

CHURCH OF THE  
**RESURRECTION**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"O woman, great is your faith. Let it be done for you as you wish."*

*Matthew 15:21-28*

August 16th, 2020  
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Daily Mass: 8:30 am Monday - Friday

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 8:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am  
10:30 am

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

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



## Weekly Words from The Rock

Questions and Answers from My Catholic Life!"

Q. If someone who believes in God but is not baptized and passes away, do they go to hell?

A. This question can only be understood if we understand the perfect love and wisdom of God in all things. God is not legalistic. He does not look at a child who dies and say, "well, sorry but I only take baptized children into Heaven." This would be contrary to the infinite mercy and wisdom of God. At the same time, the Church teaches that Baptism is the only way we know of that leads to salvation. Therefore, it is necessary. So how do we reconcile these views that appear to be opposed? That is, how do we reconcile a loving God with the idea that Baptism is necessary for salvation?

This is done quite easily. We believe that Baptism is the only way we know of (the only way God revealed to us) to receive the grace of salvation. But God, in His infinite love and wisdom is not limited by the limited revelation He shared with us. God can do whatever He wants to do. Therefore, if a child dies before Baptism, the parents should rest assured that God loves that child far more than they do. And this perfectly loving God will act in a way that is perfectly loving toward that child. One speculation is that God offers that child the same choice He offered the angels. They had a onetime opportunity to choose. So it is entirely possible that when this child dies and faces God, this child will be invited to choose to love God freely and, thus, spend eternity with God. But we must always remember that Heaven does require a free choice. Therefore, not even a child would be forced to be there against his or her will.

Another interesting scenario is the adult who is not baptized. What happens when that adult dies? Again, we must look at this from the point of view of a God who is infinitely wise and infinitely loving.

In this case there are a few possibilities. The first

possibility is what is referred to as the "baptism by blood." This would be the person who desires Baptism but, before actually receiving this sacrament, is martyred for their faith. We don't see this that often today but it was a real situation in the early Church. We believe that this desire to be baptized, as well as the act of martyrdom, provides the grace of Baptism and thus the person is fully graced by God.

Similarly, we speak of the "baptism by desire." This would include those who believe and desire Baptism but die before they are actually baptized. Again, the desire alone suffices for God to pour forth His grace. This would also apply to children who die before they are baptized when the parents desired Baptism. The desire on the part of the parents suffices for the grace to be poured forth.

Lastly, we need to look at the situation of those who did not choose to be baptized and, therefore, die without this sacrament. These cases will fall in one of two categories. First, there are those who through no fault of their own do not come to an explicit faith in Christ and, as a result, do not seek Baptism. In this case God will judge only the heart. There are many reasons why a person may not come to faith in Christ explicitly through no fault of their own. Say, for example, that a person lives in some culture where the Gospel has never been preached and they actually never heard of Jesus. Does God consider them to be guilty of eternal damnation because they never had the opportunity to hear about Jesus? Certainly not.

Another example would be the person who heard about Jesus but received only a message of hypocrisy. Let's say that the way the message was continually preached was skewed and malicious. Perhaps the preacher was living a double life and the person hearing about Jesus rejected the explicit Gospel message because the only messenger of that Gospel was presenting it in a very disordered way. In that case, the rejection of the message may actually be nothing more than a rejection of the hypocrisy of the messenger. And that may be a good thing!

The bottom line is that God knows the heart and God sees the intention in that heart. So if someone fails to come to an explicit faith in Christ and, therefore, fails to receive the Sacrament of Baptism in an explicit way, God will still look only at the heart.

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(Continued from Fr. Schuster's page) And when He does look into that heart, if He sees goodness and faith, He will pour His grace anyway. So, this is the case where a person who is not baptized may actually be following the voice of God in their conscience without even realizing whose voice that is. In reality, this person has faith and God will see that!

