

CHURCH OF THE  
**RESURRECTION**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"What I say to you in the darkness,  
speak in the light." Matthew 10: 26-33*

June 21st, 2020  
12th Sunday in Ordinary Times

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:  
Saturdays: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Weekend Mass Schuedule  
Saturday 8:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am  
11:00 am

Sunday Mass can be viewed on our  
website: [rescathroch.org](http://rescathroch.org)

**Office Hours** Mon-Fri 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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## Weekly Words from The Rock

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

I am going to share with you some of their questions and answers in the weeks ahead.

Q. One question that I constantly struggle with is the presence of suffering. Now in small cases, such as events that won't matter in a year from the occurrence or events that we will recover from, then I understand that in order to know happiness you must know it's contrast. What I struggle with is if our God is an all loving, merciful God, then why are there children dying of starvation or cancer? I don't understand why an all-powerful, ever-loving God would allow this type of suffering to happen. How can we explain this?

A. Well, that certainly is a deep question! And a good one. In fact, I'd say this is one of the all-time most important questions to understand. The answer actually goes to the core of our faith and the saving Cross of Jesus. Let me do my best to explain. First of all, we are in a fallen world. God never intended us to be in a state of "fallenness." Or, as we call it, a "state of original sin." Rather, God's original intention was what the Bible presents as the Garden of Eden. This original state, the state of original innocence, was a state of pure happiness and oneness with God and one another. The problem is that in order for us to be able to truly love God and one another, God had to give us free will. Without free will there can be no love. True love of God and others is an act that each person freely gives and freely chooses. But by giving us free will God gives us the option of turning away from Him. Thus, our first parents chose to turn away from God by committing a personal sin. And the effect of that personal sin

was separation from God. And separation from God meant the loss of all God provides: life, happiness, unity, harmony, health, fulfillment and the like. But what about us? And what about children who have not personally sinned? I think the best way to understand this is to consider the idea of an inheritance. If your parents have a million dollars and name you in their will as the heir of this money you will receive it upon their passing. However, if they squander that money and spend it all, say, in a casino, then you lose your inheritance. Perhaps that doesn't seem fair but it the way it's works. So it is with us. We lost the inheritance of the Garden of Paradise because our first parents lost their right to be there when they rejected God. We, then, are born into the state of fallenness that they entered into.

So disease, disorder in nature and even death are now a part of our existence. And sometimes this causes great suffering for us. Furthermore, all people still have free will which means others can sin against us and cause us pain. And, sadly, all of these realities can affect children as well as any of us.

But the story would not be complete if we didn't speak of the answer God gave! God, the Father, seeing our fallen nature, chose to come down to this fallen state so as to reestablish a relationship with us all. He did that by sending His Son into the world. God the Son, took on our fallen human nature, entered into every kind of suffering we can endure and even died. But, as we know, death did not have the final victory. God the Son conquered sin and death by rising again! We now have the ability to unite ourselves to Him so that we can also share in that resurrection.

So God's answer was not to destroy human existence after we fell. Rather, His answer was to meet us in this fallen state so as to elevate us even higher than our first state. As for the innocent who suffer (especially children), we should know that God loves them more than we will ever realize. In Heaven this will make perfect sense. But for now we must constantly look for signs of that love and discover the countless ways that God reaches out to them in their need.

God's blessings! Father Peter Schuster, Pastor

# Parish News

We welcome you back to Sunday and Weekday Masses.



Sunday, in preparation for the 11:00 am Mass, the doors of the Church Main entrance will not reopen until 10:30 am.

Weekday Mass will begin with a phased in approach. *No weekday Mass if there is a funeral at the church.*

A. Week of June 21 – 8:30 am on Tuesday and Thursday

B. Week of June 28 – 8:30 am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday

C. Week of July 5 and beyond – 8:30 am on Monday through Friday.

The Church will continue to be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm (exception being Saturday with 8:00 pm Mass). However, whenever we have weekday Mass, the church will be locked from 9:00 am till 10:30 am for cleaning and sanitizing.

