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4th Sunday **OF ADVENT**

“And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy.” - Lk 1:43-44

December 23rd, 2018 Fourth 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 that 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 1: Name three of the seven Corporal Works of Mercy.

Answer: (Here are all seven)

Feed the hungry, cloth the naked, give drink to the thirsty, visit the sick, shelter the homeless, visit the imprisoned, bury the dead.

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.

Answer: D. Original 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.

Answer: A. Venial Sin

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

Answer: C. Serious/Mortal Sin

Here are the next questions for the coming week.

Question 1: What are the three conditions of a serious sin?

Question 2: What character in the Old Testament was spared by a flood?

Question 3: What character in the Old Testament was chosen by God to lead the captive Hebrews out of Egypt and asked to bring them God's laws?

Question 4: What character in the Old Testament was the father of 12 sons who would later be the founding fathers of the 12 tribes of Israel?

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

Merry Christmas

With the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior this week, I would like to wish all of you a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

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

Sunday homilies on our website: wwrescathroch.org

Holy Day Mass Times:

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

Christmas Day Mass: 9:00 am

New Year's Day Mass: 9:00 am *The Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.*

Daily Mass during Christmas week:

Monday, Dec 24th—No 8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, Dec 26th - Friday, Dec 28th: 8:30 am

Daily Mass during the first week of the New Year

Monday, Dec 31st: 8:30 am

Wednesday, Jan. 2nd -Friday, Jan 4th: 8:30 am

Parish News and Events

Holiday Bazaar 2018

THANK YOU--THANK YOU--THANK YOU

I hope that everybody had as much fun at the Holiday Bazaar as I did. What a GREAT WAY to meet new people and to visit with family and friends--while supporting our church. Although we don't have the final numbers in yet, I have no doubt that it was a successful fundraiser for the church. Special thanks goes out to the following:

Bev Sanders--She was amazing. This event would not have been as successful without her guidance and pro-active support. Thanks BEV.

Committee Chairmen--Talk about Take Charge people. From the Silent Auction to the Craft Sale to the Food committee to the raffle, games, and decorations teams--everything went smooth. These leaders said they would "Make it happen", and they did. Thank you all for your time, talents, and treasures to make this a successful event.

Entertainers--What a talented group of musicians performed for us on Sunday. From the beautiful violin music, to the amazing pianists and drummer, to our own church choir leading us in Christmas singing--Thank you all for taking your time to give us all the Joy of Holiday music.

Sponsors--We had many sponsors contribute either money or prizes to our events. We appreciate your support. I encourage all parishioners to continue to support the businesses that support our church.

Volunteers--So many from the church either donated cakes or pies or bake sale items for the fundraiser. I still can't believe that we had 64 cakes donated for the cake walk. I heard so many comments about the quantity and quality of food/crafts/prizes/and money that was donated. I also had many people simply show up and ask me what they could do to help. Your help was so very appreciated.

Church Staff--Erica, Pat, and Harry--Thanks for working so well with the committee to make this event successful.

GREAT EVENT---GREAT VOLUNTEERS--GREAT FUN

Hope to see you all at next year's Holiday Bazaar

Randy Stocker

Chairman--2018 Church Holiday Bazaar

Big Ticket Winners

\$500	Stacey Dorcey
Eric & Jeanne Krochta	Marlene Messmer
Dayton Root	Joe Meine
\$300	Renee Kreter
Maria Del Mundo	Darlene Quandt
Jay Doughty	\$75
\$200	Teresa Allers
Kurt & Jill Culp	Shirley Neylon
Mary Mooney	Fran Robb
Jeanne Jones	Joan Miller
Donna Weber	Tricia Drucker
Mary Herring	Amy Witter
\$175	\$50
Tom Poturica	Mychelle Maronde
Carl Most	Brenda Martini
Eileen King	Stan & Amy Mayer
\$100	Mary Mooney
Faye Osler	Phyllis Alcott
Lee Witter	Annette Kelly
Mark & Lisa La Liberte	Sandy Bjerkness

Thank you to those who donated to our Big Ticket

Raffle: Culp Dental Technics (Kurt Culp), Med City Mobility (Bob & Rosie Elwood), REMAX Realtor (Mark Kieffer), Knights of Columbus Council 13027, Kuntz Electric Inc, (John Kuntz), Macken Funeral Home, Maday Chiropractic (Brent Maday D.C.), Quarry Hill Park Animal Hospital (Josh Noser), Prime Time Health Advisors (Mike Salscheider), Schoenfelder & Brass Farms, WHV (Anthony Shirek), TWS Insurance Services, Inc, (Ted W. Smith), Wigham Trucking & Excavating (Doug Wigham), Premier Bank, Expert Truck & RV, Eastman Auto Repair, Arnold's Supply & Kleenit Co., Jeff's Little Store, Tri-State Cold Storage, Beckley's Office Products and 6 anonymous donors. May God bless you in the New Year.

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.

