

December 8th 2019 Second Sunday of Advent

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

#### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday 8:00 pm Sunday 8:30, 10:30 am Daily Mass 8:30 am - Mon-Fri

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 6:45-7:45 pm

#### Rosary

Monday-Friday 8:10 am, Saturday 7:30 pm **Perpetual Adoration** 24 hrs - 7 days a week

Office Hours Mon-Fri 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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## Weekly Words from The Rock

Over the course of the last weeks, we have been looking at Bible Trivia. Continuing with the theme of the Bible, our focus has been on the gospels. Here are the trivia questions with their answers which I posed in this column last week.

Question: Which ruler of the synagogue asked Jesus to heal his sick daughter?

- a. James
- b. Joseph
- c. Nicodemus
- d. Jairus

Answer: D. Jairus (See Mark 5:21-22)

Question: In what town did Jesus turn water into wine?

- a. Capernum
- b. Cana
- c. Bethany
- d. Jerusalem

Answer: B. Cana (See John 2:1-11)

Question: In the Sermon on the Mount, what did Jesus say would happen to the meek?

- a. They will inherit the earth
- b. They will obtain mercy
- c. They will be lifted up on high
- d. They shall see God

Answer: A. They will inherit the earth (Matthew 5:5)

Question: Who is the first prophet quoted in the Gospel of Mark?

a. Jeremiah b. Daniel c. Hosea d. Isaiah Answer: D. Isaiah (Mark 7:6)

Question: On what day did the disciples pluck ears of corn, much to the anger of the Pharisees?

- a. Day of Atonement
- b. Sabbath
- c. First day of the week
- d. Day of Pentecost

Answer: B. Sabbath (Mark 2:23-24)

(Please note: To give appropriate credit, the above questions come from www.bible-study-lessons.com).

Further Trivia from the Gospels

Our next series of questions comes from David Peach. It is entitled "20 Bible Quiz Questions About the Life of Jesus." I'll provide the first 10 questions today. (Please Note: They are not multiple choice so you are on your own).

Question 1: Who ordered the census which brought Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem?

Question 2: Where did Joseph, Mary and Jesus live?

Question 3: What type of work did Joseph (Jesus' earthly father) do?

Question 4: How old was Jesus when He first taught in the temple?

Question 5: How long was it before Joseph and Mary discovered Jesus was missing?

Question 6: Where was Jesus baptized and by whom?

Question 7: What were the three temptations that Satan gave to Jesus?

Question 8: Who was the first disciple to come to Jesus in John 1?

Question 9: What was the first recorded miracle of Jesus?

Question 10: Whom did Jesus call the "generation of vipers?"

Good luck! I will provide the answers next week.

Holy Humor: A humorous thought from the animals at the stable and manger of Christmas day.



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

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

# Liturgical Ministries Dec 14th/15th

If unable to fulfill your ministry as scheduled, please find a substitute. Thank you.

Ministry Schedule as of November 8, 2019

#### **Altar Servers**

8:00 pm Gavin Balderes, Fred Noser 8:30 am Bethany Collett, Hope Kurtz 10:30 am Chase Boehmke, Evan Chestolowski

#### Lectors

8:00 pm Kim Shimak-Hansen 8:30 am Michael Lose, Richard Miller 10:30 am Allen Aksamit, Thomas Kelly

#### **Greeters**

8:00 pm Eileen King, Kirt & Diane Grantner 8:30 am Sheila & Tom Brownlow, Patrice Steier 10:30 am Jennifer Foy, Darci & Peter

Kopischke

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

8:00 pm Bread: Liz Hanson (1), Christiane Lund (2), Cup: Jane Haeflinger (1), Rick Haeflinger (2), Steven Gronseth (3), Patricia Schoenfelder (4), Theresa Root (5), Debbie Olson (6)

8:30 am Bread: Jerry Krantz - LG, Kevin Sutter (1), Elaine Doherty (2), Ellen Harford (3), Beverly Sanders (4), Char Stocker (5), Cup: Julie Galkowski (1), Christine Dvorak (2), Joan Miller (3), LeeAnn Mueller (4), Donna Weber (5), Patty Haler (6)

10:30 am Bread: Mary Stettler - LG, McKenna Chestolowski (1), Mary Chestolowski (2), Richard Streit (3), Marianne Aksamit (4), Leonida Crawley (5), Cup: Regina Boehmke (1), Marylu Nemgar (2), Bob Voss (3), Arlys Leitzen (4), Lynette Lenoch (5), Brett Maronde (6)

#### **Ushers**

8:00 pm Richard Clark, Greg Hansen, Josh Noser 8:30 am Tom Brown, Eric Ladin, Kenneth Mueller, Albert Weber 10:30 am Jeffrey Schotzko, Kilian Schotzko, McKaid Schotzko, Scott Walston

#### **Sacristans**

8:00 pm Judith Pelowski 8:30 am David Gathje 10:30 am Bob Voss

If you or your family members are interested in becoming a Liturgical Minister, please contact Joy Viceroy at joyv@rescathroch.org.

## Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

24 hours/7 days a week

SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY 12TH, 1:00 PM, FR. ZACHARY, SOLT WILL BE AT RESURRECTION TO SHARE HIS DEVLOTION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF PERPETUAL ADORATION IN OUR LIVES.

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

**Hours of Need** 

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

**Open Hours** 

Second adorer needed



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1am	12 am	12 am	10 am	9 am	3 am	12 am
2 pm	2 am	1 am	12 pm	1 pm	10 am	3 am
3 pm	3 am	3 am	1 pm	3 pm	12 pm	4 am
4 pm	4 am	4 am	2 pm	11 pm	2 pm	5 am
5 pm	9am	5 am	3 pm		8 pm	11 am
	10 am	11 am	8 pm		11 pm	12 pm
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### **Parish Events**



2019 Holiday Christmas Bazaar Today December 8th--9:30 am until 2:00 pm



# COME ENJOY A GREAT TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS PLENTY OF FUN WHILE RAISING MONEY FOR THE PARISH



BINGO
CAKE WALK
BOOK FAIR
BEAN BAG TOSS
GRAB BRAGS
SILENT AUCTION



BIG TICKET - \$1,000 TOP PRIZE

STOP FOR BREAKFAST, STAY FOR LUNCH

BREAKFAST: SERVING FROM 9:30 - 11:00 AM LUNCH SERVING FROM 11:30 - 1:30 PM



PULLED PORK SANDWICHES

MACARONI AND CHEESE

COLE SLAW

BAKED BEANS

POTATO CHIPS

HOMEMADE PIES

SODA POP, WATER AND COFFEE

	Resurrection This	Week	
Mon-Fri Saturday Sunday	<ul><li>Rosary 8:10 am; Mass 8:30 am</li><li>Rosary 7:30 pm; Mass 8:00 pm</li><li>Mass 8:30 am &amp; 10:30 am</li></ul>	Perpetual Adoration 7 Days a Week 24 Hours a Day	
Monday 9 Dec	<ul> <li>Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 pm</li> <li>Faith Formation Gr 1-5 4:30/6:00 pm</li> <li>RCIA 6:00 pm</li> <li>Heart of Trinity Prayer Group 7:00 pm</li> </ul>	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38	
Tuesday 10 Dec	<ul> <li>Roman's Bible Study 9:00 am/6:30 pm</li> <li>First Reconciliation/Communal Penance Service         6:30 pm</li> <li>St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting 7:00 pm</li> </ul>	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38	
Wednesday 11 Dec	<ul> <li>Adult Sunday Scripture 9:00 am/6:30 pm</li> <li>Food for Friends Packing 4:30 pm</li> <li>Choir Practice 6:30 pm</li> <li>Faith Formation Classes Gr 6-10 6:00 pm</li> <li>Well Read Mom Group 7:00 pm</li> </ul>	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/ Mt 11:28-30	
Thursday 12 Dec	<ul> <li>Adult Bible Timeline Study 9:00 am/6:30 pm</li> <li>Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm</li> </ul>	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25	
Friday 13 Dec	Widow Prayer Group 9:00 am     Fusion 6:00 pm	Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19	
Saturday 14 Dec	Sanctuary of Divine Mercy Prayer Group     6:30 am	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13	
Sunday 15 Dec	Sunday School 10:30 am	Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11	

## Rest In Peace

Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them



LORI POWERS August 10, 2019 Survived by her husband, Tadd & Family



SHARON NOLAN October 3, 2019 Survived by her husband Gene & family



FRANCES ROBB October 8, 2019 Survived by husband, Duane & family



## Musical Musings from Joy

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

It is safe to say that, since Halloween, we have been inundated with "Christmas" in our secular lives — music on the radio and in stores, trees going up, lights on houses, etc. Some may find it surprising that we do not give Christmas this same attention in the Church until December 25th. Thus, we pose the question: "Why don't we sing Christmas songs in Advent?"

Here is one response to this question compiled by Brian O'Neel from the National Catholic Register:

"The Ephesus sisters note that prior to relatively recent times, 'Advent used to be given far more importance than is attached to it today.' And one never would have heard Christmas music prior to Dec. 25.'

Christmas music was not permitted to be sung nor heard until, well, Christmas, say the sisters. While Advent shrunk in size from eight to six to the four weeks we know now. Christmas retained its nearly-six-week status and a first-class octave. So the celebratory nature, as well as the longevity of the season, accounted for more hymns being composed in its honor.' There was also the fact that in America, as a historically Protestant country, Advent was not acknowledged as a season. Thus this buildup to the Nativity was for many Americans — Catholics and non-Catholics alike — 'Christmas.' Thankfully, the Church has a storehouse full of moving sacred music for the Advent season. As hymn writer Kathleen Pluth has written, 'The Advent proper texts of the Mass sing of the expectation of the Lord's coming and his help, the request for God's presence, even more than the hymns do. Many people ask to sing Christmas songs during Advent at Mass. This is not recommended. because Advent has a special contemplative character of patient waiting. The Church should be a contemplative people, watching and waiting for the Lord's return, and Advent allows us a period of time every year to practice this contemplative posture."1

Brian O'Neel, "Moving Melodies: How Advent Music Prepares Us for Christmas," 2017, National Catholic Register.