## Liturgical Ministries June 27th/28th.

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

*Ministry Schedule as of June 10th, 2020*

### Lectors

8:00 pm Therese Schoenfelder

8:00 am Richard Miller

11:00 am Allen Aksamit

### Greeters

8:00 pm Tara Engel, NOT  
FILLED

8:00 am Tom Lund, Dianne  
Plager

11:00 am Vince Meyer, NOT  
FILLED

### Ushers

8:00 pm Josh Noser, Fred Noser

8:00 am Kenneth Mueller, NOT  
FILLED

11:00 am James Maronde, William  
Sullivan

### Sacristans

8:00 pm Judith Pelowski

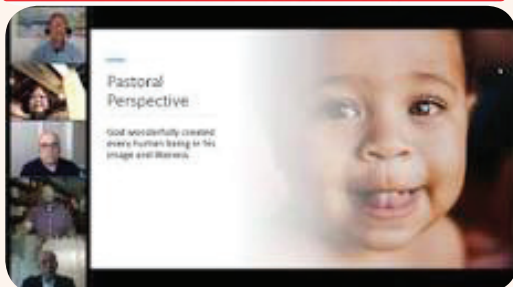
8:00 am Nancy Hass

11:00 am Bob Voss



## Suggested Resources for Families to check out:

Fr. Mike Schmitz sits down with Fr. Josh Johnson to discuss racial division in the Church and how Catholics can strive to restore unity in the Body of Christ.



Coming Together Talking with Kids about Racism by Association of Catholic Publishers:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXE4btO6EdM>



## Baptism

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

**Isabel Marguerite O'Connor**  
Baptized June 7th, 2020



**Child of Mark and Tiana**

**Elias Edward Bohr**  
Baptized June 14th, 2020



**Child of Carl and Annalea**

## Rest In Peace

*Let the Perpetual Light  
Shine Upon Them*

**Mildred Connolly**

*Died June 11th*

*Mother of*

*Fr. Kevin Connolly*

**Florence Mueller**

*Died May 22nd, 2020*

*Survived by her sons and  
their families*

*Francis (Doc) & Cathy*

*Ken & Lee Ann*

*Mike & Jane*

MONTHLY GRIEF NOTE ... provided by  
Resurrection Grief Support Ministry

Why has prayer become so difficult for me?

It's not unusual for grieving people to struggle with prayer. Distractions, tears and emotions make prayer difficult. The best way to pray when prayer seems impossible is to place yourself in the presence of God and let the Holy Spirit pray through you. St. Paul assures us that, "the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words." (Romans 8:26).

Another way to pray in times of sadness is to read the Psalms. Here are a few that you might find comforting:

*When it feels like God isn't there:*  
Psalms 13, 42 and 63

*When you want God's guidance:*  
Psalms 16, 25, 121, 146

*When you need to depend on God:*  
Psalms 3, 23, 62

Source: Grieving with the Help of Your Catholic Faith by Lorene Hanley Duquin

# Weekly Readings

**Monday**  
**22**  
Jun

2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 [7b]/Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday**  
**23**  
Jun

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 [cf. 9d]/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Daily Mass 8:30 am  
Office Walk in hours: 10:30 am - 3:30 pm  
KC Council 7:00 pm

**Wednesday**  
**24**  
Jun

Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/  
Lk 1:57-66, 80

Money Counters: 9:00 am

**Thursday**  
**25**  
Jun

2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Mt 7:21-29

Daily Mass 8:30 am  
Office Walk in hours: 10:30 am - 3:30 pm

**Friday**  
**26**  
Jun

2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Mt 8:1-4

Wedding Rehearsal: 5:00 pm

**Saturday**  
**27**  
Jun

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 [19b]/Mt 8:5-17

Wedding: 3:00 pm  
Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Mass 8:00 pm

**Sunday**  
**28**  
Jun

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/  
Mt 10:37-42  
Mass 8:00 am  
Church locked after Mass until 10:30 to clean and disinfect  
Mass 11:00 am  
Church locked after Mass until 1:00 pm to clean and disinfect

# Community News

Beginning June 15, Scrip will resume Summer Hours: Monday through Thursday: 9:00am - 1:00pm. Masks are required. Markers will be in place on the floor for social distancing.

Walk-in purchases would be from existing limited stock, so it is best to pre-order if possible.

Pre-order purchases are strongly encouraged by Monday morning 10:00am deadline: Place your orders at ShopWithScrip.com. Email your order to Teresa Goodrich at tgoodrich@rcsmn.org. Leave a phone order at 507-280-0349. Pre-orders will be available for pickup starting Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

No Scrip orders or sales week of July 4th (June 29-July 3).

**No Scrip sales at Church offices at this time.**

**Catholic Charities** offers free adoption information meetings to help you learn about the process to begin building your family.

