good" and "don't be judgmental." In fact, however, Jesus said that being good meant keeping the Ten Commandments.

He condemned "evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly" as sins that come from within and defile a person (Mark 7:21-23). He said that unless we eat His Body and drink His Blood, we will not gain eternal life (cf. John 6:53); that those who fail to help their needy brothers and sisters will be cast "into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41); and that those who live and believe

in Him will also rise from the dead on the last day.

S is for the shepherds that came: Shepherds were near the bottom rung of society in Jesus' time, so it would have seemed inconceivable to the upper classes that the first announcement of the Messiah would be made to this lowly group. But Jesus often did the unexpected thing. He is the Good Shepherd who seeks first the lost sheep of Israel, who leaves the 99 sheep and searches for the one who was lost, who acts as a shepherd at the Last Judgment in separating the sheep from the goats, and who identifies Himself as the gate through which the sheep, i.e., those seeking salvations, must pass.

Holy Humor



God's blessings! Father Peter Schuster

Visit our website for Sunday homilies from past weeks;
www.rescathroch.org.



To the volunteers, who helped decorate and prepare the Zenk Hall and Church, the Liturgical Ministers, members of the Children and Adult Choir - ***thanks for giving your time and talent to make our Christmas Season a very special celebration.*** Also thanks to Mary Kessler for decorating the planters at the entrance of our church and to those who stayed after Mass to distribute our Christmas books. We are truly blessed. A very Blessed New year to all. Fr. Schuster, Fr. Shawn and staff at Resurrection.



Food for Friends Ministry: Thank you to all that have donated food and items to the FFF ministry. Church of the Resurrection and Channel One are serving about 100 students at Ben Franklin Elementary with extra food items to have over the weekends when children are not in school. We are very appreciative to the committees who pack the bags of food each week. This ministry would not be successful without the helping hands.

The donation of food is an on-going ministry. Ben Franklin has a food shelf where students in need may ask for extra food to take home during the week. These items may be placed in the black tub located outside the church office. During the month of January, we will be collecting cereal. Cereal is great both for breakfast and for snacking.

In addition to food, the Food for Friends ministry does special projects for these children. Last year we made 'ditty bags' for each student. A "ditty bag" is a fabric bag sewn and filled with personal hygiene products. We continue to have these bags on hand for students going through a transition time in their journey of life. If you wish to help, we are looking for new combs/hairbrushes, and Kleenex. If you have those 'take items' from hotels, we have a perfect place for them! Items used to fill the bags are: comb/brush, toothpaste/brush, dental floss, lotion, hand soap, shampoo, kleenex, and a washcloth.

Winter gear: We have been keeping up with the requests of winter coats, hats, and gloves, due to the donations FFF received last year during Almsgiving. Keep in mind if you have gently used winter outerwear and boots, we would be happy to take them.

Parishioners, thank you for all of your continued support to this ministry. Your donation of dollars, food, clothing, etc., is so helpful for these children, one cannot express the gratitude to the fullest. The staff of Ben Franklin is very humbled by our ongoing support and responsiveness to this program, and wish to extend their thanks as well. Blessings to all, Cindy Landherr, 507-398-6985

Readings for the Week of January 7, 2018

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/ Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/ Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

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Parish News

Cookie and Donut Weekend. Stop in the Zenk Hall for some refreshments. Free will offering.

2nd Collection this weekend for St. Vincent de Paul, 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. If interested in becoming a member, please contact Kathy Geisler at 281-5358. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

SAVE THE DATE: The Rochester Middle School Winter Chill is coming! Join us January 27th from 7pm-11:30pm at Pax Christi Church in Rochester, MN for a night of fun, service, prayer, inflatables, food and more! Come hang out with 150-200 other 6, 7, 8th graders from Rochester, St. Charles, Plainview, Dodge Center, Stewartville and other surrounding areas. We are also looking for high school students to help with this event. Please contact Rosemary Byrne with questions. Registration information coming soon!

Donations for service projects needed. Join our young church to make a huge impact in our community and across the globe. This January students from our area parishes will come together for a night of fellowship, service and prayer at the Winter Chill in Rochester, but we need YOUR help! For our service projects, we are looking for donations of fleece blanket kits (or pre-cut fleece for tie blankets) and cash donations to complete our Sole Hope project we began at this event last year. Please drop off fleece blanket kits in our office by January 20th. Cash donations can be dropped off at the office and marked for Sole Hope OR you can make a donation online at <https://www.purecharity.com/winter-chill-sole-hope-donations>. Thank you!

