



CHURCH OF THE
RESURRECTION
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear
a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means God is with us."*

Matthew 1:18-24

**December 22nd, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

An Ever-growing Eucharistic Community Boldly Serving Others Through God's 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

The following questions come from David Peach and his "20 Bible Quiz Questions About the Life of Jesus." After a week of reflecting upon the last ten questions, here are the answers.

Question 11: What was Jesus doing when the disciples were scared during a storm on the sea?
Answer: Sleeping (Mark 4:35-41)

Question 12: How long had Lazarus been dead when Jesus brought him back to life?
Answer: Four days (John 11:39)

Question 13: What was the reaction of the people after Jesus cast the legion of demons into the swine?
Answer: They were angry and wanted Him to leave their city (Matthew 8:28-34).

Question 14: Jesus said, "Get behind me Satan" to which disciple?
Answer: Peter (Matthew 16:23)

Question 15: Who anointed Jesus' feet with an expensive perfume and then dried His feet with her hair?
Answer: Mary, the sister of Martha (John 12:3).

Question 16: How many people did Jesus raise from the dead?
Answer: Three. The widow's son (Luke 7:11-17); Lazarus (John 11:43-44); Jairus' daughter (Mark 5:21-43)

Question 17: How many loaves of bread and fish did Jesus use to feed the 5,000 in John 6?
Answer: Five loaves and two fish (John 6:1-13)

Question 18: Which disciple refused to allow Jesus to wash his feet?
Answer: Peter (John 13:4-9)

Question 19: In whose new tomb was Jesus buried?
Answer: Joseph of Arimathea (Matthew 27:57-60)

Question 20: What was Jesus' final command to the disciples before ascending to heaven?

Answer: Go into the world, preach the Gospel, baptize believers and teach them (Matthew 28:19-20)

Next Trivia Questions

The next series of questions will focus on quotes from Jesus Christ. What I will do is provide various quotes from Jesus with a word/words missing and have you try to figure out which word/words are missing. To help, I will provide the Scripture passage where the quote is found. Let us begin by looking at the last seven words of Jesus Christ.

1. Luke 23:34: Father, _____ them, for they know not what they do.
2. Luke 23:43: Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in _____.
3. John 19:26-27: Jesus said to his mother, "Woman, behold your _____." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your _____."
4. Mark 15:34: My God, my God, why have you _____ me?
5. John 19:28: I _____.
6. John 19:30: It is _____.
7. Luke 23:46: Father, into your _____ I commend my spirit.

Good luck! I will provide the answers next week.

Gratitude.

As Christmas is almost upon us, I, along with Father Shawn, would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and gifts during this holy time of the year. We are grateful and blest to serve the people of Resurrection. We wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Know of our prayers and keep us in prayer.

Merry Christmas and God's blessings!

Father Schuster, Pastor
pastor@rescathroch.org.

Sunday homilies are posted on our website each week at rescathroch.org.

Liturgical Ministries

Dec 28th/29th

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

Ministry Schedule as of December 3rd, 2019

Altar Servers

8:00 pm Joseph Palen, Jeffrey Spaulding
8:30 am Claudia Pelowski, Stella Pelowski, Felix Pelowski
10:30 am Cameron Vareberg, Eric Vareberg

Lectors

8:00 pm John O'Meara
8:30 am Tom Brownlow, Micki Miller
10:30 am Lynette Leno, Regina Boehmke

Greeters

8:00 pm Kirt & Diane Grantner, Eileen King
8:30 am Gretchen Cutshall, Tom Brown
10:30 am Darci & Peter Kopischke, Jennifer Foy

Eucharistic Ministers

8:00 pm **Bread:** Theresa Root (1), Patricia Schoenfelder (2) **Cup:** Debbie Olson (1), Patricia Max (2), Walter Max (3), Steven Gronseth (4), Judith Pelowski (5), Liz Hanson (6)

8:30 am **Bread:** Carrie Carroll - LG, Julie Galkowski (1), Patty Halder (2), Gloria Flicek (3), George Klann (4), Charlotte Robinet (5), **Cup:** Kathryn Fitzgerald (1), Douglas Hudson (2), Melody Hudson (3), Sheila Pelowski (4), Kevin Sutter (5), Timothy Geisler (6)

