

CHURCH OF THE
RESURRECTION
CATHOLIC CHURCH

**"And behold I am
with you always, until
the end of the age."
Matthew 28:16-20**

**May 24th, 2020
Ascension of the Lord**

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Wednesdays: 5:30-6:30 pm
Saturdays: 10:00 - 11:00 am

Church doors are opened from
7:00am - 7:00 pm daily. Stop in for
prayer. Please respect the 6 feet
distance between people.

Sunday Mass can be viewed on our
website: rescathroch.org.



Weekly Words from The Rock

Are You Smarter Than a Catholic 5th Grader?

In honor of Catholic Schools Week, the Archdiocese of St. Louis composed a quiz surrounding the Catholic faith. The quiz was given during Catholic Schools Week of 2015. Here are the questions of last week with the answers.

Question: How many Books are there in the Bible (Old and New Testament)?

- A. 103
- B. 77
- C. 82
- D. *73, Correct answer

Question: What is the first Book of the Bible?

- A. *Genesis, Correct Answer
- B. Exodus
- C. Matthew
- D. Psalms

Question: What is the greatest act of worship for Catholics?

- A. Baptism
- B. Religious Ordination
- C. Confirmation
- D. *The Eucharist, Correct Answer

Question: What is the first Miracle of Jesus recorded in the Bible?

- A. *Changing Water into Wine, Correct Answer
- B. Walking on Water
- C. Healing a Paralyzed Man
- D. Healing the Sick

And with that, the quiz questions to "Are You Smarter Than A Fifth Grader" come to their completion. However, never fear we turn our attention to.....

Our Next Questions and Answers

My Catholic Life has a series of questions and answers on the Catholic Faith. It can be found at the site, "Questions and Answers from My Catholic Life!"

I am going to share with you some of their questions and answers in the week ahead. With that, let us begin.

Q. Why did Adam eat the apple? A. The simple answer is that he was persuaded by the serpent (the devil) that eating the apple would be to his benefit. That he would "become like God" if he ate it. Sadly, Adam believed this lie and chose to disobey God who told him not to eat it. This was the first sin and resulted in humanity falling from what we call Original Innocence. But to give a more thorough explanation, let's consider the entire story in a broader way.

First of all, did Adam actually eat the apple? Perhaps, but perhaps not. It's important to understand that this story is not to read in a "literal" way. But that doesn't mean it's not true. A good explanation of this comes from Cardinal Ratzinger in his book "In the Beginning A Catholic Understanding of the Story of Creation and the Fall" (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing). In that book, Cardinal Ratzinger (who later became Pope Benedict XVI) stated, "It has become clear that the biblical creation narratives represent another way of speaking about reality than that with which we are familiar from physics and biology." He went on to explain that these stories "represent truth in the way that symbols do — just as, for example, a Gothic window gives us a deep insight into reality, thanks to the effects of light that it produces and to the figures that it portrays." In other words, the story of Adam and Eve is true, but not necessarily in the way a science book is. A science book presents truth in a literal way, explaining the physical truths as they are in this world. The story of Adam and Eve presents truth in the form of a symbolic narrative. Whether or not Adam actually ate the apple in the literal way explained in that symbolic narrative is not important. What is important is the truth that narrative presents.

So what is the truth it presents? The fact is that our first parents turned from God in disobedience. The consequence was a fall from the original state of innocence and union with God that they were made for. Therefore, the answer remains that Adam "ate the fruit" for selfish motivations because he believed the lie that disobeying God was better for him. He was selfish and failed to trust the truth of God.

God's blessings, Father Peter Schuster



Aaron and Amanda Davis
Family altar
Carter, Avery, Lillian and Sophie



Claude and Kris Dobbelaere
Mother Mary Prayer Space



Eric and Emily Spaulding
Family altar
Jeffrey, Gavin, Blake and Abigail

Resurrection's Parishioners Faith-filled Space in their homes.



Cathy Tieg's Grandchildren
May Crowning



Gordon and Ann Robertson's
Family Prayer Corner
Elaina, Ava, Fiona, Thomas,
William and Mary



Nathan and Cassandra Mueller
Family Prayer Corner
William, Elaina, Claire, John

Parish News

Office will be closed, Monday, May 25th

Our Sunday Mass can be viewed on our website
www.rescathroch.org.

St. Joseph Sunday Missals are in the Gathering Space available to purchase. Suggested price is \$4.00

Effective July 1st, Fr. Shawn Haremza, in addition to his role as our parochial vicar, will be assisting with sacramental ministries at Pax Christi and Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Mazeppa.

Fr. Shawn will be celebrating 20 years of ordination on May 27th. We are so thankful for his "YES".

Sacrament of Reconciliation

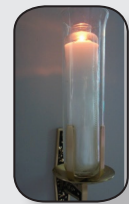
Wednesday evenings 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Saturday mornings 10:00 - 11:00 am

Dedication Candles

May 23rd - May 30th

1. †Jack, Lue, & Sonnie Bien
- 2 †Hank Van Kirk



Community News

Ministry Days Our diocesan Ministry Days 2020 gathering, planned for June 15-16 at St. Mary's University in Winona, will not be held as scheduled in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are considering options for holding the event at a future date, but no decisions have been made as of yet about when or how this might happen.

Steubenville Rochester 2020 has been cancelled. Join us next summer July 9 - 11, 2021

Guidelines when we have public Mass

Once public Mass is re-opened the following guidelines will be in place:

- A. The dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass remains in effect until further notice.
- B. Those over age 65 and those with underlying health conditions will be strongly encouraged not to attend.
- C. Anyone showing any symptoms of sickness, or anyone who has a household member who is sick or showing signs of sickness should not come to Church. While much effort will be put into sanitizing the parish facilities, risks still remain for those who choose to attend.
- D. The worship space will be thoroughly sanitized before and after each service, including entryways and doors.
- E. All fonts which contain holy water will be empty. This includes the font from which people take holy water home. If you would like holy water to take home, call the Parish Office to set a time to have a priest bless water for you.
- F. Hymnals will be removed.
- G. Hand sanitizers will be available at all entryways.
- H. People will be instructed not to greet each other by touching.
- I. To reduce the spread of the virus, parishioners are encouraged to attend Mass only at their parish.
- J. Face coverings such as masks are highly encouraged.

While still not knowing when public Mass will be held, we are in the process of beginning to implement procedures once public Mass is re-instated.

We will need to sanitize our church, along with the church and entry doors after Daily Mass. Before Daily Mass can be held, we will need volunteers that will stay after Mass to sanitize. We will have the cleaning/disinfecting supplies available. Please contact the office to volunteer.

Weekly Readings

Monday
25
May

Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33

"But be brave, I have defeated the world."

Tuesday
26
May

Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11

"I pray for them, I do not pray for the world, but for those you gave me, for they belong to you."

Wednesday
27
May

Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/
Jn 17:11b-19

"I sent them into the world, just as you sent me into the world."

Thursday
28
May

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

"I pray not only for them, but also for those who believe in me because of their message."

Friday
29
May

Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19

"After they had eaten, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these others do?"

Saturday
30
May

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/Jn 21:20-25

"If I want him to live until I come, what is that to you?"

Sunday
31
May

Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/
Jn 20:19-23

Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

2020

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Church of the Resurrection's Goal \$82,000
As of MAY 15th Received and/or pledged: \$66,313
Difference (\$15,387)

The ministries and outreach supported by the Appeal are, *Catholic Schools, Life, Marriage and Family, TV Mass, Youth Ministry and Permanent Diaconate.*



**CATHOLIC
FOUNDATION**
of Southern Minnesota

Mass Intentions

**Private Daily Masses will be offered
by Fr. Schuster/Fr. Shawn for the
Mass intention below**

Mon., May 25th	8:30 am	Reparation of Sins
Tues., May 26th	8:30 am	†Sharon Heppelmann
Wed., May 27th	8:30 am	†John Neylon
Thurs. May 28th	8:30 am	†Francis Campion
Fri., May 29th	8:30 am	Anthony Mulhern
Sat., May 30th	8:00 pm	†Thomas Burns
Sun., May 31st	8:30 am	†Jan Helgren
	10:30 am	For the Parish

