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Teach Your Family

Good and gracious God, who filled Simeon with the Holy Spirit, we bless you for revealing to us the Light of your salvation. Fill your family with grace and, like Mary and Joseph, may our love for you remain strong so that, filled with the light of faith, your family may grow in obedience to your Word. Bless and protect all families who seek your embrace. Open their eyes to see the glory of your Son. You have promised the Church unity in faith and love; as you fulfilled your promises by being part of the Holy Family. Be present in our midst and make us the instruments by which you heal the world. ***Through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

December 31st 2017, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



Weekly Words from The Rock

Editorial

In an article within The Wanderer (December 20, 2012), James Drumme speaks of the letters in the word “Christmas” and the meaning of each. We will look at these over the next two weeks.

C is for the Christ Child, born on Christmas Day: The importance of this Child is indicated in the word “Christ,” which is a Greek translation (*Christos*) of the Hebrew word *Messiah*, a title meaning “anointed one.”

Throughout the Bible the anointing of a person with oil signified that the person was dedicated to God. A well-known example would be Samuel’s anointing of the youthful David to be future king of Israel, “and from that day on, the spirit of the Lord rushed upon David” (1 Samuel 16:13). That same Spirit was upon Jesus from the time of His birth in Bethlehem (also the birthplace of David) and would manifest Himself on such occasions as the Baptism of the Lord in the River Jordan (cf. Matthew 3:16) and His temptation by Satan in the desert (cf. Luke 4:1).

H is for herald angels in the night: Angels have played a major role in salvation history. Among their many appearances in the Old Testament, they visited Abraham (Genesis 18), led Moses and the Israelites to the Red Sea and protected them from the pursuing Egyptians (Exodus 14), and struck down 185,000 Assyrians

(Isaiah 37:36). So, too, in the New Testament, angels accompanied Jesus from the Incarnation to the Ascension, first heralding His birth to the shepherds in the fields near Bethlehem and singing, “Glory to God in the highest/and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests (Luke 2:14). Angels were also active in the early Church and guard and guide us still.

R means our Redeemer: Even over the idyllic scene in that cave in Bethlehem there was the shadow of the cross, the symbol of our redemption. One of the gifts presented to the Christ Child was myrrh, a burial ointment. What an odd gift for a baby, unless the Baby was destined to give His life for the salvation of the world. The Child’s name would be Jesus, the Angel Gabriel told Mary (cf. Luke 1:31), a name that means “Savior.” And forty days after His birth, an old man named Simeon told the Blessed Mother that her Son would be a sign of contradiction and that a sword of sorrow would pierce her heart (cf. Luke 2:34-35).

I means Israel: Ever since the triumphant reign of David (1010-970), Israel had been waiting for a descendant of David who would restore Israel to its former glory. Many at the time of Jesus were expecting a political/military leader who would overthrow the hated Romans, so they did not recognize Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah, even though He alone fulfilled all the prophecies from the Old Testament. He was, for example, descended from the “stump of Jesse” (Isaiah 11:1), born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:1), worshiped by kings bearing gifts (Psalm 72:10), betrayed for thirty pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12-13), and “pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins”

(Isaiah 53:5). God had established a covenant with Israel, but that covenant would not be completely fulfilled until the coming of Christ, who would establish a new and everlasting covenant.

S is for the star that shone so bright: While the mystery of the bright star that led the Magi to Bethlehem may never be completely solved, there is astronomical evidence of a confluence of planets at the time of Jesus’ birth that could have produced a star bright enough to guide the Magi hundreds of miles to Bethlehem. Or the star could have been the miraculous intervention of God.

We will look at the final letters next week.

Holy Humor



God’s blessings!
Father Peter Schuster

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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 31, 2017
 Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, [7a, 8a] or Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
 Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34
 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42
 Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/Jn 1:43-51
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
 Next 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 © Liturgical Publications Inc

Diocese of Winona - Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information The Diocese of Winona will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at www.dow.org under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Mary Hamann, at 507-858-1244, or mhamann@dow.org

Parish News

Office will be closed Monday, January 1st and Tuesday, January 2nd. A Blessed New Year to you and your family.

Next weekend, January 6th/7th will be Cookie and Donut Weekend. The sign up board is in the Gathering Space if you want to volunteer after a Mass. Thank you for your consideration.

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 to your parish youth minister by January 20th. Cash donations can be dropped off at your parish and marked for Sole Hope OR you can make a donation online at <https://www.purecharity.com/winter-chill-sole-hope-donations>. Thank you!