Mark your calendars: St. Paul March for Life- January 22

Information will be forthcoming. The Diocese will not be organizing transportation but will send information on the event so that groups can gather together with Bishop Quinn and local seminarians. Open to all. Youth encouraged to attend.

Baptism

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

Luke Stephan Lawler
Child of Joseph and Tiffany

Theo Donald Senne
Child of Thomas and Rebecca

Wedding

May the Peace of Christ live in their hearts and home.

McKenzie Tschann and Doug Verhaal



Liturgy Notes from Joann,

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The Celebration of Christmas Continues...

Today we celebrate the **Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**. Traditionally, the date is January 6 (the day on which it is still celebrated in the Eastern churches) but for us, it is transferred to a Sunday so that more of the faithful can celebrate the message and meaning. A tradition associated with this day is the blessing of the home. A piece of chalk is used to write an inscription on the inside lintel above the front door. The series of numbers, letters and crosses changes slightly from year to year. The inscription for this year looks like this:

20+C+M+B+18

- The **four digits** designate the year (2018) and appear at the beginning and end of the line. Since Epiphany comes so near the beginning of the New Year, the numbers represent an annual renewal of GOD'S blessing.
- The **letters** have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the magi: *Caspar, Melchior* and *Balthasar*. They also abbreviate the Latin words "*Christus mansionem benedicat*," which translates "*May Christ bless the house*." These letters recall the day on which the inscription is made (Epiphany), as well as the purpose of the blessing (to bless the house).
- The **crosses** between the digits and the letters represent Christ, whom we invoke, and the saintliness of the magi.
- The inscription is made above the **front door**, so that all who enter and depart this year may enjoy GOD'S blessing.
- Since the month of January still bears the name of the Roman god *Janus*, this blessing adds a Christian dimension to the traditional observance of the first month.

The inscription is made of **chalk**, a product of clay, which recalls the human nature taken by GOD'S eternal Word, Jesus Christ.

At the end of Mass today, we will bless chalk, invoking GOD'S grace and protection on those who use this chalk to mark their homes. Every family is invited to take one piece of chalk along with the instructions and prayers for blessing the home.

Tomorrow, January 8 is the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** – the last day in the Christmas Season. Thank you to *everyone* who gave their time and talent to create an experience of worship that was welcoming and prayerful: sacristans, lectors, ushers, greeters, decorators, star makers, musicians, singers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and you – the faithful that is the Church of the Resurrection.

Psalm Refrain for January 14 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Psalm 40:8, 9)

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Liturgical Ministries

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

Jan 13th/14th

Altar Servers

8:00 pm	Reilyn Schoenfelder, Kelton Schoenfelder
8:30 am	Beli Jones, Carolyn Jones, Stefan Jones
10:00 am	Ryan Neppel, Ava Robertson
11:30 am	Eason Vue, Mina Vue

Eucharistic Ministers

8:00 pm	Rick Haeflinger, Denise Koster, Patricia & Walter Max, Debbie Olson, Theresa Root, Kim Shimak-Hansen, Elizabeth Teuteberg
8:30 am	Carrie Carroll, Diane Doty, Christine Dvorak, Ellen Harford, George Klann, Joan Miller, LeeAnn Mueller, Eugene Nolan, Deb Rowekamp, Beverly Sanders, Donna Weber
10:00 am	Esther Connelly, Claire Creighton, Charles DeVos, Julie Galkowski, Elaine & Jerome Garry, Timothy Geisler, Brett Maronde, Marylu Nemgar, Richard Streit, Robert Techentin
11:30 am	Tim Fague, Patricia Hurley, Lynette Lenocho, Mary Meine, Jackie O'Connell, Carrie Plumlee, Catherine Tiegs, Rebecca Woodcock

Lectors

8:00 pm	Therese Schoenfelder
8:30 am	Michael Lose, Catherine Wagner
10:00 am	Regina Boehmke, Elizabeth Winegarten
11:30 am	Janet Helgren

Greeters

8:00 pm	Judith Pelowski, Rita Strickland
8:30 am	Duane & Fran Robb, Lorraine Mitchell
10:00 am	Bob Voss, Diane Beiswanger
11:30 am	NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED

Ushers

8:00 pm	Greg Hansen, John Schoenfelder, Braeden Schoenfelder
8:30 am	Tom Brown, Eric Ladin, Scott Schwalbe, Albert Weber
10:00 am	Margaret Beiswanger, John Beiswanger, Aaron Davis, Jim Sinn
11:30 am	Mick Garvey, Karen Reopelle, McKaid Schotzko

St. Francis School News

The regular monthly meeting of the Home and School Association will be held on Monday, January 8th at 6:30 pm in the school library.

The weekly all school Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 9th at 9:15 am.

