

CHURCH OF THE  
**RESURRECTION**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"God so loved the world that he gave his  
only Son."*

June 7th 2020  
The Most Holy Trinity Sunday

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

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

Church doors are opened from  
7:00 am - 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](http://rescathroch.org)

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



## 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.

**Question.** Did Mary the mother of Jesus Christ, have other children after Jesus?

**Answer.** The short answer to this question is "No." But let's explore further. People ask this question because some Scripture passages seem to suggest that Jesus had brothers and sisters. For example, here are two such passages:

Mark 6:3 – "Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?"

Matthew 13:55-56 – "Is he not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother named Mary and his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? Are not his sisters all with us?"

So should we conclude from these passages that Jesus had brothers and sisters in a literal way, meaning Mary and Joseph had other children in addition to Jesus? Certainly not. And here is why. Scripture is quite clear that Mary conceived Jesus in a virginal way – by the Holy Spirit.

Additionally, it is the constant teaching of the Church that she always retained her virginity. She had no other children and never engaged in the marital act with Joseph. Sometimes this is confusing since there are references in the Scriptures to Jesus' brothers and sisters. But this language was commonly used in reference to cousins. So this shouldn't confuse us if we understand the language of the time. In fact this is still a common practice in other cultures of our day.

For example, those from various African countries commonly refer to those within their own village as their brother or sister when they are with them outside of that village. It was God's plan that Mary only have one Son for various reasons. It was especially so because of the fact that we are all called to become brothers and sisters of Christ through spiritual adoption.

Therefore, if Jesus had blood brothers or sisters it would have undermined his spiritual brotherhood with them. It would have made their relationship with Jesus different. But God desires this deeper spiritual relationship with all people. Mary is the only blood relation to Jesus, thus, she shares a special bond with Him that no one else does. But it had to be that way if God was to become true man. Interestingly, though, even Mary's deepest bond with Jesus does not come as a result of her physical blood relationship. It comes, first and foremost, by her spiritual motherhood. She is united with her Son primarily by her perfect faith and obedience. It is this bond that surpasses the natural one.

**Q.** Why did God choose Mary to be the mother of Jesus? Why was she so young?

**A.** These two questions are actually hard to answer with accuracy. In many ways, the answers remain a mystery. But here are some thoughts.

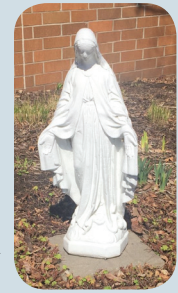
From a theological perspective we can say that God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus because she, herself, was the Immaculate Conception. This means that she was the only fitting mother for God in the flesh. Mary was conceived in the womb of her mother in a miraculous way in that she was conceived without sin. God chose to bestow upon her a "preservative grace," meaning, God preserved her from all stain of sin, including Original Sin, at the moment of her creation in the womb of her mother.

Of course, He did this so that she would be a fitting vessel for God the Son to become incarnate in her womb. The grace that preserved her came from the Cross of her Son Jesus, but it transcended time so as to free her at the moment of her conception. Thus, her Son was her Savior even though He had not yet been born in time. If that's confusing, try to ponder it for a while. It's a great mystery of faith and a deep one also.

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Additionally, Mary chose to remain free from sin throughout her life. Just as Adam and Eve were born without sin, so was Mary. But unlike Adam and Eve, Mary never freely chose to sin throughout her life. This made her the perfect vessel for the Son of God. Her body and soul were perfect making her the perfect instrument.



But this only answers the question from one perspective. One may also be wondering, "But why Mary?" This is a question that is hard, if not impossible, to answer. It's most likely a matter of God's mysterious will. Perhaps God, who can see all things and knows all people even before they are born, looked at all women from all time and saw that Mary was the one who would never freely choose to sin. And perhaps for that reason God chose to gift her with the Immaculate Conception. But this is ultimately a mystery of faith that will be revealed only in Heaven.

As for the second question, "Why was she so young," this may be easier to answer from a historical perspective. Today, in the twenty-first century, it's uncommon for a fifteen-year-old girl to marry and have a child. But it wasn't that way back then. When Mary had Jesus, she was not seen as being a dependent child but as a young woman ready to start a family. So it's always important to try to understand the culture of the time when considering questions of history.

Humor Yes, sometimes my faith can feel like the following.

God's blessings! Fr. Peter Schuster



2020

## Catholic Ministries Appeal

Church of the Resurrection's Goal	\$82,000
As of MAY 15th Received and/or pledged:	67,638
Difference	(\$14,082)

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

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

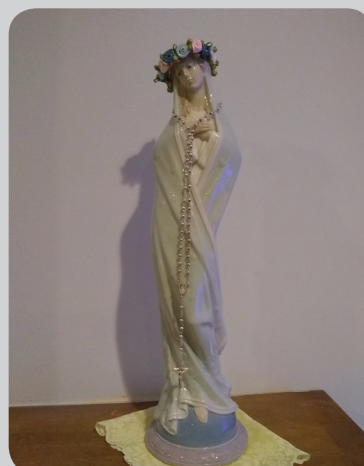
Mary Amiot's  
Devotion to Mary  
in her home



Mary and the  
Holy Family

Heidi Miksanek's

Devotion to  
Mary in her  
home.