We have adoption social workers in Winona, Rochester, Mankato and Worthington who offer home studies for international and domestic infant adoption.

Please email [adoption@ccsomn.org](mailto:adoption@ccsomn.org) or call 507-287-2047 to schedule an information meeting.

**The Mayo Clinic Hospice** is offering a free one-day camp for children and teens (ages 5-17) who have experienced the death of a significant person in their life.

We are proud to offer this event at no charge to campers; thanks to the generous support from both Rochester Methodist and St. Mary's Volunteer Leadership Councils utilizing funds generated by hospital gift shop profits at both campuses.

If you know of anyone who might benefit from the grief camp experience, please share the information. If you have any questions or wish to be removed from our mailing list, please call Mayo Clinic Hospice at 507-284-4002 or 1-800-679-9084 or email at [RSTHOSPICEBEREAVEMENT@mayo.edu](mailto:RSTHOSPICEBEREAVEMENT@mayo.edu)

# Mass Intentions

**Private Daily Masses June 22, 24th, 26th by Fr. Schuster/Fr. Shawn for the Mass intention below**

Mon	Jun 22	8:30 am	Reparation of Sins
Tues	Jun 23	8:30 am	†George Sobotta
Wed	Jun 24	8:30 am	Bernadette Mulhern
Thu	Jun 25	8:30 am	†Joyce Baumler
Fri	Jun 26	8:30 am	†John Nassaralla
Sat	Jun 27	8:00 pm	†Archie Asleson
Sun	Jun 28	8:00 am	†Holy Souls
Sun	Jun 28	11:00 am	For the Parish

The southwestern corner of Minnesota has been hard hit by the COVID outbreak. Nobles County (the Worthington area) has had the largest number of COVID cases per population in the state, and many of the people most affected do not qualify for government assistance. As we continue to assess the needs of the people in our area who have been affected by the COVID outbreak, Catholic Charities of Southern MN has started a "Worthington Deanery COVID Relief Fund".

This fund is helping people in this area (the counties of Rock, Pipestone, Nobles, Murray, Jackson and Cottonwood) who have reduced income (lost employment or reduced hours) because of the COVID outbreak, and do not qualify for other means of assistance (unemployment, stimulus money, etc.).

We will help those who have "fallen through the cracks" with rent or utilities up to \$500. This fund is currently supported solely by donations. If you would like to help, donations can be mailed to:

Catholic Charities of Southern MN

111 Market Street, Suite #2

PO Box 739

Winona, MN 55987

Checks should be made payable to "Catholic Charities" but it is very important to designate your gift by writing "Worthington COVID Relief" in the memo line of the check.

If you are in need and would like to apply for assistance, contact Lisa Kremer at 507-360-3423 or email: [lkremer@ccsomn.org](mailto:lkremer@ccsomn.org).

We thank you for your support and for your prayers and concern for those who are suffering during these difficult times.

# Faith Formation



News from Stacey, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, [dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org](mailto:dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org) or 288-5528 x108

Happy Father's Day Prayer: God, our Father, we ask that you bless all the fathers in the world. We ask that You guide them to be loving role models of faith to their children. Help them to be a father like You are to us. We give thanks for fathers, recognizing the dedication and patience it takes to be a source



of compassion and understanding when helping to shape a young life. We pray for our fathers so that they may find courage and perseverance to balance faith, family and work in joy and sacrifice. Guide every father with the Spirit of your love that they may grow in holiness and draw their family ever closer to you. Bless all fathers, especially those who are new in this sacred role. We pray that they feel Your presence with them. May they know that Your strength and wisdom are within them, providing all they need to guide and support their



children with gentleness and kindness. Especially today, we remember fathers, godfathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.



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

Make history and join us for the first ever Steubenville LIVE! While we know that nothing can quite match the energy and emotion felt during a Steubenville Conference weekend, we are hoping this opportunity can deepen your faith and the faith of those around you! If you want to tune in on your own or with your family, you are more than welcome to do so! Using the various interactive methods such as chat, social media, and aspects of the platform, you will be able to bring the conference to life in your own living room!

## VIRTUAL STEUBENVILLE

**JOIN US LIVE**  
**JULY 17: 6PM-9PM CST**  
**JULY 18: 11AM-7PM CST**

ACCESS WILL BE AVAILABLE BEYOND CONFERENCE WEEKEND

Registration information coming soon!

\$40 for a family ticket— this allows siblings/family to watch the conference together at home for a single price from one access point! Target audience grades 9 through 12.