Baptism

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

Lucille Violet Mae Hardcastle
Child of Jayson and Katie

Audrina Mae Perry
Child of James and Jaquel

Charlotte Jade Rinnhofer
Child of Gavin and Caitlin

Nadia Lisette Osetinsky
Child of Christopher and Lara Mariel

Noah Francis Teshirogi
Child of Satoru and Jessica

Carter Matthew Jensen
Child of Matthew and Chelsea



Liturgy Notes from Joann,

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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Today's feast has been on the Church calendar for about one hundred years, often on different dates. It is a "devotional" or "idea" feast that was inaugurated by Holy Family associations. Everything we know about the Holy Family (which is not much) comes from the Gospel accounts. So what does it mean to be "holy"? Here is a reflection from the book *Living Liturgy* published by Liturgical Press.

To be "holy" means to be consecrated, that is, set apart for a purpose. We find facets of that purpose in today's gospel: to be a family who lives by God's law; to be a man who keeps his eyes open for the Christ no matter how long the wait; to be a woman who speaks a word of hope to those who have lost hope. Next week, we see an image of that purpose in the wise men who follow the signs of the times in search of Christ. Finally, at the end of the Christmas season, we will see the fullness of that purpose in Christ as he is baptized in the Jordan.

Because the Feast of the Holy Family coincides with New Year's Eve, this reflection and Simeon's canticle (found in today's Gospel) might be an inspiration to end the last day of 2017 with a simple liturgy called *Compline* or Night Prayer. This liturgy comes from the *Liturgy of the Hours*, also known as the Divine Office. The basic structure begins with a brief examination of conscience followed by a penitential act similar to what is said at Mass, and a psalm or two with a brief Scripture reading. The liturgy concludes with the singing or recitation of the Canticle of Simeon, also called the *Nunc Dimittis*. As we let go of the old year, Simeon's words invite us to reflect back on it to reveal how our eyes have seen GOD'S salvation.

From Night Prayer

Canticle of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis)

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

Monday, January 1st, is the **Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of GOD**. This year, the obligation to attend Mass has been lifted, but I can think of no better way to start a new year than to celebrate this, the oldest feast of Mary in the Church. On this day we honor Mary as *Theotokos* or "GOD-bearer". We, too, are called to be GOD-bearers: to give birth to GOD in every life he comes to enter and transform in his love and light. Our Mass on this Solemnity will be at 9:00 AM.

Psalm Refrain for January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Psalm 67:2)

May GOD bless us in his mercy.

Psalm Refrain for January 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord (Psalm 72:11)

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Liturgical Ministries

NOTE: Please remember to find a substitute if you are unable to fulfill your ministry as scheduled. Thank you.
Jan 6th/7th

Altar Servers

- 8:00 pm Fred Noser, Devon Wald
- 8:30 am Joe Copeland, Chris Simonson
- 10:00 am Nate Spors, Aidan Warrington
- 11:30 am Ana Rubio-Calvillo, McKaid Schotzko

Eucharistic Ministers

- 8:00 pm Jane & Rick Haeflinger, Denise Koster, Walter & Patricia Max, Judith Pelowski, Patricia Schoenfelder, Kim Shimak-Hansen
- 8:30 am John-Howard Carroll, Calvin Guyer, Patty Haler, Liz Hanson, Nancy Hass, Mary & Michael Lose, Scott & Mary Schwalbe, Patrice Steier, Kevin Sutter
- 10:00 am Margaret Beiswanger, Diane Beiswanger, Melody & Douglas Hudson, Joseph & Aida Kostick, Andrew Kowal, Vince Meyer, Gary & Brenda Tschann, Elizabeth Winegarden
- 11:30 am Marianne Aksamit, Tim Fague, Janet Helgren, Lynette Lenoach, Jackie O'Connell, Karen Reopelle, Catherine Tiegs, Rebecca Woodcock

Lectors

- 8:00 pm John Wald
- 8:30 am Tom Brownlow, Ellen Harford
- 10:00 am Elaine & Jerome Garry
- 11:30 am Mary Meine

Greeters

- 8:00 pm Kirt & Diane Grantner, Jennifer Gehling
- 8:30 am Marly & Mikki Tuma, Tom & Christiane Lund
- 10:00 am Shannon & Tom Knoepke, Elizabeth Boxrud
- 11:30 am Carrie Plumlee, **NOT FILLED**

Ushers

- 8:00 pm Jeff Schoenfelder, Tyler Schoenfelder, Joel Schoenfelder
- 8:30 am J.R. Miller, Francis Mueller, Clara Radloff, Chuck Radloff
- 10:00 am McKenna Chestolowski, Eric Chestolowski, Brandon Weick, Will Weick
- 11:30 am Gavan Schotzko, Kilian Schotzko, Jeffrey Schotzko

St. Francis School News

The school students and staff wish you a very Happy New Year!