In thanksgiving for Almsgiving during our Lenten Season

Family Promise Rochester is committed to ensuring that the most vulnerable families are provided with the best assistance possible. Your contributions will allow us to purchase meals, groceries, set up remote learning stations for children, purchase medication and cleaning supplies, pay rent for temporary shelter space at Bear Creek, pay for quarantine space should a family fall ill, keep our staff, who are essential workers on payroll and ensure that Family Promise Rochester remains a stable resource for families in need. If you are interested in more information or to become a volunteer, contact our parishioner liaison, LuAnn Borst at llaa4@icloud.com.

Dorothy Day House through donations is able to provide food and shelter to the people who live at their homeless shelter. If you are interested in more information or to become a volunteer, please contact our parishioner liaison Connie Curtiss at cjcurtiss@bellsouth.net

Community Food Response Our contributions will be used to support their program of rescuing prepared food from providers in the community and distributing to needy families. Due to the general support from our Rochester community, they were able to supply 103,000 meals to area families in 2019; which also help divert almost 129 tons of food from our local waste stream. If you would like more information or to become a volunteer, contact our parishioner liaison, Eileen Warrington at eileenmkw@hotmail.com.

5th Sunday collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul ministry:

The weekend of May 31st will be the 5th Sunday second collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul ministry. Our Society thanks our Resurrection families who support us through monetary contributions, food, furniture and prayers.

Vincentian Spirituality's Mission is a network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need. Our identity statement is inspired by Gospel values which leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person to person service to those who are needy and suffering. The central and most basic activity has been the visitation of the needy in their homes. It symbolizes our Vincentian commitment to reach out to the needy in their home to entrust their stories of struggle. In that family setting, Vincentians are asked to listen, offer humble advice and render assistance. If you are interested in more information or to become a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, contact Tim O'Callaghan, president of Resurrection's council, at tim.ocallag@gmail.com.

Faith Formation



News from Stacey, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org

First Communion Families: As of today, I do not have any concrete answers for families with children preparing to receive their First Communion. When I have more information, I will email each families. Until then, keep practicing the steps of receiving communion and be sure you have finished your workbooks. I want you to know I keep all of you in my prayers and understand how difficult it is to be patient during this time. Feel free to email me if you have any questions or concerns.

100 Fun Spring/Summer Ideas: For many families, this quarantine time has been a real struggle; for others, this has been a blessing to spend time with everyone under one roof. The one thing we never seemed to have enough of was time. Now we have time, and nothing to do. By now, families are finishing their distance learning and looking for some new ideas for making lemonade out of lemons. I have created a packet of 100 ideas children and parents can do together for the spring and summer. The packets are available in the gathering space. Some of the ideas are pre-quarantine ideas, but most of them are things you can do at home or in your neighborhood. If your family needs some new ideas, stop by the church. The main church is open 7:00am –7:00pm every day. Families and individuals are invited to come in to the church and pray in front of the tabernacle. Remember the lit candle means that Jesus is with us. Totus Tuus is cancelled for this summer. It's the first time we haven't had our fun summer camp and I am praying all of you will be excited to sign up next summer.



News from Sheila, Birth-KG, Grades 6-12, Children and Youth Ministry, dresscm@rescathroch.org

Resurrection High School Parishioners,

May God Bless you on your journey moving forward into young adulthood. As you enter into a new season of life you will encounter so many new and delightful experiences. Within those experiences, temptations will be hidden, and possibly hard to recognize. It is your prayer life, your trust in Jesus, your weekly encounter with the Eucharist, that will sustain you and help you through the hurdles that life presents. Trust in the saints who came before you, especially your confirmation saint! Ask for his or her intercession, always. Trust in Jesus and Congrats!

Parishioners at the Church of the Resurrection send their blessings to

Graduating High School Classes of 2020

May your graduation be a blessing.

“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.”

Proverbs 16:3

Congratulations Class of 2020!