### CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

# 9 give you a new commandment: love one another."

#### May 19th, 2019 Fifth Sunday of Easter

An Ever-growing Eucharistic Community Boldly Serving Others Through Gods Love

Mass ScheduleSaturday8:00 pmSunday8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 amDaily Mass8:30 am - Mon-Fri

Saturday 6:45-7:45 pm

Rosary Monday-Friday 8:10 am Saturday 7:30 pm

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### Weekly Words from The Rock

#### Questions

Question: I read a book by an author who had a near-death experience and claims that God told him that one's belief system was irrelevant. This seems like New Age indifferentism. Can you comment on near-death phenomena and what this author said? (By the way, this question came from one of our own in Minnesota. The person who penned the question is from Ely, Minnesota).

Answer: Near-death experiences (NDEs) seem to be a rather widely reported phenomenon with certain common features. One has an "out of body" experience with a reported capacity to see oneself as if looking down. There is usually some experience of a light to which the person is drawn, sometimes down a tunnel. There is usually some sense of peace and joy but also a sense that now is not the time, and one is "sent back."

While it cannot be denied that NDEs are reported with enough frequency that likely they do happen, they are problematic in certain ways. First, they can reasonably be explained naturally as consciousness fades. The Church looks for natural explanations and seeks to rule them out before quickly asserting a supernatural cause.

A second, a more significant problem with many (not all) NDEs is that they would seem to violate or skip over certain biblical and Church teachings regarding the last things. One aspect that is missing in most of them is judgment. Scripture says, "it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). St. Paul also speaks of us passing through fire to have our works tested and purified after death (1 Corinthians 3:13-15). The teaching on judgment and purification are seemingly absent in many, if not most NDE reports.

Even more problematic are the NDE reports that speak of being able to walk around heaven, seeing loved ones, etc. But heaven is not attained in bypassing the judgment scene and the purification that most, if not all of us, will need. Scripture says of heaven: "Nothing unclean will enter it" (Revelation 21:27). So, such reports seem dubious, if Scripture is a reliable guide – and it obviously is. Your question refers also to a book by an NDE "survivor" who claims that in his discussions with "God," God didn't care what spiritual tradition one had. But this is in contradiction to Scripture, which teaches there is no other name given by which we are to be saved than Jesus (Acts 4:12). So, New Age Gnosticism does not save one, and it would seem that the real God does care.

But here, too, is another societal ill of our times: the rejection of the Word of God in favor of often trendy visionaries. Death awaits us all, and we do well to simply heed the Lord's warning to be ready by living sober, holy and devout lives.

(Taken from Our Sunday Visitor, written by Msgr. Charles Pope, September 27, 2015 edition, page 15).

#### Pop Quiz

On February 20, 1997, The Catholic Spirit came up with a religious competency test. This test encompasses all articles of the Catholic faith. Here is the question I posed for you last week and I now provide the answer.

Question: A gathering of people to pray, which is the official public worship of God in the Catholic Church is called:

- A. Liturgy
- B. Private prayer
- C. Rosary
- D. Stations of the Cross

Answer: A. Liturgy

Here is the question for the coming week.

Question: The greatest act of worship by the church or the highest liturgy is:

- A. PrayerB. RosaryC. The Mass
- D. Benediction

Good luck with the question. I'll provide the answer next week along with the next series of questions.

God's blessings! Father Schuster, Pastor pastor@rescathroch.org Sunday homilies posted on our website at www.rescathroch.org.

### Liturgical Ministries - May 25th/26th

Ministry schedule as of May 13th If unable to fulfill your ministry as scheduled, please find a substitute. Thank YOU.