NWEA Testing this week.

The RCS Spelling Bee will be held on Thursday, January 11th at 6:30 pm in the Lourdes Forum.

Community News

St. Pius X Trivia night Friday, January 12th, 2018. Doors open for registration and food at 6:00 pm; game starts at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$15/person (\$120/team of 8). Food and drinks, door prizes, and all trivia games are included in the price. Register by visiting www.piusx.org or call their office at 507-288-8238 for more information. St. Pius X is located at 1315 12th Ave NW, Rochester.

Please join Bishop John M. Quinn at the Annual Prayer Service for Life on Sunday, January 28, at 3:00 pm at Ss. Peter & Paul Parish in Blue Earth (214 Holland St). Prayers of reparation and healing will be offered as we mourn the loss of millions of lives because of forty-five years of legalized abortion in America.

"It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish." - St. Theresa of Calcutta.

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, Jan. 8th

Prayer Shawl Group 1:00 pm

Faith Formation Classes Gr 1-4, 4:30/6:00 pm.

Gr 5 Learning Centers 4-7:00 pm. A parent needs to attend with child

Tuesday, Jan 9th

Lumen Christi Group 6:30 pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting 7:00 pm

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

Wednesday, Jan 10th

Food for Friends 4:30 pm

Faith Formation Classes Gr 6-10, 6:00/7:30 pm

Well Read Mom Group 7:00 pm

Thursday, Jan 11th

Marketing & Communications Meeting 5:30 pm

Children's choir 6:00 pm

Adult choir 7:00 pm

Friday, Jan 12th

Widow Prayer Group Meeting 9:15 am



Musical Musings from Joy

Music and Choral Director,
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Has anyone been paying a bit more attention to the *Gloria* this Christmas season? What do you think about this reminder of Christ's birth at Mass? Do you find the *Gloria* too long? Are you able to recite it without looking? There are two predominant types of *Gloria*'s being sung in the new translation – through-composed and refrain-based. Those that are through-composed do not go back to the *Glory to God* refrain (e.g., *Mass of Renewal*); the refrain-based ones do (e.g., *Mass of Joy & Peace*). Do you think it's currently too long? Should composers only be attempting to do through-composed settings?

Now that we've discussed the most common musical elements of the introductory rites, I would like to reflect as a whole this week: *Seemingly, there is a large amount of music called for in the introductory rites, even though the title suggests it is only preparatory for the rest, (and arguably more important parts,) of the Mass. However, "singing also fosters consciousness of community; indeed, in the context of worship, it is already a communal action."*¹ Therefore, the various songs, chants, acclamations, and hymns interwoven throughout the *Introductory Rites* underscore the desire to bring the congregation together in a meaningful way. However, there are pastoral considerations to keep in mind, as well. The joint singing of an entrance hymn, the choral singing of a sprinkling rite, the acclamation of a Kyrie litany, and the joyful hymn of *Gloria in excelsis* can inevitably last for several minutes, therefore markedly lengthening the Mass. It is here that an acute pastoral sense must be exercised in order to help decide what is best for a particular church or congregation: "In all attempts at reform... what is important is pastoral awareness, that is to say, a psychological sensitivity towards the degree of openness of the parish in question. What is good and acceptable in one parish may do harm in another."² For instance, such a lengthy opening may be quite normal in a large American parish, whereas, in an Irish country parish, it could be met with some resistance.

What do you think? Certainly, if all of these musical elements were sung in one Mass, it would lengthen the introductory rites significantly. Do you think such musical importance should be given to a "preparatory" part of the Mass? Why or why not? Would you like more or less singing during this point? Does where you worship really affect this? Feel free to share your thoughts!

¹. Johannes H. Emminghaus, *The Eucharist: Essence, Form, Celebration*, tr. Matthew J. O'Connell (Collegeville, MN, USA: Liturgical Press, 1978), 107.

². Klaus Gamber, "The Difficulties in Reforming the Liturgy" in *The Modern Rite: Collected Essays on the Reform of the Liturgy*, Klaus Gamber, tr. Henry Taylor (Farnborough, Hants, UK: Saint Michael's Abbey Press, 2002), 14.

Hymnal Scavenger Hunt How'd you do with last week's Hymnal Scavenger Hunt? It was *Christ, Circle Round Us*, which can be found in your green hymnal at #284. Here's this week's clue: *Thinking to last week's discussion of the Gloria in excelsis, these words appear in this famous Christmas hymn quite predominantly!* Hint: This song may be found in both hymnals!