Mother Mary  
May Crowning

# Resurrection's Prairie Labyrinth

**Going Deeper with God—**  
Creative experience is more than  
just a fun project or activity

**The Inward Journey—**  
Letting go of all the barriers and busyness  
that stand between us and God

**The Middle of the Labyrinth—**  
Centering on God, reflecting on his truth  
and love, contemplating in quietness

**The Outward Journey—**  
Incarnation...moments of commitment to live  
out our faith in our lives and our world.

Bird's eye view of the Labyrinth located south  
of the church rectory.



Resurrection's Prairie Labyrinth is located south of the rectory. All are welcome to enjoy this beautiful pathway for prayer/reflection. We have excellent resource material available; call the office at 507-288-5528.



## Weekly Readings

**Monday**

**8**

**Jun**

1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 2]/Mt 5:1-12

"Be happy and glad, for a great reward is kept for you in heaven. This is how the prophets who lived before you were persecuted."

**Tuesday**

**9**

**Jun**

1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7a]/Mt 5:13-16

"In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven."

**Wednesday**

**10**

**Jun**

1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11 [1b]/Mt 5:17-19

"Do not think I have come to do away with the Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets. I have not come to do away with them, but to make their teachings come true."

**Thursday**

**11**

**Jun**

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13 [2a]/Mt 5:20-26

"But now I tell you; if you are angry with your brother you will be brought to trial."

**Friday**

**12**

**Jun**

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [8b]/Mt 5:27-32

"If your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is much better for you to lose one of your limbs than to have your whole body go to hell."

**Saturday**

**13**

**Jun**

1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/Mt 5:33-37

"Just say Yes or No, anything else you say comes from the Evil One."

**Sunday**

**14**

**Jun**

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12]/1 Cor 10:16-17/  
Jn 6:51-58

"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I live in them."

## Parish News

**Food for Friends:** As the school year has come to an end, so has our food distribution at Ben Franklin. Even during the past number of weeks, many families benefited from our generosity of food supply. For the summer, we have given families information as to where there continues to be resources.

The outpouring of support that Church of the Resurrection demonstrates toward Ben Franklin is a tremendous example of love and care for others that are the hallmarks of your faith. From clothing, food, personal hygiene, and laundry care, the many acts of kindness do not go unnoticed. There is much gratitude and appreciation in the willingness to share your time, talent and treasure to support Ben Franklin. Blessings to all who have participated in this ministry.

Food for Friends plans to do the backpacks and school supplies project as we have done in the past. Details and guidelines will have to be in place prior to this project starting. Look for details to come.

Continue to collect personal hygiene items, and watch for gently used winter gear. No scarves please. These items can be dropped at the church during their open hours. Please keep the students and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul** - We thank you for your support through the 5th Sunday Collection. Your generous support helps our friends in need here in Rochester with rent, utilities, car repairs, medical bills, groceries, bus passes, etc.

Food donations can be dropped off in the grocery cart located in the Gathering Space towards the Zenk Hall. The food needs are pasta, canned meats, dried beans, peanut butter and snacks for children.

We are in need of a Spanish translator that would assist us when we meet with friends in need. If you are interested or would like more information about our ministry, call the office or contact Tim O'Callaghan, President of Resurrection's Council. His email address is [tim.ocallag@gmail.com](mailto:tim.ocallag@gmail.com).

**St. Joseph Sunday Missals** available in the Gathering Space. \$4.00 suggested price

## Mass Intentions

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

Mon	Jun 8	8:30 am	†Gene Sellner
Tues	Jun 9	8:30 am	†Rob Frisby
Wed	Jun 10	8:30 am	†Winnie Mueller
Thu	Jun 11	8:30 am	†Sharon Heppelman
Fri	Jun 12	8:30 am	†Becky Snow
Sat	Jun 13	8:00 pm	For the Parish
Sun	Jun 14	8:30 am	†Sonia Nassaralla
Sun	Jun 14	10:30am	†Katie Kingsley

## Dedication Candles

June 6th - 13th

1. †Becky Snow



## Baptism

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

**Cecilia Marie**  
Baptized on May 24th



**Child of Matthew and Kirsten Mulvihill**

# Faith Formation



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

St. Anthony of Padua: June 13th is the feast day for St. Anthony of Padua. He lived 1195-1231 and is the patron saint of lost items and those who have lost their way. Anthony was a teacher to Francis of Assisi's students. He had a book of psalms that contained notes and comments to help when teaching and he greatly valued it. A novice decided to leave the hermitage, he stole Anthony's valuable book. When

Anthony discovered it was missing, he prayed it would be found or returned to him. The thief did return the book and, in an extra step, returned to the Order as well. The lost item was found and the novice found his way back to serving God.

## St. Anthony of Padua Novena

O holy St. Anthony, you are known for the power and abundance of your miracles. Jesus came into your arms as a humble little child. Pray for me to the Child Jesus for my needs and desires... (Mention your intentions here). In imitation of our Lord, you have great mercy and compassion for sinners. Pay no attention to my unworthiness, but instead ask God to show His glory through the answer of my requests. St. Anthony, you cooperated with the grace of God in a radical way with your life. You gave everything to Christ and to your neighbor. Your life glorified God! You are an example of holiness that I will try to follow. You are in heaven praising God with a particular closeness to the King of Kings. With your seat of honor, please beg God to both answer my request and bring me to eternal rest with you. Pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and Glory Be to the Father, in honor of Saint Anthony. Saint Anthony, pray for us! Amen.



St. Anthony of Padua



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.