10:30 am **Bread:** Richard Streit - LG, Mary Stettler (1), Joseph Kostick (2), Bob Voss (3), NOT FILLED (4), Brett Maronde (5), **Cup:** Denise Kelly (1), Leonida Crawley (2), Karen Reopelle (3), John Wurst (4), NOT FILLED (5), NOT FILLED (6)

Ushers

8:00 pm Richard Clark, NOT FILLED, Lee Witter
8:30 am J.R. Miller, Francis Mueller, Kilian Schotzko, McKaid Schotzko
10:30 am Ethan Engel, James Maronde, Anthony Vareberg, Barbara Vareberg

Sacristans

8:00 pm Judith Pelowski
8:30 am David Gathje
10:30 am Brett Maronde

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

Adoration Makes Every Day Christmas

Praying before the Blessed Sacrament is an all-year blessing.

It's amazing how people are drawn to the innocence and simplicity of a baby's face, especially Jesus' face at Christmas. That's what happens at adoration! We are in awe of what we see and that awe is one of peace, love, joy and fulfillment. What we gaze upon is so simple and beautiful. There's no artificiality. We gaze upon the beauty of the living God! That's an echo of looking at the crib at Christmas, and it's a continuing gift of God throughout the whole year!



"Indeed, this is the Will of my Father, that everyone who looks upon the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life. Him I will raise up on the last day." John 6:40

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel 24 hours/7 days a week

Please pray for many new adorers to commit to a weekly Holy Hour in 2020!
Hours of need - call Tim Fague at 507-288-6578

Parish Events



News from Resurrection's Society of St Vincent de Paul

During the Sept 24th meeting, Kathy Geisler and Marty Cormack were presented with the Bishop's Award from Fr. Schuster for their dedicated work with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Kathy has been involved since it's inception at

Resurrection in 2010. She was the President of Resurrection's Conference from October 2013 until October 2019 (two terms). Marty, also a Society of St. Vincent de Paul member since 2010, was President of Resurrection's Conference from 2010-2013; President of the District Council of Rochester from 2014-2019 and National Council Member representing the Diocese of Winona 2014-2019. Currently we have 25 members from Resurrection. We thank Kathy and Marty for their dedicated work in continually serving throughout the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

There will be a second collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul next Sunday, Dec 29th. The 5th Sunday collection will have a new twist this month. Members of the Society and other parishioners will match all monies between \$5,000-\$10,000. If the collection is \$10,000, the matching monies added will be an extra \$5,000. For context, an average 5th Sunday collection is between \$5,000-\$6000. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. We thank you for your past generosity!

An Invitation to Serve; Our Conference Needs Your Help. Are you looking for ways to experience God? Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul invite you to share in their ministry of experiencing God in serving people living in poverty. We see Christ in the poor because Jesus told us "whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do for me." You may be asking, just what do the members of SVdP do for the poor? Stop in and spend an evening with us. We know you will find this ministry very rewarding. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in Room C in the Zenk Hall starting at 7:00 pm.

Adoration Team Announces - Two "Boost" Weekends in January !

Have you every wondered what people mean when they say, "Do you have a personal relationship with the Living Christ"? "...have you ever had a personal encounter with Jesus Christ"? Where are you Jesus!! God's love is not limited to 'surprise visits'. Jesus is ALWAYS with us but we need to eliminate all our distractions and pay attention only to Him. The saints tell us the best way to visit Jesus is through Prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Mother Teresa said "The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth". When is the last time you had "the best time of your life?" The Perpetual Adoration Team invite you to stop by and read our laminated Adoration Testimonies in the plexiglass holder just to the left of the Chapel entrance. Read how Adoration changed lives, and you will be encouraged to change yours. If you are unsure on how get started, please consider either or both of the following "Boost" events.

Father Schuster - Sunday Jan 4th/5th

Father Schuster will be giving homilies on Perpetual Adoration.

