



CHURCH OF THE  
**RESURRECTION**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Where two or more are gathered  
together in my name, there am I in the  
midst of them." Matthew 18:15-20*

September 6th, 2020  
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:  
Saturdays: 9:15 am - 10:15 am  
Daily Mass: 8:30 am Monday - Friday

Weekend Mass Schedule  
(registration required)  
Saturday 8:00 pm    Sunday: 8:00 am  
   Sunday 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

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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. Is it a sin if we miss Sunday Mass if we have a valid reason like dangerous weather conditions or sick child at home?

A. This is a good and practical question that I'm sure many people deal with from time to time. So thanks for asking! I think the answer is very simple. And I think the best way to answer it is to first highlight the reason we are "obliged" to attend Sunday Mass and certain holy days.

First of all, in our day and age, in the culture we live in, there is a tendency to dislike authority and being told what to do. We value our freedom. But sometimes we value it to the point of forgetting the role of legitimate authority in our lives. Parents know that kids, especially teenagers, dislike being told what to do and what the rules are. But this is an act of love and necessary. Similarly, God gave the Church, in the person of the pope in particular, the authority to oblige us to certain days of worship. But we should never forget this is a grace and a good thing! It's a way of knowing, with certainty, what God wants regarding our worship of Him at the Mass. So in exercising this authority the Church has bound us to worship at Mass on Sundays and certain holy days. Again, this is a good thing and frees us from the burden of trying to figure it out all by ourselves.

With that said, and with a proper understanding of the obligation to attend Mass those days then, yes, it's a sin to intentionally miss Mass through our own fault. It's an act of disobedience and also a disregard for the sacredness of the holy Mass. I realize this is hard to swallow for some and our defenses want to immediately go up sometimes when we are told what

to do. But I'd want to lovingly challenge anyone feeling that way to realize this "obligation" really is an act of love from God and His Church.

Now to the heart of your question. What if it's bad weather or you have a sick child or something similar? I don't think there is any black and white answer to this other than to say God is a very reasonable God and would never impose upon us a burden that is unreasonable and too burdensome. So, to be direct, I do think there could be very legitimate reasons someone would miss Mass and it would be the right decision. The obvious example may be the elderly person who cannot drive very well in the midst of a snow storm. Is God going to be angry if this person is too afraid to brave the roads for fear of getting stuck or in an accident? I think not. Again, God is not unreasonable. And the sick child could be another legitimate example.

But be cautioned! Sometimes our tendency is to take advantage of the generosity of God. A good rule of thumb for missing Mass for a reasonable cause would be that you would not go out for any reason whatsoever! So, for example, if you decide to miss Mass because of snow but then go to the movies, or the store or McDonald's then we are the ones being unreasonable and are not being honest with the situation. Some also miss for reasons of inconvenience such as being on vacation. But, again, this is not a reasonable excuse barring impossibility.

The last point I'll make, which could so easily be missed, is that we should never forget that going to Mass is an incredible privilege! The obligation mentality is the minimalist approach. The truth is that we should work toward fostering a deep desire to attend Mass because we have discovered the great spiritual benefits of celebrating it and receiving our Lord in Holy Communion! If we can achieve this mind frame I think we will always know what to do.

Humor: A McDonald's sign would say "over 99 billion served."

But the Lord...

God's blessings!  
Fr. Peter Schuster



# Parish News

Every Thursday, we'll update the homepage of our website with a link that will let current registered members request seats for weekend Masses. Reserved seating will be done completely online. 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. 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. **Homebound Parishioners:** You too can watch livestream Mass at home by going to our webpage; if you can't watch during Mass times, a video will be available later in the afternoon on the website. Our website is rescathroch.org.



**Women who love to read and enjoy fellowship are invited to join our Well-Read Mom Group.** Well-Read Mom is a way for women (members do not have to be mothers) to reclaim

time to read high-quality literature together and grow in friendship in the process. This group reads, meets, and discusses one book per month. The books include great books, spiritual classics (during Advent and Lent), worthy reads, poetry and selected essays from the Catholic and Western traditions. The 2020-2021 year's theme is the "Year of the Sister," including some excellent authors such as Jane Austen, Sophocles, St. Teresa of Ávila, Harper Lee, Rumer Golden, among others. This group will be led by Doreen Johnson starting Wednesday, September 9th, and every second Wednesday through June from 7-8:00 or 8:30 p.m. @ Zoom. The cost is \$43.95 per year per member (includes members' materials). For questions, contact Doreen at 507-250-7137 (please leave a voicemail) or email her at Djonediva@msn.com. To register today, view this year's booklist and find out more, visit [www.wellreadmom.com](http://www.wellreadmom.com).