Mass Intentions

Mon., Jan., 8th	8:30 am	Thanksgiving for Holy Family
Tues., Jan., 9th	8:30 am	Chuck † & Patricia Kieffer
Wed., Jan., 10th	8:30 am	†Matt Kellner
Thurs., Jan., 11th	8:30 am	†Virginia Roetzler
Fri., Jan., 12th	8:30 am	Louise Kozak
Sat., Jan., 13th	8:00 pm	†Rita Lewis
Sun., Jan., 14th	8:30 am	†Bernard Kluck
	10:00 am	For the Parish
	11:30 am	†Josephine Hughes

Financial Blessings Sunday, Dec., 17th, 2017

Church Support.....	\$24,630
Capital Projects.....	\$316
Children's Collection.....	\$71
EFT Church Support.....	\$13,114
EFT Capital Projects.....	\$1,898
On Line Giving.....	\$125

Financial Blessings Sunday, Dec., 24th, 2017

Church Support.....	\$26,941
Capital Projects.....	\$1,315
Children's Collection.....	\$411
EFT Church Support.....	\$360
EFT Capital Projects.....	\$15
On Line Giving.....	\$210
Christmas.....	\$16,773

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
					11pm*	3 pm
						4 pm
						9 pm*
						10 pm*

Faith Formation



News from Sheila, Pre-Jordan, Nursery, Sunday School, Children's Ministry
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Happy New Year to All!

Sunday School: Feast of the Epiphany. Today children learned about the three wise men who came from very far away lands in the East. They were astrologers who used the stars to guide them on their journeys. They also knew of the prophecies of an infant king who was to be a savior. Through the three wise men, Jesus's arrival was announced to the world.

Children's Ministry and Fusion present: Parish MOVIE NIGHT: Friday, January 19th
in Father Zenk Hall. 6:30 to 8:30 pm Featuring the movie **Trolls**!

Children's Ministry and Fusion will provide popcorn and lemonade. You are welcome to bring along your own snacks too! "Camp-out" and get comfy by bringing lawn chairs, sleeping bags, and pillows! The Nursery will be open for families who need to step out with babies or fussy toddlers.

6:30 to 7:00: Social time with Troll Coloring pages. 7:00pm: Movie begins.

No Sunday School: January 14th– (please note the printed calendar is incorrect).



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

Grades 1-4: We have faith formation classes for grades 1-4 on January 8th at 4:30 and 6:00pm. In the liturgical season of Christmas, we learn that the celebration is not over until Epiphany. This lets us have time for the shepherds, the wise men, and the 12 Days of Christmas. We do not have class on Monday, January 15th, Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday. Classes will resume on January 22nd.

Grade 5: On January 8th, the 5th grades and parents will have Sacraments Learning Centers. Families can attend anytime 4:00-7:00pm in South Fr. Zenk Hall, where the 5th graders normally meet. The learning centers should take about an hour to complete.

First Communion: We will have a Parent Meeting on Monday, January 15th at 6:30pm in Fr. Zenk Hall. Only one parent needs to attend. We have a sign-up for the Mass time that you want your child to receive the sacrament on April 28/29. There will be time to answer any questions about learning centers, practices, photos, and dress for the celebration.

Virtues in Practice: January's virtue is *gratitude* and our two saints are St. Francis of Assisi for grades 1-2 and St. Julie Billiart for grades 3-5. *Gratitude* is defined as 'seeing everything as a gift and being thankful. That's exactly how St. Francis lived his life. He was born into a wealthy family but gave up everything he had to follow God. St. Francis was so thankful to God for all that He had created that he wrote songs about the sun and the moon, the plants and the animals, and all of creation. He taught others to see everything as God's gifts. *St. Francis, Pray for us! Amen.*



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

Rochester Middle School Winter Chill: Join us January 27th from 7pm-11:30pm at Pax Christi Church in Rochester, MN for a night of fun, service, prayer, inflatables, food and more! Come hang out with 150-200 other 6, 7, 8th graders from Rochester, St. Charles, Plainview, Dodge Center, Stewartville and other surrounding areas. We are also looking for high school students to help with this event. Please contact me to volunteer or for more information.

First Year Confirmation (9th Grade): 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! The leaders are an essential part of our Confirmation program– please prayerfully consider this opportunity. *"Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses."* Pope Paul VI

Art on the Go Fundraiser: All parishioners ages 10+ are invited to join us January 28th, 3:00pm. All the art supplies plus step-by-step instructions will be provided to help you create your very own work of art. The cost is \$35 per painter and the proceeds benefit the Youth Scholarship Fund.

FYRE: Next FYRE night is January 7th at 4:30 pm. In January, our FYRE nights will focus on a study of the Gospel of Matthew. All middle and high school students are welcome!