Rochester Catholic Schools

St. Francis Catholic Grade School
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

There will be no school Monday, December 24th through Wednesday, January 2nd. School resumes on Wednesday, January 3rd. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Community News

Weekly Bulletin deadline is Friday, 5pm; email correspondence to 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. Your ticket price includes dinner, snacks, and drinks, several rounds of trivia, and other shenanigans. Register at 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 or 507-288-8238.



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. Bishop Quinn's youtube video inviting the faithful to participate in Catholics at the Capitol. <https://youtube/OilBbOhRyT4>.



The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart invites you and your friends and family to attend Cor Jesu, on Friday, January 4th, 2019, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Cor Jesu is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, and music in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All are welcome to attend! For more details, search for Winona Cor Jesu on Facebook, go to cascwinona.org/prayer/corjesu, or call Kristopher Kaufman at (859) 760-1619 or Steven Lehn at (507) 312-9041. The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart is located at 360 Main St., Winona, MN.

Liturgical Ministries

NOTE: Please remember to find a substitute if you are unable to fulfill your ministry as scheduled. Thank you.
Dec 29th/30th

Altar Servers

- 8:00 pm Kaitlyn O'Meara, Victoria Schimnich
- 8:30 am Bethany Collett, Zach Guyer
- 10:00 am Chase Boehmke, Ava Robertson
- 11:30 am Cameron Vareberg, Eric Vareberg

Eucharistic Ministers

- 8:00 pm Bread: Judith Pelowski, Kim Shimak-Hansen
Cup: Steven Gronseth, Patricia Schoenfelder, Walter Max, Liz Hanson, **NOT FILLED 2x**
- 8:30 am Bread: John-Howard Carroll, Laura Rud, Christine Dvorak, Dianne Plager, Beverly Sanders, Cup: Donna Weber, Patrice Steier, Patty Haler, George Klann, Deb Rowekamp, Charlotte Robinet
- 10:00 am Bread, Jerome & Elaine Garry, Regina Boehmke, Cheryl Kieffer, Brett Maronde, Cup: Gloria Flicek, Joseph Kostick, Vince Meyer, Mary Stettler, Robert Techentin, **NOT FILLED**
- 11:30 am Bread: Lynette Lenoach, Karen Reopelle, Cup Marianne Aksamit, Rebecca Woodcock, Sheila Pelowski, **NOT FILLED 3x**

Lectors

- 8:00 pm John O'Meara
- 8:30am Martin Cormack, Micki Miller
- 10:00 am Timothy Geisler, Elizabeth Winegarden
- 11:30 am Allen Aksamit

Greeters

- 8:00 pm Eileen King, Kirt & Diane Grantner
- 8:30 am Ladin Family, Nancy Brehmer
- 10:00 am Darci & Peter Kopischke, Shannon & Tom Knoepke
- 11:30 am Jennifer Gehling, **NOT FILLED**

Ushers

- 8:00 pm Richard Clark, Greg Hansen, Kevin Schimnich
- 8:30 am J.R. Miller, Francis Mueller, Kenneth Mueller, Albert Weber
- 10:00 am Jacob Maronde, James Maronde, William Sullivan, Lee Witter
- 11:30 am McKaid, Jeffrey & Kilian Schotzko
- 7:30 pm Rosary

Weekly Calendar

Monday, December 24th

No 8:30 am Mass
Office Closed
Masses: 4pm, 6pm & 10 pm

Tuesday, December 25th

Office Closed
Mass 9:00 am

Wednesday, December 26th

Mass 8:30 am

Thursday, December 27th

Mass 8:30 am

Friday, December 28th

Mass 8:30 am
Widow Prayer Group 9:00 am

Saturday, December 29th

Society of Divine Mercy Monastery
Prayer Group 6:30 am
Reconciliation 6:45 pm
Rosary 7:30 pm

Mass 8:00 pm

Sunday, December 30th

Masses 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am

Monday, December 31st

Mass 8:30 am
Office Closed

Tuesday, January 1st

Mass 9:00 am
Office Closed

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 24th – Christmas Eve Adoration will be closed from 4:00pm to 11:00pm.

December 25th – 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.



Thank you to the business that support our parish through advertising on the back of our bulletin. This week we feature Mr. Pizza, South "The Original" Mr Pizza. It is a family owned restaurant that has been serving the Rochester area for 55 years. Located at 1729 South Broadway, Rochester. 507 288 1488. For more information, go to their website rochesterpizza.com. They specialize in

delicious pizza and great customer service! Open Daily at 10:30 am. Pizza by the slice Monday-Saturday 11am-2pm .

Baptism

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



Sullivan Samuel Mueller
Baptized November 18th

*Child of Nicholas & Rachel
Brothers, Liam, Miles &
Sawyer*



Gabriella Grace Watson
Baptized November 25th

*Child of Phillip and Emily
Sister, Miya*



Musings from Joy

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

Can you believe we're already to the 4th Sunday of Advent? I joke with my fellow music/liturgy friends that Advent needs to be at least six weeks long, or preferably doubled. There's just too much good music to get through!