Altar Servers 8:00 pm Victoria Schimnich, Adam Sellner 8:30 am Bethany Collett, Avery Washnieski 10:00 am Chase Boehmke, Ian Teshirogi 11:30 am Jesse Hirvela, Ana Rubio-Calvillo

#### Lectors

8:00 pm Liz Hanson 8:30 am Micki Miller, Patricia Rossman 10:00 am Elizabeth Winegarden, NOT FILLED 11:30 am Mary Meine

#### Greeters

8:00 pm Kirt & Diane Grantner, Eileen King 8:30 am Tom Lund, Sheila & Tom Brownlow 10:00 am Becky & Gary Reiland, Bob Voss 11:30 am NOT FILLED (2x)

**Eucharistic Ministers** 8:00 pm Bread: Steven Gronseth, Liz Hanson Cup: Patricia Schoenfelder, Theresa Root, Judith Pelowski, NOT FILLED (3x) 8:30 am Bread: Christiane Lund, Elaine Doherty, Kathryn Fitzgerald, Jerry Krantz, Deb Rowekamp Cup: Beverly Sanders, Christine Dvorak. LeeAnn Mueller. Dianne Plager, Laura Rud, Diane Dotv 10:00 am Bread: Richard Streit. Esther Connelly, Cheryl Kieffer, NOT FILLED (2x), Cup: Gloria Flicek, John Wurst, Brett Maronde,

NOT FILLED 11:30 am Bread: Lynette Lenoch, Leonida Crawley, Cup: Karen Reopelle, Marianne Aksamit, NOT FILLED (4x)

Regina Boehmke, Mary Stettler,

Ushers 8:00 pm Kevin Schimnich, John Schoenfelder, Reilyn Schoenfelder 8:30 am J.R. Miller, Kenneth Mueller, Chuck Radloff, Clara Radloff 10:00 am Ethan Engel, Jacob Maronde James Maronde, William Sullivan 11:30 am Mick Garvey, McKaid Schotzko, Lee Witter

#### Sacristans

8:00 pm Judith Pelowski 8:30 am Tracy & Donna Smith 10:00 am Brett Maronde 11:30 am Marv Meine

> Mass time changes at Resurrection effective June 1st/2nd. Saturday: 8:00 pm. Sunday, 8:30 am & 10:30 am

### **Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel**

24 hours/7 days a week

Prayerfully consider committing to one hour a week before Him in Eucharistic Adoration. "Could you not spend one hour with Me?" Matthew 26:40 Life changes when we spend time with Jesus face to face.

#### Hours of Need

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

\* Second adorer needed.

	10 pm*	6 am
p.		

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 am*	12 am*	12 am*	10 am*	11am*	3 am*	12 am*
3 pm*	2 am	1 am*	12 pm	1 pm*	10 am	3 am
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	4 am	4 am	3 pm*	7 pm	1 pm*	5 am*
	10 am*	5 am*		11 pm*	2 pm*	11 am*
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						5 pm

**Open Hours** 

#### **Parish Events**

The Saint Joseph Lay Carmelite Community is hosting the **Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast** today following Sunday Masses



**Our annual Rummage Sale** will be held June 20th-22nd.

We will start collecting items Sunday, June 16th -Wednesday, June 19th. If you have any questions or would like information on volunteer opportunities, contact Kathy Meadows at 507-529-7689.

New Sunday Mass Schedule starting June1st/2nd: Saturday 8:00 pm; Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am.

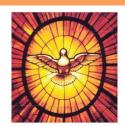
**Catholic Ministries Appeal 2019**. The diocese's goal for Resurrection is \$84,050; as of May 13th, the amount received and pledged is \$78,447 so we are under our goal by \$5,603. If you need information or an envelope to submit your pledge or payment, contact our office at 507-288-5528.

### **St. Francis School News**

The weekly all school Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 21st at 9:15 am.

The grade 5-8 Band Concert will be performed at Lourdes High School on Tuesday, May 21st at 7:00 pm.

Family Promise of Rochester card of thanks: "Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$612 to Family Promise Rochester. As a non-profit organization, these donations mean the world to us and to the families we serve in our stabilization programs. Without the support of generous donors like yourself, we would not be able to help families in need, find hope and support. Our vision is a nation in which every family has a home, a livelihood, and the chance to build a better future." Dawn Devine, Executive Director



## **PENTECOST CELEBRATION** Diocese of Winona-Rochester



#### A CHURCH ON FIRE ~ A CHURCH ON MISSION "... To Be Saints for God's Greater Glory"

God asks everything of us, yet he also gives everything to us. He does not want to enter our lives to cripple or diminish them, but to bring them to fulfillment... Let us ask the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us a fervent longing to be saints for God's greater glory, and let us encourage one another in this effort. –Pope Francis, Gaudete et Exsultate ("Rejoice and Be Glad") #175, #177



# June 7th & 8th, 2019

Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and the Kahler Grand Hotel, Rochester



www.dowr.org/Pentecost.html

Friday, June 7th Millennial Church Conference Saturday, June 8th Day of Worship and Witness featuring The Vigil Project

#### Saturday Evening Pentecost Vigil Mass

### Weekly Calendar

New Mass time changes starting next weekend, June 1st/2nd: Saturday, 8:00 pm; Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Monday 20 May	<ul> <li>Rosary 8:10 am</li> <li>Morning Mass 8:30 am</li> <li>Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 pm</li> <li>Leadership Ministry Night 7:00 pm</li> <li>Heart of Trinity Prayer Group 7:00 pm</li> </ul>	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/ Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday <b>21</b> May	• Rosary 8:10 am •Morning Mass 8:30 am	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12] Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday 22 May	<ul> <li>Rosary 8: 10 am</li> <li>Mass 8:30 am</li> <li>Food for Friends</li> <li>St. Cecelia Singers Practice 7:00 pm</li> </ul>	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday 23 May	<ul> <li>Rosary 8:10 am</li> <li>Mass 8:30 am</li> <li>Grieving with Great Hope 1:30 pm</li> <li>Children Choir Practice 6:00 pm</li> <li>Adult Choir Practice 7:00 pm</li> </ul>	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
Friday <b>24</b> May	<ul> <li>Rosary 8:10 am</li> <li>Mass 8:30 am</li> <li>Widow Prayer Group Meeting 9:15 am</li> <li>Wedding Rehearsal 7:00 pm</li> </ul>	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/ Jn 15:12-17
Saturday 25 May	<ul> <li>Society of Divine Mercy Monastery Prayer Group 6:30 am</li> <li>Cantor Workshop 9:00 am</li> <li>Wedding 3:00 pm</li> <li>Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:45-7:45 pm</li> </ul>	•Knights of Columbus Rosary 7:30 pm •Mass 8:00 pm Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21
Sunday 26 May	•Masses 8:30 am; 10:00 am; 11:30 am	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10- 14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29



#### **Musical Musings** from Joy Music & Choral Director

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Escha-what? Eschatology, (ees-kah-tahl-oh-gee,)

is a theological term for the study of "the end times," including heaven and hell. This weekend, we hear John proclaim in Revelation: "I, John, saw a new heaven and a



new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God..."(Revelation 21)

We might know the word "apocalypse" a little better. (Fun fact – did you know "apocalypse" is "revelation" in Greek? Hence the title of that New Testament book!) What will the end times look like? Will they happen during our lifetime? Is this what the disciples felt like when the Resurrected Christ said he'd only be with them "only a little while longer"? What was their apocalypse/revelation like?

I urge you to Google this funny "eschatology" word and perhaps sit down with the Book of Revelation this week. (And, if you're really interested, I'd be happy to share with you my thoughts on eschatological themes in alternative rock music!) Can we even begin to fathom what John saw? Are we ready for the Second Coming?

Here's a link to a wonderful song, "Love Has Come," by Matt Maher based around the Second Coming:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJJSDciq5qo.



If you are interested in giving the Music Ministry a free "try," mark your calendars for the weekend of June 15/16, when we

will be having our first "OPEN SING" of the summer season. No rehearsal required – simply come on up to the choir and join us in singing at Mass!

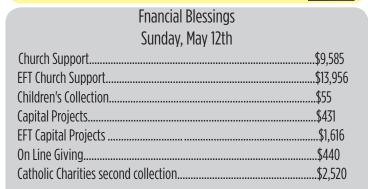
### **Mass Intentions**

Mon., May 20th	8:30 am	<sup>+</sup> Jay Higgins
Tues., May 21st	8:30 am	<sup>+</sup> Arthur Mueller
Wed., May 22nd	8:30 am	<sup>†</sup> Richard Kildahl
Thurs., May 23rd	8:30 am	Patricia & Spud Thomforde
		(wedding anniversary)
Fri., May 24th	8:30 am	Special Intention
Sat., May 25th	8:00 pm	<sup>†</sup> Rodney Hanson
Sun., May 26th	8:30 am	<sup>+</sup> Einer Hansen
	10:00 am	Smick Families
	11:30 am	For the Parish

#### **Dedication Candles** May 18th-May 24th

1. †William Haen

2. †Gerald Shanahan



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

#### Oden Rick-Donald Reisdorfer



Child of Justin and Marie Siblings, Everleigh and Gideon



### **Faith Formation**



News from Sheila, Birth-KG, Children's Ministry, RCIA, dresscm@rescathroch.org Emily Spaulding and Kaytlynn Haeflinger were busy assembling student's "My Catholic ABC book" in preparation for the final Sunday School class today. Children used bingo dabbers and markers to explore signs and symbols of our Catholic Faith through the alphabet. It is so sad to see the classes coming to an end. We will continue to gather for Summer Bonfires! Mark your calendar: June 21 and August 23rd from 7pm to 9pm.





News from Stacey, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org. **Totus Tuus** will be held July 8th-12th, 9:00 am-2:30 pm Monday-Friday for children entering 1st - 6th grades. Registration forms are in the Gathering Space and on our website.

**Virtues in Practice**: For the month of May, we are learning how to be diligent like St. Francis de Sales. Born in France, and later the Bishop of Geneva, St. Francis de Sales lived at a time and in a place where many people were hostile to the Catholic faith. St.

Francis is a Doctor of the Church which means that he was a great scholar and teacher whose writings continue to influence people today. Yet he was very simple and faithful to Jesus and His Church. When he was bishop, he walked from parish to parish, despite the difficulties in travel, to visit the priests in his diocese and all of their parishioners. As a bishop, he would have had a claim to live a comfortable lifestyle, but he preferred to dress and eat very simply. He loved serving the poor, because it was a way he could imitate Jesus. St. Francis was an excellent preacher and loved doing God's work, speaking and teaching about the Catholic faith. He was very diligent in his teaching, taking care to write letters and to preach in a way that people would fully understand. He wrote a book that is still very popular today, called <u>Introduction to the Devout Life</u>. In this book, he teaches people how to grow in holiness. He loved God to the very end of his life, and the words last spoken on his death bed were, "God's will be done! Jesus, my God and my all!" St. Francis, pray for us!



News from Ryan, Grades 6-12, Youth Ministry, youth@rescathroch.org

**Camp Summit**: Due to massive popularity, all spots for Camp Summit have filled up. It promises to be an exciting and fun summer and we look forward to having some excellent summer fun! If your child wishes to attend the camp and did not register in time, please contact Ryan Van Dyke for options moving forward.

**Steubenville Youth Conference**: Registration for Steubenville continues. Students in our parish entering, attending or leaving high school are welcome to join with their

peers to attend the conference. It will feature music, prayer and speakers, including Jason Evert! Cost is \$220, sign up soon! Pick up a registration form from the table in the Gathering Space. Please speak to Ryan if your family requires a scholarship.

Stacey Shares: The Faith Formation 5th graders enjoyed year end activities. They had a pizza party, reviewed the sacraments, and had time to socialize. Each 5th grader received a wooden, standing crucifix as a gift. It will remind them of the prayer table in their classroom and the Stations of the Cross that they led for the younger children and families. When asked, what is one thing you learned this year, they said, "about the Pope and that he lives in Italy," "Hail Mary," "what the sacraments are," "that you and God are connected," and "so much I can't remember right now."God bless you all as you continue to grow in your faith!





A special thank you to their catechists Michel Benz and Carolyn Ryno.