School resumes on Wednesday, January 3rd.

The weekly all school Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, January 4th at 9:15 a.m.

Friday, January 5th is the first Friday of the month and will be a non-uniform day. We will celebrate all January birthdays with a special dessert at lunch.

Community News

Widowed, Divorced or Permanently Separated Do you know someone who is suffering from the loss of a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation? Someone who seems "stuck" in the cycle of grief? Beginning Experience of Rochester is an International Ministry offering a program called "Coping with Life Alone" to help participants move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with hope renewed. These weekly classes are presented by those who have suffered life changing losses themselves and are willing to share their experience. "Coping with Life Alone" is a ten session class which meets weekly beginning on Monday, January 29, 2018 from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church, 810 3rd Ave SE, Rochester, MN 55904. The sessions focus on such topics as the grief process, changes in family and other relationships, trust, and coping with life as a single person. Contact Beginning Experience Rochester by calling 507-261-8248 or emailing beminnnesota@gmail.com or visit www.beminnnesota.org to start an amazing healing process for yourself or to encourage someone you love to step beyond grief and pain.

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)

Shirley Russo: 507-289-2607;

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Cheri Jensen: jensentccl@aol.com.

Calvary Cemetery Steve Flynn, 507-273-0140, Email: calvarydirector@gmail.com.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, Jan. 1st

Mass 9:00 am

Office Closed

Tuesday, Jan 2nd

Mass 8:30 am

Office Closed

Wednesday, Jan 3rd

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

Thursday, Jan 4th

Children's choir 6:00 pm

Adult choir 7:00 pm

Friday, Jan 5th

Wedding Rehearsal 5:00 pm

Saturday, Jan 6th

Society of Divine Mercy Monastery

Prayer Group 6:30 am

Wedding 1:30 pm

Cookie Saturday following Mass

Sunday, Jan 7th

Donut Sunday following Masses

Sunday School 8:30 am & 10:00 am

FYRE Teen Night 4:30 pm



Musical Musings from Joy

Music and Choral Director,
choirdirector@rescathroch.org.

What are everyone's thoughts on the sung Kyrie? Did you recognize this addition? What about the Greek? Any issues or comments there? Again, I'm really enjoying your feedback!

I challenge each of you to look up the three different ways the penitential rite may be done during Mass. Two of them are quite common, and there is one form that is not as common. You may be surprised when you look at the rubrics how they're all very similar, yet so different!

The next sung part of the Mass whose history we're going to discuss is the *Gloria in excelsis*: *Historically, similar to the Introit, "it is not clear just when the Gloria was introduced into the Roman liturgy."*¹ *The Gregorian chant settings of the Gloria in excelsis that still exist today would certainly be suggestive of this. However, there is still evidence that proposes a possible unknown history of the Gloria: "In the Apostolic Constitutions, the Gloria, with its numerous biblical citations, has a clear tripartite structure (three stanzas). In its traditional Latin form, however, it seems to lack a logical progression and to be unclear or, possibly, not fully developed. The Trinitarian scheme is very clear in the Greek prototype."*² *Therefore, there may actually have been intentions for the Gloria to be reformed in order to better represent its Greek model. However, there has been little reform of the Gloria in excelsis since Franco-Germanic times. In fact, the only reform of the Gloria was actually in practice and not in model or structure. Yet, one wonders if there had been further motives to make the Latin version of the hymn closer to its Greek forebear: "There would have been many advantages in rewriting the Latin hymn, but evidently the reform commission was unwilling to tamper with this...perhaps because of all the musical settings made for it from the period of Gregorian chant through the Palestrinian and classical periods down to the present time."*³ *If this was the case, though, it was not brought to realization during the times of Vatican II.*

How interesting! Has anyone ever looked up the Greek translation of the *Gloria in excelsis*? Did you know that titular part of the hymn is based on what the angels sang to Jesus the morning he was born? Therefore, every time we sing the *Gloria* in Mass, it is as if we are recounting Christ's birth again and again! What do you think about this? Do you find the *Gloria* too long? Are you able to recite it without looking? I can't wait to hear your thoughts!