The only case that may end with eternal damnation is the person who fails to receive Baptism through their own fault. They are given every opportunity to hear the Gospel, they have the good Christian witness of others, and they interiorly reject this of their own free will. Free will is the key here. And, again, only God knows the heart and only God can be the judge of one's heart. So if God sees in the heart an obstinacy that is freely chosen, then this person is guilty and may lose that offer of eternal salvation.

God's blessings! Father Peter Schuster

## Parish News

**Food For Friends - Project Backpack/School Supplies** for students in need at Ben Franklin Elementary; take a backpack from the vestibule, pick a grade level from the supply list that is included in the backpack, fill with school supplies, write the grade level on the tag provided; return filled backpack to Church by weekend of August 22nd/23rd (a table in the Gathering Space near the office). Students who participate in the Food for Friends program are recipients of these filled backpacks. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

### Liturgical Ministries for Aug 22nd/23rd

	8:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am
Lectors	T. Shoenfelder	Patricia Rossman	Thomas Kelly
Greeters	Not Filled	Nancy Brehmer, Dianne Plager	Not Filled
Ushers	Fred and Josh Noser	H.Alexander, Ken Mueller	Brett Maronde Not Filled
Sacristans	Not Filled	Not Filled	Bob Voss



## Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel 24 hours/7 days a week

"My sweetest joy is to be in the presence of Jesus in the Holy Sacrament. I beg that when obliged to withdraw in body, I may leave my heart before the Holy Sacrament. How I would miss Our Lord if He were to be away from me by His presence in the Blessed Sacrament!"

**Open Hours available**

St. Katharine Drexel

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	2 am		1 am		1 am	7 pm
			2 am		2 am	
			3 am		3 am	
			5 am		4 am	
			9 am		5 am	
					9 am	
					12 pm	


You can help by choosing an open hour from the graph to the left. You commit to one hour a week of adoring Jesus in the Chapel at Resurrection. Seating will be limited and masks required to wear to and from your seat.

To sign up or for more information, call the church office at 507-288-5528.

## MASS RESERVATIONS AT RESURRECTION STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

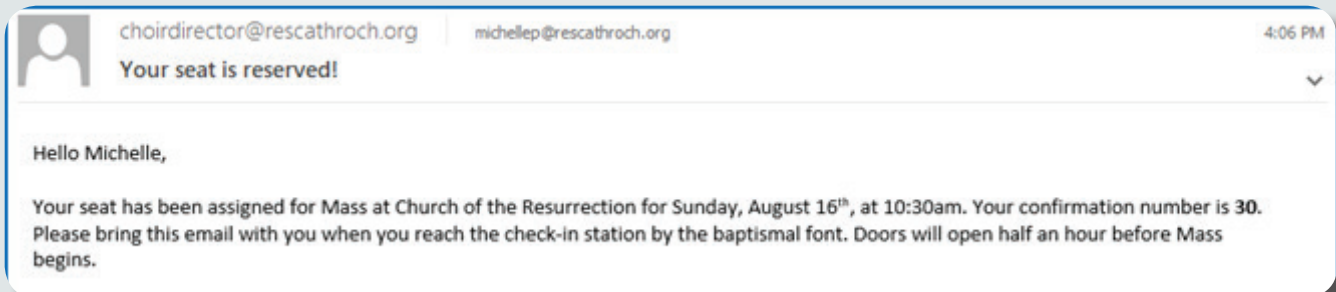
Beginning in September, we will be moving to reserved seating. Every Thursday, we'll update the homepage of our website with a link that will let current members request seats for weekend Masses. Reserved seating will be done completely online. The software we are using is Flocknote, our church database system. When prompted, please provide your email address. Once you do, click the Mass you want to attend and the number of people living under the same roof that will attend Mass with you, including yourself. (Figure A)

You will receive a confirmation email from Flocknote that we received your information. This does **NOT** yet mean that you have a seat reserved! Every Tuesday at 10:00am, sign-ups will close, at which time we will assign seats to as many people as possible. By Thursday, you will receive a follow-up email from [choirdirector@rescathroch.org](mailto:choirdirector@rescathroch.org) with a confirmation number. The email will look like this:



The screenshot shows a web browser window with two tabs: "Church of the Resurrection // Flo..." and "Flocknote". The main content area displays the "August 15/16 Mass" reservation page. It lists three Mass options: "Saturday 8pm" (499 spots available, 500 total, with a "Cancel" button), "Sunday 8am" (20 spots available, 20 total, with a "Sign Up" button), and "Sunday 10:30am" (20 spots available, 20 total, with a "Sign Up" button). On the right side, there is a section titled "How many people are coming?" with a dropdown menu set to "2". Below this, it asks "Please list the names of those coming with you" and shows two input fields containing "Michelle" and "Marie". A green "Submit" button is at the bottom right. A footer note says "Click the Submit button to save your changes."

Figure A



If we were unable to seat you that Mass, you will also receive an email letting you know. You will have priority the following weekend if you sign-up.

Doors will be unlocked half-an-hour before Masses begin. When you arrive, head to the check-in station by the baptismal font. Please bring the confirmation email from [choirdirector@rescathroch.org](mailto:choirdirector@rescathroch.org) with you.

### COULDN'T GET A SEAT? DO NOT FEAR—LIVE STREAMING IS HERE!

If you were unable to get a seat at Mass, we still welcome you to join us! Simply sit in your car in the parking lot and pull up our website on your phone. We will live stream the Mass on our homepage, and you will be able to celebrate with us in real time. During Communion, we will invite you to enter the east doors by the adoration chapel, receive communion in the gathering space, and head back to your car using the south main doors.

We will continue to post this information outside the main doors, on our website, in the bulletins, on Facebook, and in the announcements.

# Weekly Calendar with Readings

The dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation remains in effect until further notice.

<b>Monday</b> <b>17</b> <b>August</b>	Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Daily Mass 8:30 am</li><li>• Office Walk in hours: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>18</b> <b>August</b>	Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/Mt 19:23-3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Daily Mass 8:30 am</li><li>• Office Walk in hours: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>19</b> <b>August</b>	Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Daily Mass 8:30 am</li><li>• Office Walk in hours: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm</li><li>• Eucharistic Minister training 5:30 pm</li></ul>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>20</b> <b>August</b>	Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Daily Mass 8:30 am</li><li>• Office Walk in hours: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm</li></ul>
<b>Friday</b> <b>21</b> <b>August</b>	Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Mt 22:34-4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Daily Mass 8:30 am</li><li>• Office Walk in hours: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm</li></ul>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>22</b> <b>August</b>	Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 23:1-12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm</li><li>• Mass 8:00 pm</li></ul>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>23</b> <b>August</b>	Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mass 8:00 am</li><li>• Church locked after Mass until 10:00 to clean and disinfect</li><li>• Mass 10:30 am</li><li>• Church locked after Mass until 12:30 pm to clean and disinfect</li></ul>



## Michelle's

Music & Choral Director &  
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During this time of quarantine, I invite you to join me in a series of weekly challenges that will allow us to explore our call to discipleship.

Have you walked around town and seen cut-out hearts displayed in windows? Hearts in the Window has spread all over the nation to support our medical workers and spread joy to us as we cope with all these drastic changes. Every time I walk past a house with these simple little hearts, I feel a rush of love, and my day instantly improves.

In 2015, Megan Murphy, filled with questions, started picking up heart-shaped rocks as reminders that she had the strength within her to find answers. After observing all the other people around her with the same struggles written on their faces, she started writing messages of hope on the rocks she picked up with a sharpie and left them for others to see and take. The first night she did this, a friend called her with a story about discovering a rock with a message that transformed her day into one of joy. In that moment, the Kindness Rocks Project began, and today you can find these rocks all over the world.

This week's challenge is all about spreading messages of hope to our city. Paint a rock and leave it for someone to take, cut out hearts and place them in your window, or make something else to leave out for others to see, (As for me, I think I'll leave something to discover around the church.) Whatever you choose, let's spread the light of Christ with messages of encouragement, kindness, love, and joy!

God Bless,  
Michelle Perrier

Song of the Week: I Am the Bread of Life by Steve Angrisano and Tom Booth  
Check it out on YouTube!