### **Mass Intentions**

Mon	Dec 9	8:30 am	†Anthony Roetzler	
Tues	Dec 10	8:30 am	†George Sobotta	
Wed	Dec 11	8:30 am	†Jerry Goodman	
Thu	Dec 12	8:30 am	†Rolland Harwick	
Fri	Dec 13	8:30 am	†John Neylon	
Sat	Dec 14	8:00 pm	For the Parish	
Sun	Dec 15	8:30 am	†Norma Krantz	
Sun	Dec 15	10:30am	†Irene Rose Murray	

## St. Francis School News

The weekly all school Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 10 at 9:15 am, followed by Exposition, Adoration and Benediction at 2:30 pm. Please join us.

Wednesday, December 11 is midquarter day.

There will be an all school Advent Prayer Service on Thursday, December 12 at 1:30 pm.

Fourth Annaul Pro-life "Peace in the womb"
Christmas caroling to bring the message of HOPE,
JOY, and PEACE of Christmas to the "darkness" of
abortion clinics will be held at Planned Parenthood
at 1212 7th St. NW, Rochester, (Northgate Shopping
Center) on Sunday, Dec. 15, from1-2 PM on the public
sidewalk in front of PP. Parking is permitted only on
side streets or behind the shopping center, since we
are not there to conduct business. Song sheets will
be provided. All interested persons (men, women, and
children) are invited to attend. You and your voice
will be very much appreciated. Contact persons: Linda
McGuire @259-4035 or Jan Hansgen 932-4219.

Real Presence Radio invites you to their annual fundraising banquet in Rochester on Thursday, Dec.12th! Keynote speaker is Dr. David Anders, host of "Called to Communion," author of "The Catholic Church Saved My Marriage," and Director of the Office of Catholic Education and Lifelong Formation for the Diocese of Birmingham, Alabama. Interested in sponsoring the banquet, or hosting a table of eight, or joining us as a guest, email Jessica at jessica@ yourcatholicradiostation.com. Registration and more information at yourCatholicradiostation.com/banquet, or call (877) 795-0122.

## **Faith Formation**

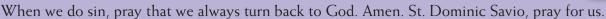


News from Stacey, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x108

**Grades 1-5**: We have Faith Formation classes for grades 1-5 on Monday, December 9th at 4:30 and 6:00pm. Each class begins by lighting two of the purple candles on the advent wreath.

**First Reconciliation**: On Tuesday, December 10th, the children will receive their First Reconciliation at the Communal Penance Service at 6:30pm in the Church. Please arrive 10-15 minutes before the service begins to check in, find a pew for the whole family and to have time to think and pray about what choices we have made this week. Remember to stop by the table in the Gathering Space to check-in and to pick up your child's certificate after receiving the sacrament.

Virtues in Practice: Our December virtue is purity and one of the saints to follow is St. Dominic Savio, who lived his short life in Italy 1842-1857. On the day of his First Holy Communion, Dominic Savio told God that he would rather die than commit a sin, and this became his motto. He was very smart, athletic, and popular, and he used these talents to help lead all the rough boys at Don Bosco's school to Jesus. He invited them to Confession, talked them out of fights, and changed the subject when they were being unkind. St. Dominic Savio, help us to stay away from sin.





News from Sheila, Birth-KG, Grades 6-12, Children and Youth Ministry, RCIA dresscm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528, x 101

**Sunday School**: You are invited to join our Sunday School students for our annual *Christmas Social and Concert* on Sunday, December 15th following the 10:30am Mass. Light refreshments and adorable entertainment will be in Father Zenk Hall.

A family prayer: Heavenly father, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of your son. As Christmas draws closer, help us to prepare, too, so that we may be ready for Christmas day.

#### Open Door (6-10 Faith Formation): Upcoming Events for your child to participate in:

**Today!** The Holiday Bazaar. Thank you to all the faith formation students who helped make this event a success by volunteering your gift of time! I am so truly happy to see you all engaging in parish life. Thank you for being such a blessing!

Friday, December 13th—Fusion. Students we need your help as child care helpers. This is a parents night out event from 6:00-8:3pm. Please contact Sheila Pelowski to volunteer your time. Year One students you can count this toward your confirmation hours.

Saturday, December 14th—<u>Unite Mass at Pax Christi</u>, 5:15 Mass is optional yet encouraged to attend. The event with food, speaker, music, and adoration is from 6:15-8:45pm. I am strongly encouraging our youth grades 6-10 to attend. Please RSVP to Sheila Pelowski.