Please consider signing up for 1 hour per week.

Forms will be available or call Tim Fague 507-288-6578

Special Guest EWTN Priest—Sunday Jan 12th @ 1PM

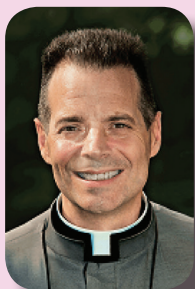
Fr. Zachary guides a Holy Hour,

LEARNING FROM OUR LADY

HOW TO ADORE THE LORD, LISTEN, PONDER, &

TREASURE LOVE MADE VISIBLE.

He will be giving homilies at all 3 Masses on Adoration the weekend of Jan 11th/12th.



At Resurrection This Week

Mon-Fri Saturday Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosary 8:10 am; Mass 8:30 am • Rosary 7:30 pm; Mass 8:00 pm • Mass 8:30 am & 10:30 am 	Perpetual Adoration 7 Days a Week 24 Hours a Day
Monday 23 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass 8:30 am 	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/ Lk 1:57-6
Tuesday 24 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office closed • Christmas Mass 4:00 pm; 6:00 pm and 10:00 pm 	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
Wednesday 25 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Closed • Mass 9:00 am 	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
Thursday 26 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass 8: 30 am 	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
Friday 27 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass 8:30 am • Widow Prayer Group 9:15 am 	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday 28 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanctuary of Divine Mercy Monastery 6:30 am • Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:45 - 7:45 pm 	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Sunday 29 Dec		Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12- 21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



Coping with Grief during the Holidays

Create a new tradition in memory of your loved one:

- Play your loved one's favorite holiday music.
- Put out a photo table with photos of your loved one at holiday celebrations past.
- Light a candle in church or offer a Mass intention in memory of your loved one.

Next Grieving with Great Hope sessions begin February 4 through March 3.

Dedication Candles

Dec 21st - Dec 28th

1. †Rob Frisby
2. †Jack, Lue & Sonny Bien
3. †Earl Wampach
4. †Andre Alexander





Musical Musings from Joy

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Although we may sing O Come, O Come Emmanuel throughout the Advent season, it is actually more appropriate to wait until December 17th to sing it. Here is a brief explanation of why:

"The 'O' statements are antiphons that appear at Evening Prayer before and after the Gospel canticle is prayed. The images are so rich that in the Middle Ages, they were woven into a hymn that became associated with the entire season of Advent. Today, in addition to appearing at Evening Prayer, they are also found in the daily liturgy. They take turns, one a day, serving as the verse to the Gospel Acclamation: 'O Wisdom,' 'O Sacred Lord,' 'O Flower of Jesse's Stem,' 'O Key of David,' 'O Radiant Dawn,' 'O King of All Nations,' and the most expected and greatest of them all, 'O Emmanuel.' They end December 23rd, because evening prayer on December 24th is the beginning of the Christmas vigil. The original Latin titles for these images formed an acrostic to reveal a hidden message. The first letter of each phrase added to the next and then reversed spelled **Ero Cras**, or 'I will come tomorrow.' Some parishes will sing the familiar song throughout Advent, and it is one that should not be overlooked. **Waiting to break out the O Antiphons until December 17 will emphasize the seasonal practice of patient waiting.** Whenever they are prayed or sung, these images intend to inspire awe and wonder. They leave us with the speechless response of 'Oh!' as we contemplate the multiple images that Christ fulfills."¹

12/23	O Emmanuel	E
12/22	O Rex Gentium	R
12/21	O Oriens	O
12/20	O Clavis David	C
12/19	O Radix Jesse	R
12/18	O Adonai	A
12/17	O Sapientia	S

Image Source: <https://dappledthings.org/8481/history-and-mystery-the-o-antiphons-in-a-favorite-hymn/>
1Henson, Derren "O Antiphons". © 2007 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications.

Mass Intentions

Mon	Dec 23	8:30 am	Reparation of Sins
Tues	Dec 24	4:00 pm	†Joyce Baumler
Tues	Dec 24	6:00 pm	†Jan Helgren
Tues	Dec 24	10:00 pm	†Souls in Purgatory
Wed	Dec 25	9:00 am	†Tony/Betty Bugni
Thur	Dec 26	8:30 am	†Einer Hansen
Fri	Dec 27	8:30 am	†Bonnie Weiler
Sat	Dec 28	8:00 pm	†Raymond/ Dixie Shimak
Sun	Dec 29	8:30 am	†Catholic United
			Financial Holy Family
			Council Deceased Members
Sun	Dec 29	10:30am	For the Parish

St. Francis School News

There will be no school December 23-January 5 in observance of Christmas and New Year's. The school students and staff wish everyone a blessed Christmas!

Stop by the Resurrection Giving Tree located in the Gathering Space where you will find tags for items to support Family Promise and monetary tags to support Resurrection's Elder Care Ministry.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday: December 24th

4:00 pm (there will be no Mass offered in Zenk Hall, but will be live streamed from the sanctuary),

6:00 pm

10:00 pm

Wednesday, December 25th, 9:00 am

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God,
Wednesday, January 1st 9:00 am.

Operation Hometown Gratitude is excited to announce that Church of the Resurrection will again be packing and shipping boxes to our service men and women serving overseas Sun., Feb. 9th. Please consider this opportunity for your used books and magazines. Fill a box and keep it until January when the display will be in the Gathering Space.

Faith Formation



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

A Christmas Prayer: Loving God, thank you for sending Jesus to show us your love. Help us to remember that we are your beloved children in whom you are well pleased. Amen.

Grades 1-5: We finally get to light all the candles on our advent wreath. If you have a white Christ candle, you can light it on Christmas. Then, begin celebrating the 12 Days of Christmas!

Merry Christmas to all our families. Enjoy your time together. We do not have faith formation classes on December 23rd or 30th. Classes will resume on January 6th.

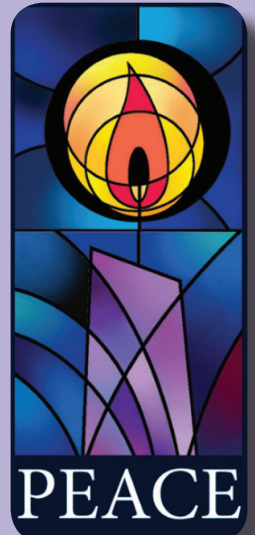
First Communion: The Parent Meeting for First Communion is on Monday, January 20th at 6:30pm in Fr. Zenk Hall. We will give an update on the sacrament, hand out the parent/child folders and work books, discuss the learning centers, and answer questions about First Communion weekend.



Virtues in Practice: Our December virtue is purity and St. Agnes is our saint. St. Agnes lived at a time when it was illegal to be a Christian.

When she was about 12 years old, a wealthy young man fell in love with her and asked her to marry him. She told him that she had already given her heart to Jesus as His bride. The young man was upset and reported her to the government for being a Christian. Agnes was arrested, and everyone begged her to deny her faith and worship the Roman gods. She refused, and was sentenced to death. St. Agnes went joyfully to martyrdom.

Agnes means "lamb," and a spotless lamb is the symbol of her pure love for Christ. St. Agnes, pray for us! Amen.



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

Before Mary and Joseph were married, the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her that through the power of the Holy Spirit, she was going to have a child. This child would be the son of God. God sends an angel to watch over each of us: our guardian angel.

Listen carefully to the words of this prayer:

Lord, keep your angel by my side,
To care for me and be my guide;
To be my friend throughout the years,
And keep me safe from harm and fears;
To stay with me each night and day,
So from your love I never stray.

Amen.



Sunday School: No Sunday School on the following dates.
12/22, 12/29, or 1/5.

Open Door Grades 6-10: No Classes 12/25 and 1/1.

Enjoy attending Mass with family and friends and prayers for safe travels as you celebrate Christmas, New Years, and winter break.

Until we meet again– Check out this 24 minute video on YouTube: This Isn't the Sentimental Christmas Story You've Heard... By Bishop Robert Barron https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l_oZeeBATfg