Ministry Enrichment & Training Day 2.0

A friendly reminder that, on **Saturday, January 19th, from 9am-12pm**, we will hold a Ministry Enrichment & Training Day for all current and new liturgical ministers. Each area of ministry will partake in an interactive and/or

immersive experience for their particular ministry. Lectors are particularly encouraged to attend. This is different from the fall workshop, so please do your best to attend. RSVP on the website TODAY!

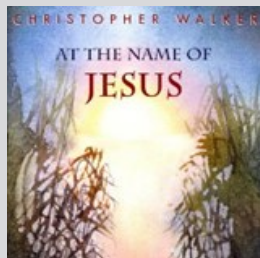
Merry Christmas! I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our parishioners a Merry Christmas season! In particular, I would like to thank the members of our choirs who have been working on their Christmas music since September. Our liturgies this week will be much enhanced by their enthusiastic participation!



Folk Group
Adult Choir
Children's Choir
Teen Ensemble
St. Cecilia Singers
Cantors

Please keep your eye out in the New Year for an opportunity to join one of these fantastic groups and share your love of music with our parish!

New Song Sunday For this week's New Song Sunday, I'd like to share with you *Laudate, Laudate Dominum* by Christopher Walker. This triumphant hymn works very well for the Sacraments of Initiation and also within the Easter Season. Listen for it next spring!



Listen to it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41gigcgbRnY>

Mass Intentions

Mon.,	Dec., 24th	4:00 pm	†Simon Mason
		4:00 pm	†Joyce Baumler
		6:00 pm	†Kevin Gossman
		10:00 pm	For the Parish
Tues.,	Dec., 25th	9:00 am	†Nancy Kelly
Wed.,	Dec., 26th	8:30 am	†Einer Hansen
Thurs.,	Dec., 27th	8:30 am	†Josephine Hughes
Fri.,	Dec., 28th	8:30 am	†Patricia Kieffer
Sat.,	Dec., 29th	8:00 pm	†Arthur Mueller
Sun.,	Dec., 30th	8:30 am	†John Dubé
		10:00 am	For the Parish
		11:30 am	†Elizabeth Boxrud

Dedication Candles December 22nd-29th

1. †Matthew Hanson
2. †Simeon Madson
3. †Elizabeth Boxrud
4. †Rob Frisby



2nd collection next weekend for The Resurrection St. Vincent de Paul Conference 100% of what you donate goes directly to our friends in need. Daily we see the face of God in our friends that we visit in their homes. Many of our friends are struggling and have been through unspeakable hardships.

Readings for the week of December 23, 2018

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-18 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52 ©LPI

Faith Formation



News from Sheila, Birth-KG, Children's Ministry, RCIA, dresscm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x 101
Mary was chosen to be the mother of Christ, and so became the mother of Christians everywhere. Filled with the Holy Spirit and understanding that nothing is impossible for God, she set off to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, to share her joy and wonder. Let us thank Mary for becoming the mother of Jesus and for sharing her son with the world as we pray: *Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of the womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.*
No Sunday School or Nursery: 12/23 and 12/30. Save the Date: Fusion Movie Night 1/25 @ 6pm.



News from Stacey, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x 108
Grades 1-5: Dear Infant Jesus, In a short time, You will come to visit us, and your holy, divine coming is full of peace, joy, and love. Help us to be wait patiently. Amen.
First Communion: We will have a Parent Meeting (only one parent needs to attend) on Monday, January 21st at 6:30pm in Fr. Zenk Hall.

Virtues in Practice: The December virtue is patience and St. Isaac Jogues is our saint. Last week we learned that St. Isaac was new to New York and brought the gospel to the Native Americans. Once he arrived in America, St. Isaac first had to learn to speak the language of the Mohawks, and since they did not use the same alphabet, it took a long time to be able to speak with them about Jesus. Since he knew he was doing what God sent him to do, he persevered patiently, and many people converted. In the end, however, the people grew suspicious of the saint and captured, tortured, and killed him. Through all of this, St. Isaac Jogues suffered without complaining, not growing angry with God or the people he evangelized. His patient endurance won him the martyr's crown, and life in heaven with Jesus Christ!



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 Shout-Out:

Mia and Jackie Tyrrell attending a January 2018 Fusion's Movie Night.



"We like to have fun! Fusion Movie Nights are a way to have fun and connect with people from our parish."
Join us for the movie "A Star" on Friday, January 25th at 6pm in Fr. Zenk Hall.

Stacey Shares: The hidden meanings of the 12 Days of Christmas:

'My true love' refers to GOD.
The 'me' who receives the gifts refers to every baptized person.
The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. A mother partridge is an apt representation for Christ as she will fake injury to draw predators away from her young, thus sacrificing her own life.
Two turtle doves are the Old and New Testaments.
Three French hens stand for faith, hope, and love.
Four calling birds are the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
Five golden rings represent the first five books of the Old Testament (the Pentateuch), which describe man's fall into sin and the great love of GOD in sending a Savior.
Six geese a-laying stands for the six days of creation.
Seven swans a-swimming represents the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.
Eight maids a-milking are the eight beatitudes.
Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.
Ten lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments.
Eleven pipers piping are for the eleven faithful Apostles.
Twelve drummers drumming symbolizes the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed.