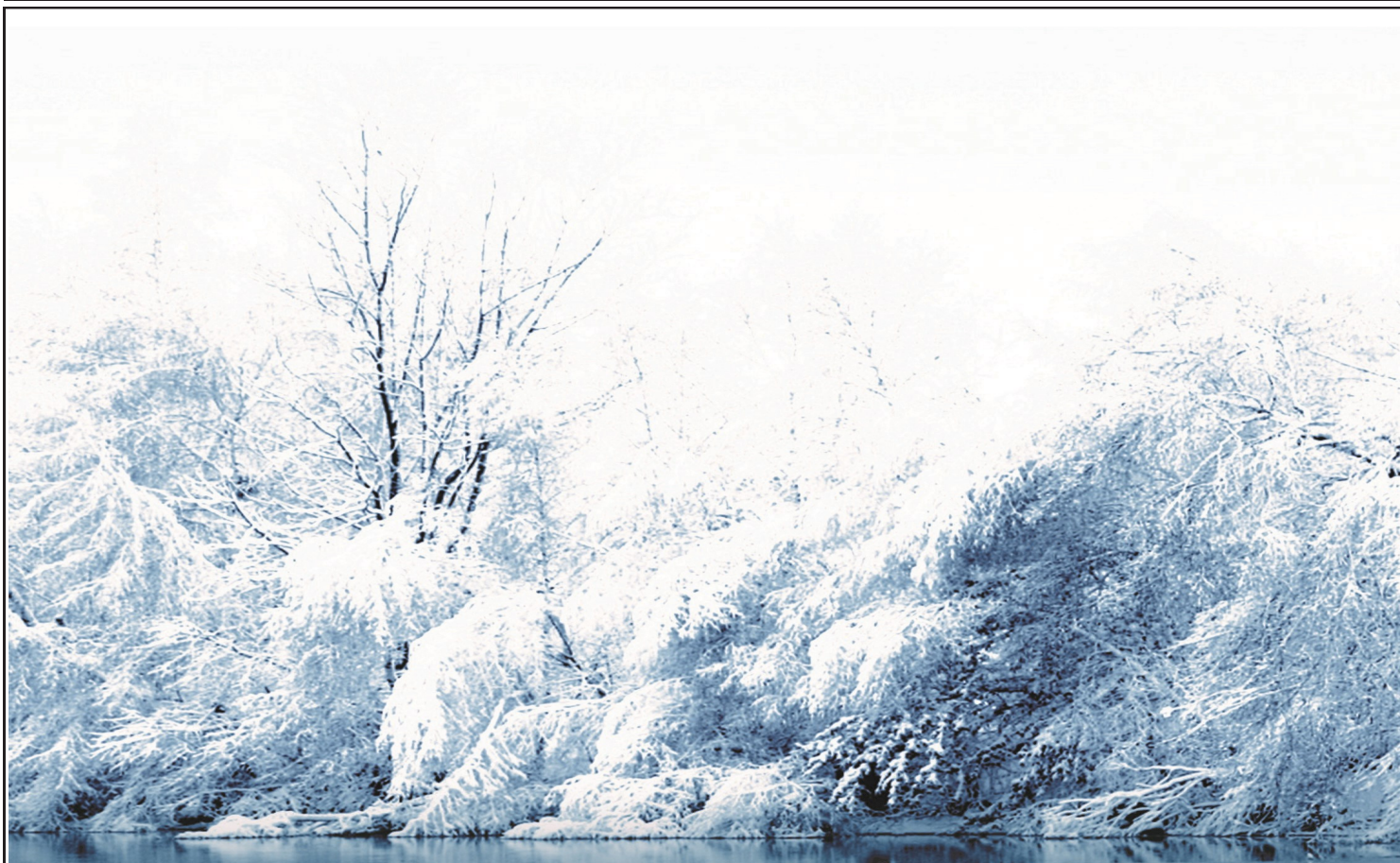


# Church of the Resurrection

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water,  
but one mightier than I is coming." - Lk 3:16a

December 16, 2018 Third 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 five questions I posed for you last week and I now provide the answers.

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

Answer: Abstain

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

Answer: Four

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

Answer: 40 (or 46)

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

Answer: Ash Wednesday

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

Answer: Easter

Here are the next questions for the coming week.

Question 1: Name three of the seven Corporal Works of Mercy.

Question 2: Matching: A. Venial; B. Heavy; C. Serious/Mortal; D. Original; E. Ordinary

The sin of Adam and Eve which is inherited, corrupted humankind, darkened understanding, weakened our will, and inclined humanity to evil is called \_\_\_\_\_ sin.

This type of sin does not separate us from God, but does weaken our relationship. This type of sin can be forgiven by partaking in the Eucharist. It is called \_\_\_\_\_ sin.

This type of sin cuts off our relationship with God and takes a sacramental confession to regain our relationship. It is called \_\_\_\_\_ sin.

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

God's blessings! Father Schuster, Pastor  
Pastor@rescathroch.org

Homilies are posted on our website,  
www.rescathroch.org.

### **Penance Service and Rosary Prayer throughout the Rochester Catholic Parishes**

**Communal Penance Service:** Today at 4:00 pm at St. Pius X Church, 1315 12th Avenue NW

**Rosary:** Holy Spirit, 5455 50th Ave NW, Wednesday and Sunday at 7:45 am, Pax Christi, 4135 18th Ave NW, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 9:30 am; Church of the Resurrection, Monday through Friday, 8:10 am, Saturday 7:30pm; St. Francis Church, 328 11th Ave SE, Monday—Saturday, at 6:30 am, Thursday, 1:00 pm; Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 11 4th Ave SW, Monday-Friday, at 11:40 am; St. Pius X, 1315 12th Avenue NW, Tuesday—Saturday 7:30 am.

**Perpetual Adoration Chapel,** Church of the Resurrection, 7 days a week; 24 hours a day to pray.



# Parish News and Events



Please join us for a special Advent event:  
**Christmas in Rome - A Celebration of the Nativity** on **Thursday, December 20th, 2:00-3:15 pm, in Zenk Hall** & hosted by Resurrection Elder Care Ministry.

This event features the beautiful film documentary, **Christmas in Rome**, (26 minutes), which celebrates the Nativity of Our Lord from Bethlehem to modern day Rome. Following the film, we will have instrumental piano Christmas music by Erin Montillet and musical selections from Salt & Light Home School students.

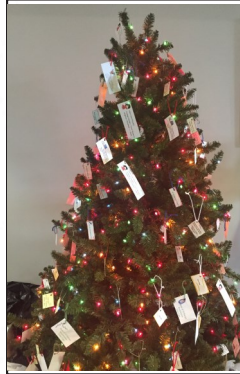
Christmas refreshments will be served and a variety of Nativity scenes will be displayed. There is no charge to attend this faith enriching event!

All are welcome!

**Individual Reconciliation** will be held on Thursday, Dec 20th from 6:00-7:00 pm.

**Christmas Eve Masses:** 4:00 pm; 6:00 pm and 10:00 pm

**Christmas Day Mass:** 9:00 am



**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.



**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 that is 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. They make a great gift for college students, homebound relatives or friends.

## 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.

## 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 18th at 9:15 am. This is the last day for the Missionary Childhood Association donations.

Our monthly HERO assembly will be Tuesday, December 18th at 1:20 pm.

The annual Christmas Concert will be performed on Tuesday, December 18th at Church of the Resurrection at 6:30 pm.

Our Advent Prayer Service will be held on Wednesday, December 19th at 2:30 pm.

## Community News

Weekly Bulletin deadline is Friday, 5pm; email correspondence to [officemgr@rescathroch.org](mailto:officemgr@rescathroch.org).

**St. Pius X Trivia Night.** Test your trivia skills on January 18 at Trivia Night, a fundraiser for the summer camps and conferences for youth at St. Pius X parish. Tickets and tables are on sale now – for a discounted rate through December 17th for \$100 per 9-person table. After that, the cost goes up to \$120 so get your team together now and save! Your ticket price includes dinner, snacks, and drinks, several rounds of trivia, and other shenanigans. Register at [www.piusx.org](http://www.piusx.org).

There are other ways to help with this project. Cash donations will be used for prizes, silent auction items, and to offset the overhead costs. If your business would like to sponsor part of the evening – food, beverages, etc. we would love to talk to you. Volunteers are also needed that evening to help make the event a success. Questions? Contact Katie Stinson at [kstinson@piusx.org](mailto:kstinson@piusx.org) or 507-288-8238.

**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](http://southmnwwme.org).

**Music with Bop-Tree,** Saturday, December 22nd, 7:00pm at St. James Coffee, located at 4156 18th Ave NW, Rochester. An evening of jazzy Christmas music. All tips and donations will be for the American Cancer Society.

### Catholics at the Capitol 2019 – St. Paul, MN February 19th

Now is the time to begin to transform politics in Minnesota. Join your local bishop and 2,000+ Catholics in St. Paul on Tuesday, February 19th to learn how you can build relationships with your newly elected officials and advocate for life and human dignity. Get your tickets, register for transportation, and find more details about this inspiring day of prayer, education, and advocacy by visiting [www.CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org](http://www.CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org).

Bishop Quinn's youtube video inviting the faithful to participate in Catholics at the Capitol. <https://youtube.com/0ilBb0hRyT4>



## Liturgical Ministries

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

**Dec 22nd/23rd**

### Altar Servers

- 8:00 pm Kelton Schoenfelder, Devon Wald
- 8:30 am Bethany Collett, Ari Jones, Carolyn Jones, **NOT FILLED**
- 10:00 am Abby Weick, Nick Weick
- 11:30 am Gavin Balderes, Ana Rubio-Calvillo

### Eucharistic Ministers

- 8:00 pm Bread: Theresa Root, **NOT FILLED**, Cup: Judith Pelowski, Liz Hanson, Patricia Schoenfelder, Steven Gronseth, Kim Shimak-Hansen, **NOT FILLED**
- 8:30 am Bread: Joan Miller, Deb Rowekamp, Carrie Carroll, Eugene Nolan, Diane Doty, Cup: Denise Koster, Julie Galkowski, Elaine Doherty, Patty Haler, George Klann, Charlotte Robinet
- 10:00 am Bread: Esther Connelly, Bob Voss, Char Stocker, Douglas & Melody Hudson, Cup: Shannon Weick, Brenda & Gary Tschann, John Wurst, Richard Streit, **NOT FILLED**
- 11:30 am Bread: Rebecca Woodcock, Jackie O'Connell, Cup: Karen Reopelle, Lynette Lenocho, Sheila Pelowski, John Leitzen, **NOT FILLED (2x)**

### Lectors

- 8:00 pm Therese Schoenfelder
- 8:30am Richard Miller, Alex Smith
- 10:00 am Regina Boehmke, Bryan Pierskalla
- 11:30 am Arlys Leitzen

### Greeters

- 8:00 pm Eileen King, Kirt & Diane Grantner
- 8:30 am Brian & Christine Dvorak, Janet & Jacob Koster
- 10:00 am Jim Sinn Family, Tara Engel
- 11:30 am Jennifer Gehling, **NOT FILLED**

### Ushers

- 8:00 pm Richard Clark, Reilyn Schoenfelder, John Schoenfelder
- 8:30 am Tom Brown, Kenneth Mueller, Chuck Radloff, Clara Radloff
- 10:00 am Ethan Engel, William Sullivan, Will Weick, **NOT FILLED**
- 11:30 am Tyler, Jeff & Joel Schoenfelder
- 7:30 pm Rosary

## Weekly Calendar

### Monday, December 17th

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

### Tuesday, December 18th

St. Francis School Christmas  
Concert 6:30 pm

### Wednesday, December 19th

Scripture Study 9:15 am  
Food for Friends 4:30 pm  
Faith Formation Classes Gr 6-10  
6:30 pm

St. Cecelia Singers Practice 7:00 pm

### Thursday, December 20th

Elder Care Christmas Program 2:00 pm  
Individual Reconciliation 6:00 pm  
Children Choir 6:00 pm  
Scripture Study 6:30 pm

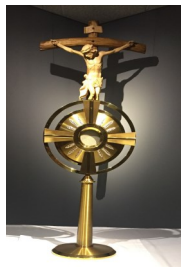
Adult Choir 7:00 pm

### Friday, December 21st

Serrran's Board Meeting 9:15 am  
**Saturday, December 22nd**  
Society of Divine Mercy Monastery  
Prayer Group 6:30 am  
Reconciliation 6:45 pm  
Rosary 7:30 pm  
Mass 8:00 pm  
Set up Zenk Hall for Christmas

## 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*

### Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Adoration Hours:

**December 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve**  
Adoration will be closed from  
4:00pm to 11:00pm.

**December 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day**  
Adoration will be closed from  
9:00am to 10:00am.

**New Year's Day:**  
Adoration will be closed from  
9:00am to 10:00am.



## MADONNA LIVING COMMUNITY OF ROCHESTER

Benedictine Health System

Thank you to the businesses that support our parish through advertising on the back of our bulletin. This week we feature Madonna Living Community. Madonna Living Community is comprised of Madonna Towers of Rochester, Madonna Meadows of Rochester, Madonna Summit of Byron and Madonna Living Community Foundation, with the purpose of providing care along the entire continuum of need. Madonna Living Community has been recognized and awarded for providing quality care in the greater community of Rochester and surrounding area. Delivering compassionate care that's rooted in our Catholic values, we're affiliated with the non-profit Benedictine Health System. We are committed to serving everyone of any denomination in a friendly environment with a true sense of community.



A great  
reflections on  
**FORMED.ORG.**

### How will you prepare for Christmas?

This Advent season, walk with Dr. Tim Gray on a journey of renewal to ready your heart for the coming of Christ. Each day of Advent, Dr. Gray will unpack the meaning of this season and its rich traditions, as well as offer practical advice for making this Advent your best yet. Formed.org is available on our website to sign up. Formed.org has movies, books, audios waiting for you to discover to enhance your faith journey.



**Adult Scripture Study** being held on Wednesdays at 9:15 am and Thursdays 6:30 pm. There is no cost.

**Come and spend about 90 minutes to prepare for the upcoming Sunday readings through discussion and a short video with insight on the readings. The video presentation is by Dr. Brant Pitre.**

All materials will be available in the classroom. Any questions, call the office at 507 288 5528. All are invited—no sign up is required. (No childcare available on site).

**Dr. Brant Pitre, a scripture scholar and bestselling author uses biblical and historical evidence to bring the Sunday readings to life.** He has several youtube videos on Catholic topics. Check them out and join a class to really get an understanding of the Sunday readings before you attend Mass.





## Musings from Joy

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

Happy *Gaudete*! Did you know that today's *Gaudete* Sunday is named for the day's *Introit*? (The "ProceSSIONal Hymn" as proscribed by the Roman Missal.) The first line of the original Latin reads, "*Gaudete in Domino semper*," meaning, "Rejoice in the Lord always." Therefore, *gaudete* means "rejoice," the root word being "joy." Fun fact: I was actually baptized on *Gaudete* Sunday as an infant!

With this weekend finally comes the lighting of the rose-colored candle on the Advent Wreath. As promised, I will take some time this week to explain this tradition.

Though this may be surprising to some, the Advent Wreath was originally a Lutheran tradition, though it developed over time and was adopted by many other Christian denominations. It was not common in the Catholic Church until the 1920's/1930's. Candle colors will vary by denomination, but the Catholics will always use violet and rose in order to match the liturgical colors of the given Sundays.

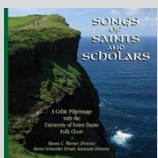


The wreath is used to mark the passage of time in Advent, though many other symbolic observations have been

made. For instance, by lighting the candles each week, more light is added, pointing to the coming of the *Light*, Jesus himself. The wreath is a circle, which can point to the infinite love of God. Some traditions give symbolic names to the violet-colored candles, as well, to represent, (in numeric order,) Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Sometimes, a fifth, white-colored candle will make its appearance in the center of the wreath, which represents the arrival of Jesus on Christmas. This is the liturgical color for that day, as well.

I encourage you to do a bit of research on the Advent Wreath and consider adopting one for your own home, if you do not have one already. This is a particularly fun tradition for children, and there's a lot to be learned from the season if you use it as an addition to your home prayer life.

...and, if you have not picked up your *Little Blue Book* yet, make sure you do and also grab a bookmark with an at-home Advent Wreath Blessing on it!



**New Song Sunday** For this week's New Song Sunday, I'd like to share with you *Each Step of the Journey* by Karen Schneider Kirner. This is yet another song based on the Scots-Gaelic *Carmina Gadelica*. While it will likely begin as a

Gathering Hymn, I am hoping to use it for Confirmation and regular use next year! Listen to it here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xOuvcvdnl8>

## Mass Intentions

Mon.,	Dec., 17th	8:30 am	†Richard Mahon
Tues.,	Dec., 18th	8:30 am	†Norm Reopelle
Wed.,	Dec., 19th	8:30 am	Priest in Recovery
Thurs.,	Dec., 20th	8:30 am	†Ken Plummer
Fri.,	Dec., 21st	8:30 am	†Richard Neumann
Sat.,	Dec., 22nd	8:00 pm	†Matthew Hanson
Sun.,	Dec., 23rd	8:30 am	†Bonnie Weiler
		10:00 am	†Aaron Dube
		11:30 am	For the Parish

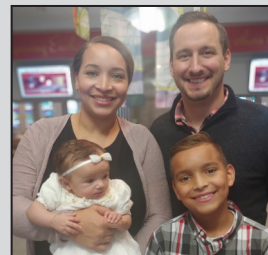
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#### December 9th