¹. Johannes H. Emminghaus, *The Eucharist: Essence, Form, Celebration*, tr. Matthew J. O'Connell (Collegeville, MN, USA: Liturgical Press, 1978), 123.

². Emminghaus, *The Eucharist*, 124.

³. Ibid.

Hymnal Scavenger Hunt How'd you do with last week's Hymnal Scavenger Hunt? It was *Ready the Way*, which can be found in your green hymnal at #294. Here's this week's clue:

This contemporary setting of the 'O' Antiphons encourages Jesus to wrap His light around us.

Mass Intentions

Mon., Jan., 1st	9:00 am	†Carl Miller
Tues., Jan., 2nd	8:30 am	Rob Frisby (healing)
Wed., Jan., 3rd	8:30 am	†Grace (Reopelle) Fehr
Thurs., Jan., 4th	8:30 am	†Dorine Piotrowski
Fri., Jan., 5th	8:30 am	Priests in the Diocese
Sat., Jan., 6th	8:00 pm	†Earl Wampach
Sun., Jan., 7th	8:30 am	For the Parish
	10:00 am	Priest in Recovery
	11:30 am	†Lola Minwegen

CALVARY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING AND NEW OFFICE Calvary Cemetery Association annual business meeting will be held January 4, 2018 at 2:30 P.M. in the Church of St. John the Evangelist conference room. The purpose of the meeting is to review the previous year's activities and consider future projects including development and a visitors' directory. The Cemetery is supported with business income and the generosity of Rochester Catholic parishioners. Calvary Cemetery provides a dignified, sacred in-ground or columbarium resting place for Rochester area families. For information about your personal pre-planning or memorial donations, contact Director Steve Flynn (507) 273-0140; calvarydirector@gmail.com. You may also meet privately with Steve at the newly opened Calvary Cemetery office located at 1700 North Broadway, Suite 154 Rochester, Minnesota 55906.

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.**

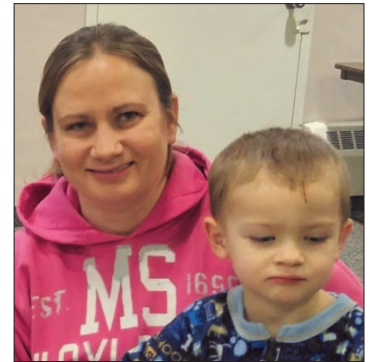
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						10 pm*

Faith Formation



News from Sheila, Pre-Jordan, Nursery, Sunday School, Children's Ministry
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Happy End of Year! Have a blessed celebration! No Sunday School or Nursery: 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

A New Year's Prayer: *Dear Lord, as a new year begins, we come to You and ask for Your blessing. We pray that you would give us joy to fill our days, peace to fill our hearts, and love to fill our lives. Thank You for the plans You have for us in this new year. We wait in anticipation to see all You will do. Amen.*

Grades 1-5: We do not have faith formation classes on Monday, January 1st. Faith Formation classes for grades 1-4 resume on January 8th at 4:30 and 6:00pm and the 5th graders will be participating with their parents in the **5th grade Learning Centers**. The 5th graders will learn about all the Sacraments of the Church on a deeper level. The learning centers will be set up in the South Zenk Hall where they usually have 5th grade class. The centers will be available 4:00-7:00pm and 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. 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: *Generosity* is our December virtue and we've looked to St. Nicholas and St. Mary Magdalene as two saints who gave without counting the cost. Now is a good time to look at how we are living a life of *generosity*. What do you need to work on most to grow in *generosity* in the new year? If you look at what God has blessed you and your family with in time, talent and treasure, very often we are *generous* in one area but not the other two areas. Throughout a lifetime, our ability to be *generous* shifts and changes. Be open to the Holy Spirit prompting you to adjust your thinking and make it possible to share in new ways. *St. Nicholas and St. Mary Magdalene, help us to live a life of generosity like you. St. Nicholas and St. Mary Magdalene, pray for us! Amen.*



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

Wednesday Faith Formation: Classes resume Jan. 3rd

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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 pray for our Confirmation candidates as they move into the final months of their preparation!

FYRE: Next FYRE night 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!

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