

Church of the Resurrection

An ever-growing Eucharistic community boldly serving others through God's love

1600 11th Avenue SE • Rochester, MN 55904 • www.rescathroch.org • 507-288-5528



2nd Sunday **OF ADVENT**

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."
- Lk 3:4*

December 9, 2018 Second Sunday of Advent



Weekly Words from The Rock

Advent

On the First Sunday of Advent, I offered the following thoughts on Advent. I will keep these thoughts in my column during Advent to inspire us during this season.

The A of Advent means Anticipate. Advent anticipates Christmas and for many, we can't wait for Christmas to arrive. This Advent do not wish the days away. Do one thing each day of Advent which makes you grow closer to Jesus Christ.

The D of Advent means Don't. Don't forget the state of your soul. Celebrate the gift of God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance.

The V of Advent means Volume. This is a difficult time of the year for many people. Reach out to them (volume) and let them know you are keeping them in prayer.

The E of Advent means Emulate. If we claim to be believers of Jesus Christ, let us show people that we believe by the life we live.

The N of Advent means Never. Never forget what makes this time of the year special. It isn't the food, gifts or parties. It is Jesus Christ.

The T of Advent means Time. As Jesus Christ came to us in the Christmas story which Advent anticipates, God has given us a precious gift in our time on this earth. We must never forget the way we live our time on this earth will determine our journey in eternity.

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 are two questions I posed for you last week and I now provide the answers.

Question: Name three of the seven duties of a Catholic Christian. Answer: I will provide all seven duties.

- A. Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- B. Receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion regularly and the Sacrament of Penance frequently.
- C. Prepare and receive the sacrament of Confirmation.
- D. To observe the marriage laws of the Church. To give religious training by word and example to one's children.

E. To strengthen and support the Church.

F. To do Penance, including abstaining from meat and fasting from food on appointed days.

G. Join in the missionary spirit of the church.

Question: Name two of the eight Beatitudes from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. These are the attitudes we should have in our life according to Jesus.

Answer: I will provide all eight Beatitudes.

A. Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of God.

B. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

C. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

D. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

E. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

F. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

G. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

H. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of God.

Here is the next series questions for the coming week.

Question 1: To refrain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent is to _____?

Question 2: How many Sundays in the season of Advent?

Question 3: How many days in the season of Lent?

Question 4: What day for Roman Catholics begins the season of Lent?

Question 5: What day ends the season of Lent and the Triduum, and begins the next church season that goes 50 days until Pentecost?

Good luck with these questions. I'll provide the answers next week along with the next series of questions.

God's Blessings, Fr. Peter Schuster, Pastor
pastor@rescathroch.org

Sunday homilies are posted on our website
www.rescathroch.org

Parish News and Events



Holiday Bazaar 2018 **TODAY 9:30 am—2:30 pm**

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

cakewalk



46th Annual Holiday Bazaar Big Ticket Raffle Please stop by the display table in Zenk Hall to purchase your Big Ticket Cash raffle tickets. Your \$5 ticket could win you 1 of 33 cash prizes ranging from \$50 to \$500. Only 4,500 tickets were printed so your chances of winning are good.

Second Collection today will be for the Retirement Fund for Religious (90%)/ Catholic University (10%). Please prayerfully consider in supporting these two funds to assist all those who served as priests and nuns who are now retired and to assist the next generation of religious leaders who are attending our Catholic Universities.

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

Communal Penance Services in Rochester: Church of the Resurrection will be Tuesday, December 11th 6:30 pm. Please plan to attend this service and prayerfully join those who will be receiving this sacrament for the first time. St. Pius X (with St. John's) will be Sunday, December 16th, 4:00 pm.

Individual Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will also have individual reconciliation on Thursday, December 20th from 6:00-7:30 pm and every Saturday from 6:45-7:45 pm, including December 22nd.



Power in My Hands Is it true that prayer can affect change? Do you think it is naïve to believe so? Learn more about the very real power of prayer, in particular the rosary, in the new movie, **Power in My Hands**, being shown in room C at 7pm on December 12th. Snacks are provided; bring a drink if you wish. The movie features a number of speakers, including Fr. Don Calloway, Jeff Cavins, and Archbishop Jerome ListECKi.

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 Mon-Fri 8:30 am

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 6:45-7:45 pm

Marriage Please call the office at 288-5528 to 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.

Communion for Homebound Call the office for assistance.

Hospital/Homebound Please call the parish office for a visit from a priest.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

For those considering becoming Catholic, contact Sheila Pelowski, 288-5528, or spelowski@rescathroch.org.

Calvary Cemetery

Steve Flynn, 507-273-0140, or email director@gmail.com.

St. Francis Catholic School

Grades Pre-K-8th Grade

Lourdes High School

Contact RCS 507-289-1702 or go to their website rcsmn.org to learn more about the Catholic schools.

Scrip

Teresa Goodrich, 507 280-0349 or email tgoodrich@rcsmn.org

St. Francis School News

The weekly all school Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 11th at 9:15 am followed by Exposition and Adoration. Benediction will be prayed at 2:30 pm.

The sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 12th at 1:00 pm.

The Advent Prayer Service will be held on Thursday, December 13th at 9:45 am.

The school Spelling Bee will be Friday, December 14th at 9:15 am.

Community News

Weekly Bulletin deadline is Friday, 5pm; email correspondence to officemgr@rescathroch.org.

Michael Russell O'Brien Christmas Show, will be held at Christ the King Catholic Church on Saturday, December 15th at 7:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30pm. This is a free family event, public welcome. You may reserve your free ticket by contacting Pam by email at kuisle.pam@gmail.com. or call 507-272-0924. Free will offering. Stay after the concert for cookies, cider and coffee. There will be door prizes and time for autographs, photos and CD sales. Christ the King Church is located at 202 4th St NW, Byron. For more information on Michael, go to his website michaelrussellobrien.com.



Put the Compassion of Christ back into Christmas! Need a gift idea that mails in a 6x9 envelope to family and friends—use inside cover area designated to express in writing why the recipient defines compassion to you! It is a card and a gift that will be cherished for years to come and remind both

the giver and receiver to live with a spirit of compassion. Over 75 pictures and interactive page to create and display. Need a Secret Santa gift? (\$10 plus tax online—all proceeds provide help and create hope for those served by Catholic Charities). Buy online www.ccsomn.org. If you want to avoid mailing and pick books up at Rochester office location call Mary (507-281-6606).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter. “Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands.” As we begin the waiting of Advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are Feb 8-10, 2019 in Windom, MN and Apr 26-28, 2019 in Hutchinson, MN. For more information, call Miki Schultz at 507-227-8229 or visit them at southmnwwme.org.

Liturgical Ministries

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

Dec 15th/16th

Altar Servers

- 8:00 pm Joseph Palen, **NOT FILLED**
- 8:30 am Bethany Collett, Carolyn Jones
- 10:00 am Evan Chestolowski, Ryan Neppi
- 11:30 am Jesse Hirvela, Sabrina Schroeder

Eucharistic Ministers

- 8:00 pm Bread: Patricia Schoenfelder, Steven Gronseth, Cup: Debbie Olson, Jane Haefflinger, Theresa Root, Kim Shimak-Hansen, Judith Pelowski, **NOT FILLED**
- 8:30 am Bread: Audrey Nervig, Kathryn Fitzgerald, Patty Haler, Ellen Harford, George Klann, Cup: Kevin Sutter, Deb Rowekamp, Nancy Hass, Dianne Plager, John-Howard Carroll, Christine Dvorak
- 10:00 am Bread: Diane Beiswanger, Mary Chestolowski, McKenna Chestolowski, Joseph Kostick, Vince Meyer, Cup: Regina Boehmke, Brett Maronde, Bob Voss, Timothy Geisler, Gloria Flicek, Elizabeth Winegarden
- 11:30 am Bread: Daniel McCormick, Sheila Pelowski, Cup: John & Arlys Leitzen, Karen Reopelle, Rebecca Woodcock, Marianne Aksamit, **NOT FILLED**

Lectors

- 8:00 pm Liz Hanson
- 8:30am Micki Miller, Patricia Rossman
- 10:00 am John Beiswanger, Esther Connelly
- 11:30 am Chris Ford

Greeters

- 8:00 pm Kirt & Diane Grantner, Eileen King
- 8:30 am Chuck & Clara Radloff, Richard & Beverly Sanders
- 10:00 am Jim Sinn Family, Becky & Gary Reiland
- 11:30 am Jennifer Foy, **NOT FILLED**

Ushers

- 8:00 pm Tyler, Joel & Jeff Schoenfelder
- 8:30 am Tom Brown, J.R. Miller, Kenneth Mueller, Francis Mueller
- 10:00 am Jacob Maronde, James Maronde, William Sullivan, Scott Walston
- 11:30 am Mick Garvey, Brett Parks, McKaid Schotzko
- 7:30 pm Rosary

Weekly Calendar

Monday, December 10th

Prayer Shawl Group Meeting 1:00 pm
Faith Formation Classes, 1-5,
4:30pm/6:00
Heart of Trinity Prayer Group
7:00pm

Tuesday, December 11th

First Reconciliation and Communal
Penance 6:30 pm

Wednesday, December 12th

Scripture Study 9:15 am
Food for Friends 4:30 pm
Faith Formation Classes Gr 6-9
6:30 pm
Marian Consecration Movie
6:30 pm
Well Read Mom Group 7:00 pm
Teen Ensemble Practice 7:15 pm

Thursday, December 13th

Elder Care Ministry Christmas Card
9:00 am & 6:30 pm
Marketing & Communications
5:30 pm
Children Choir 6:00 pm
Scripture Study 6:30 pm
Adult Choir 7:00 pm

Friday, December 14th

Widow Group Meeting 9:00 am

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

"When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now." Mother Teresa



Hours of Need call Tim Fague at 507-288-6578 to sign up. * 2nd adorer hours.

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1 am* | 12 am* | 12 am* | 12 am* | 11 am | 3 am* | 12 am* |
| 3 pm* | 3 am* | 1 am* | 7 am* | 1 pm | 10 am | 5 am* |
| | 4 am | 3 am | 10 am | 3 pm* | 12 pm* | 11 am* |
| | 10 am* | 4 am | 11 am* | 7 pm* | 1 pm* | 1 pm* |
| | 10 pm* | 5 am* | 1 pm | 11 pm* | 2 pm* | 3 pm |
| | | 6 am* | 3 pm* | | 11 pm* | 4 pm* |
| | | | | | | 9 pm* |
| | | | | | | |

Adoration Team is in need of an Hourly Coordinator for the 4:00 pm hour. Responsibilities include completing the monthly/daily log in to verify that hour was covered by the end of each month; also the hourly coordinator is the first contact if that hour adorer needs help to get a substitute. The hourly coordinator can also ask the division coordinator to help find a sub if needed. When a new adorer starts, they receive the names and contact phone number of both the hourly and division coordinator. Once a year, usually in October, there is a meeting that all coordinators are asked to attend. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Tim Fague at 507-288-6578.



Christmas Flower Offering In Memory of/Honor of



| | |
|--------|---------------------------|
| (Name) | Memory/Honor (circle one) |
| (Name) | Memory/Honor (circle one) |
| (Name) | Memory/Honor (circle one) |



2019 St. Joseph Missals are in the Gathering Space by the sacristy. We are asking \$4 per book. Please put your funds in the envelope provided on the table. You can either drop your envelope in the box or in the mail drop box on the wall by the office doors.



Thank you to the businesses that support our parish through advertising on the back of our bulletin. This week we feature Ronningen Roofing. Since 1998 when they first opened their business in Rochester they are the industry leaders. They are continuing with updates on new products as well as installation procedures. Give them a call at 507 281 8899.



Musings from Joy

Music and Choral Director &
Coordinator of Liturgy
choirdirector@rescathroch.org.

If you have not received your **Little Blue Book** for Advent yet, I highly encourage you to pick one up in the Gathering Space today! Included with your book this year, you will also find an **Advent Wreath Blessing**. If you haven't blessed your wreath yet, do not fret! It is okay to bless it later in the season. Next week, I will talk more about the significance of the wreath and its many colors, but this week, I would like to give you a taste of the blessing available with your *Little Blue Book*:



The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent

Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before. When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be led by a parent or another member of the family.

While Making the Sign of the Cross:

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (R/.): Who made heaven and earth.

Scripture Reading (Isaiah 9:1-2, 5-6; Isaiah 63:16-17, 19; OR Isaiah 64:2-7)

With Hands Joined:

Leader: Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

(Adapted from *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*)

Again, please feel free to pick up your *Little Blue Book* and bookmark in the Gathering Space. This prayer and the scripture readings in full may be found on it!



New Song Sunday For this week's New Song Sunday, I'd like to share with you *Siyahamba*, a lively South African tune. It literally means "We Are Marching." We will introduce this piece in the spring. In the meantime, enjoy it for yourself! Listen to it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jr7ie1ziSlk>

Mass Intentions

| | | | |
|---------|------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Mon., | Dec., 10th | 8:30 am | †John Dube |
| Tues., | Dec., 11th | 8:30 am | †Mary "Rita" Lewis |
| Wed., | Dec., 12th | 8:30 am | †Nancy Kelly |
| Thurs., | Dec., 13th | 8:30 am | †John Neylon |
| Fri., | Dec., 14th | 8:30 am | †Archie Asleson |
| Sat., | Dec., 15th | 8:00 pm | †LaVonne "Bonnie" Lawler |
| Sun., | Dec., 16th | 8:30 am | †Nick Rocca |
| | | 10:00 am | †Patrick O'Shaughnessy |
| | | 11:30 am | For the Parish |