## Mass Intentions

Mon	Aug 17	8:30 am	Reparation of Sins
Tues	Aug 18	8:30 am	†Doris Curley
Wed	Aug 19	8:30 am	†Rose Telerico
Thu	Aug 20	8:30 am	For children to return to faith
Fri	Aug 21	8:30 am	†James Miksanek
Sat	Aug 22	8:00 pm	†Joseph Degnan
Sun	Aug 23	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	Aug 23	10:30 am	†Rose Telerico

## Community News

**Sunday, August 23rd, and each Sunday leading up to the elections,** please join us in public prayer near the Rochester Government Center, corner of 4th St SE and 3rd Ave SE at 3pm to pray for our country's elections, conversion and peace. If you can't be present, please join us in prayer from wherever you are.

### Diocese of Winona-Rochester Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255.

A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at [www.dowr.org](http://www.dowr.org) under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Mary Hamann, at 507-858-1244, or [mhamann@dowr.org](mailto:mhamann@dowr.org).

# Faith Formation



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

**First Reconciliation/First Communion Parent-Only Meeting:** We will have a short parent-only meeting on Monday, August 31st at 6:30pm in Fr. Zenk Hall. Only one parent needs to attend to pick up their family folder, which contains all the information needed about preparing their child to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. If you are not able to make it to this meeting, call the church office (288-5528, ext. 108) or email me to arrange for an individual time to pick up your child's folder.

**Registration for Grade 1-5 Classes:** Families are able to register children for faith formation on our website. Go to Faith Formation, Youth Grades 1-5, Classes, and you'll find the online registration and the calendar. If you would rather fill out the paper registration, please print it and mail it to the office.

**Questions about Faith Formation:** After you have registered for classes, I will e-mail your family the guidelines we will be using for Faith Formation classes on Monday evenings. In general, we will all wear masks in the building, use hand sanitizer upon entering the classrooms, keep 6 foot distancing throughout the class time, and offer instructions for parents dropping off and picking up their children for classes. We will have the surfaces where the children are sitting cleaned before, between and after the 4:30-5:30 and 6:00-7:00pm class times. Parents will be told when we have a need for volunteers to help with the cleaning process. At this time, we are following the suggestions from the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, the State of Minnesota, and Rochester Public/Catholic Schools. If we come to a time when elementary children are not able to attend schools, our faith formation plan is to create materials to go home with families on a monthly basis. We are ready to adapt our plans to support all our Resurrection families teach their children in whatever way that helps them. All things are possible with Christ, and passing on our faith to our children will be made possible, too.

**Catechist Meeting for Grades 1-5:** We will meet in Room C on Monday, August 24th at 6:00pm.



News from Sheila, Birth-KG, Grs 6-12, Children & Youth Ministry, [dresscm@rescathroch.org](mailto:dresscm@rescathroch.org)  
Time to register for Faith Formation Classes! For students attending public and home school Grades 6-10. Register ONLINE for classes at the following link.

<https://www.rescathroch.org/WP/faith-formation-registration/>

**Confirmation Students:** Confirmation is a 2 year program usually beginning in grade 9 and completed in grade 10. If you are in grade 10 and up and are registering for confirmation for the first time you will be entering into the YEAR ONE program.

Choosing to be confirmed is not a light decision. This year we have implemented an application process. Don't worry, no one is rejected and there are no right or wrong answers. The purpose of the application is to help teens and their parent/guardian to discern if Confirmation is something they truly want and are ready for. It also assists the Confirmation Core Team with getting to know the teens and their families.

**Public and Home School:** Register for faith formation classes as required. Once registered I will email you the **Confirmation Application**. There is a one time \$50 registration fee for Confirmation Preparation paid the first year. **This year, Year Two families** will need to *complete the Confirmation Application as well*.

**Catholic School:** Email me a request for the **Confirmation Application**. There is a one time \$50 registration fee for Confirmation Preparation paid the first year. **This year, Year Two families** will need to complete the Confirmation Application as well.