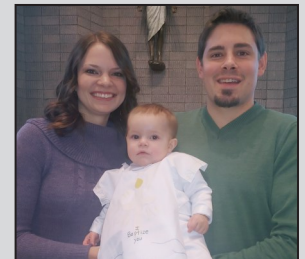
Church Support.....	\$17,593
Capital Projects.....	\$499
Children's Collection.....	\$90
EFT Church Support.....	\$370
EFT Capital Projects.....	\$20
On Line Giving Church .....	\$600
Retired Religious/Catholic University.....	\$2,418

### Baptism

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



**Sawyer Penelope Morris**  
Child of Charles and Camille  
Sister to Pierce  
Baptized Nov 11th



**Callen Michael Royce**  
Child of Bradley and Kelsey  
Baptized Nov 11th

### Readings for the week of December 16, 2018

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/  
Lk 3:10-18  
Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/  
Mt 1:1-17  
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/  
Mt 1:18-25  
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25  
Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/  
Lk 1:26-38  
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21  
[1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45  
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56  
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# Faith Formation



**News from Sheila**, Birth-KG, Children's Ministry, RCIA, [dresscm@rescathroch.org](mailto:dresscm@rescathroch.org) or 288-5528 x 101  
No Sunday School or Nursery December 23rd or December 30th. Classes resume January 6th.

Today Sunday school children gathered in Father Zenk Hall after 8:30 and 10:00 classes to sing songs for family and friends. Cookies and juice were enjoyed by all in celebration of this Advent season. As Christmas draws closer, help us to remember anyone who is sick or lonely at this time of year; the homeless and sad; those who are hungry or at war. May the peace and joy of Christmas reach out and touch their lives. St. Monica guide us to increase in us the virtue of patience. St. Monica pray for us. Amen.



**News from Stacey**, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, [dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org](mailto:dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org) or 288-5528 x 108

**Grades 1-5:** Children have Faith Formation classes on Monday, December 17th at 4:30 and 6:00pm. We do not have classes on Dec. 24th, Dec. 31st, and Jan. 7th. Classes resume on Monday, January 14th when the 4th graders have learning centers and grades 1, 2, 3, and 5 meet at 4:30 and 6:00pm.

**First Reconciliation:** Congratulations to all those who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time! Next, we will begin to prepare to receive First Communion. Parents can look at their calendars and see that we will have a Parent-only meeting on

Monday, January 21st at 6:30pm in Fr. Zenk Hall.

**Virtues in Practice:** Our December virtue is patience and another saint to look to is St. Isaac Jogues. He was a member of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and the first priest to go to present-day New York. He and his companions traveled from France to North America to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Native Americans. Isaac knew and believed that Jesus died for all people and took to heart His words, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20)



**News from Ryan**, Grades 6-12, Youth Ministry, [youth@rescathroch.org](mailto: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](mailto:youth@rescathroch.org) with your contact information and what instruments you play. We'd love to have you!

## Sheila's Shout- Out:

Featuring Fusion attendees:  
*Ann and Gordon Robertson.*



"Fusion, to us, is a community of families learning and growing in faith together, nurturing friendships, sharing ideas, encouraging and supporting one another. We are building firm foundations of our own unique, but connected, domestic church."

**Stacey Shares:** "Who was at the Nativity?" I asked the first graders. The first answer was "Santa Claus!" I said, "No, guess again." I think I heard a denial but the next guess was shouted, "I know, Rudolph!" Again, I sadly said, "No." I reluctantly gave them "Mary, Joseph and Jesus." "Who else was at the Nativity?" And I heard, "Those little green guys...ELVES!" Inside I was



screaming "NO! NO! NO!" but I continued with this line of questioning. I hinted, "Who announced the birth of Jesus? They are white, ... have wings, ... and sing in choirs." All the first graders shouted, "ANGELS!" Yes, the angels! Thank you, God, for sending us the angels. I saw this as a teaching opportunity. I thought back to my own childhood and remembered watching the Peanuts gang trying to put on a Christmas play. They were so focused on all the wrong things, the perfect tree and the perfectly decorated presents, that they were not very kind to each other. Then the lights dim and a spotlight finds Linus, standing alone, with his blue blanket tied on his head. The quietest shepherd clears his throat and begins speaking. Then he explains the true meaning of Christmas, straight from the gospel of Luke. He nailed it. This little shepherd was able to summarize the meaning of Christmas for everyone. I loved it then and I appreciate it even more now. I want that same feeling for the children at Resurrection. We will be watching the Charlie Brown Christmas DVD during our classes on Monday. And I hope that next Advent, all the children will know who was at the Nativity, including the shepherds, animals, and wisemen.