Financial Blessings

December 2nd

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Church Support..... | \$15,218 |
| Capital Projects..... | \$650 |
| Children's Collection..... | \$16 |
| EFT Church Support..... | \$8,374 |
| EFT Capital Projects..... | \$1,500 |
| On Line Giving Church | \$2,050 |

Resurrection's Community Food Response Volunteers

Needed Every first Monday Resurrection parish volunteers help CFR by driving to pick up donated food from restaurants, grocery stores, and hospital cafeterias around Rochester and then sorting and distributing the food to our neighbors in need. We have a dedicated group of volunteers at Resurrection, but we could use a few more. You would not be expected to help every month, just as much as you are able.

The driving and sorting shifts are during the early to mid afternoon and the distributing shift starts at 4:30 pm. We also have a driving shift on every other Wednesday afternoon. Drivers need to be able to carry at least 8 full size coolers in their vehicles. Please prayerfully consider helping out. Contact Eileen Kennedy-Warrington at 507-884-9837 or call the parish office.

Readings for the week of December 9, 2018

| | |
|------------|--|
| Sunday: | Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6 |
| Monday: | Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26 |
| Tuesday: | Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14 |
| Wednesday: | Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 |
| Thursday: | Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15 |
| Friday: | Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19 |
| Saturday: | Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 |

©LPi

Faith Formation



News from Sheila, Birth-KG, Children's Ministry, dresscm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x 101
No Sunday School today. Enjoy the Holiday Bazaar. Thank you volunteers and families who attended **Fusion** on Friday, November 30th. We had an amazing turn out! Over 20 families (about 80 attendees) ranging from babies to grandparents gathered to hear how to prepare for Advent as a family. Resources such as daily bible verses, Advent calendars, and family activities were shared by Emily Spaulding. Thanks to Ryan Van Dyke for coordinating board games for middle and high school students. Thanks to Angela Spors and Beth Sellner for caring for our nursery, preschool, and elementary students. St. Monica pray for us! Amen.



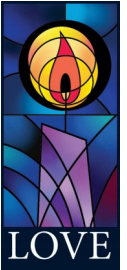
News from Stacey, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x 108

Grades 1-5: Faith Formation classes meet on Mon., Dec. 10th at 4:30 and 6:00pm.

First Reconciliation: Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30pm is our Communal Penance Service. Please arrive by 6:15-6:20 in the Gathering Space to check-in and find a space for your family to sit. This extra amount of time is to calm ourselves, to examine our

consciences, and to pray before the service begins. Remember some of the things you liked and learned from the Reconciliation Centers in November: that God forgives us and loves us even if we've made unloving choices; that Jesus is our Good Shepherd and rejoices in finding the one lost sheep, and that your parents and God love you, just in case you ever wonder!

Virtues in Practice: Our December virtue is patience and St. Monica is our saint. St. Monica prayed every day for 30 years for her son to love God-that equals 10,950 days. That's a lots of prayers! Dear St. Monica, help me to be like you and pray to God without giving up. Please pray for my family, too, that they will love God and be saints like your son! Amen. Saint Monica, pray for us!



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

Youth Adoration Come join us in the adoration chapel every Sunday from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm to sit and pray in the presence of our Lord. There will be quiet music and some structured prayer along with time for quiet contemplation. We invite all youth in our parish to join us. *Families are welcome to join.* **Youth Adoration Musicians** We are also currently looking for more musicians for Youth Adoration Hour. If interested, E-mail me at youth@rescathroch.org. with your contact information and what instruments you play. We'd love to have you!

Sheila's Corner:



PRESENTS:



Friday, January 25th

Stacey Shares: St. Francis and the Nativity-

The very first Nativity scene dates back to 1223. At the Christmas Mass at Midnight, St. Francis of Assisi presented a live representation of the Nativity, complete with donkeys, sheep, and a newborn baby, in a cave in Greccio, Italy. He

hoped that people who saw this moving, creative way of remembering the story of Jesus' birth would come to understand the great divine love that brought God's own Son into our world. St. Francis wanted to emphasize Jesus' poverty while on earth, and remind us that we are called to the same spiritual poverty that He had, being humble enough to accept God's will and know that we are loved by him. Since that time, Nativity sets have become a tradition in our homes during the Christmas season. Thank you, St. Francis!