**Church Part Time Custodian -** We are in need of a Custodian to take care of the church and carry out cleaning and maintenance duties in the Sanctuary, the Narthex, all office spaces and restrooms.

Position requires between 3-5 hours daily during weekday evening hours while the office is closed and the day's activities are completed. Additional hours may be required on weekends to clean up after funerals, weddings and Masses.

Working conditions include frequent lifting, lift and carry objects weighing 15-30 pounds; ability to do lifting, bending, stopping, reaching and climbing ladders within safety standards for job related tasks. Applications and more information regarding this positions are available on our website [rescathroch.org](http://rescathroch.org). or stop in the office.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** The time will change Sept 5th and beyond from 6:30 pm to 9:15 am to 10:15 am. Church doors are locked from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm. on Saturdays.

We are in need of volunteers to clean the church following all weekend Masses, funeral & wedding Masses. Call the office if interested. Thank you.

Judith Pelowski will be retiring the end of September after 31 years as our evening Custodian. She has served in many other roles within the parish and has been an integral part of our parish and will continue to do so in her volunteer position as a Sacristan. If you want to send her a card, please address it to her and drop it off in the office or the drop box on the wall by the office door.



**St. Vincent de Paul Society's Annual Friends of the Poor Walk** will be held on Saturday Sept 26, BUT will be VIRTUAL only (meaning you may do the walk yourself to fit your

schedule). The annual walk's goal is to raise money for those in need in our local community. With the pandemic, the need is great especially when the moratorium for evictions ends in August. Please visit the website from the link below:

<https://www.svdpc-rochmn.org/fop-walk-2020> to register as a "virtual" walker or to find a team or individual to pledge towards. Thank you for your continued support of Resurrection's Society of St. Vincent de Paul. If you are interested in joining our conference, we meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm. At this time, we do meet, either at Resurrection or through conference video. Please call the office 507 288 5528 for more information.

## Liturgical Ministries for September 12th/13th

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

*Ministry Schedule as of August 17th, 2020*

### Lectors

8:00 pm Liz Hanson  
8:00 am Denise Koster  
10:30 am Regina Boehmke

### Greeters

8:00 pm Tara Engel, NOT FILLED  
8:00 am NOT FILLED (2x)  
10:30 am NOT FILLED (2x)

### Sacristans

8:00 pm Judith Pelowski  
8:00 am NOT FILLED  
10:30 am Brett Maronde

### Ushers

8:00 pm Fred Noser, Josh Noser  
8:00 am Michael Lose, Kenneth Mueller  
10:30 am Gordon Robertson, Scott Walston

### Eucharistic Ministers

8:00 pm Jerry Krantz - LG, Jackie O'Connell if no Deacon (1); NOT FILLED (2)  
8:00 am Dianne Plager - LG, Anthony Vareberg if No Deacon (1), Barb Vareberg (2)  
10:30 am Daniel J McCormick - LG, NOT FILLED if no Deacon (1), Brett Maronde (2)

## Wedding

May the Peace of Christ  
Live in their hearts and home

*Kathleen Frischmann and Christopher Peterson  
August 15th, 2020*

## Rest In Peace

*Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him*

*Joseph F. Scheffler  
Survived by his wife, Evelyn  
(72 years of marriage),*

*Daughter Gloria & Larry Flicek and Family*



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

"Prayer is to stand before God to be with Him, to devote himself to Him alone. This is the most pure prayer, the one that makes room for the Lord and his praise, and nothing else: *adoration*. Once discovered, adoration becomes indispensable because it is pure intimacy with the Lord, which gives peace and joy, and melts the sorrows of life." Pope Francis 10/14/17 1

### Open Hours available

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	2 am	6 am	1 am		1 am	11 pm
			2 am		2 am	
					3 am	
					4 am	
					9 am	
					7 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 sign up or for more information, call the church office at 507-288-5528.

# 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>7</b> <b>September</b>	1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Daily Mass 8:30 am</li><li>• Labor Day - Office Closed</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>8</b> <b>September</b>	Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 Mass Registration <b>ends</b> for Sept 12th/13th weekend 10:00 am. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Daily Mass 8:30 am; Office Walk in hours: 9:15 am - 3:30 pm</li><li>• St. Vincent de Paul Society 7:00 pm</li><li>• Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 pm;</li><li>• Leadership Council Meetings 7:00 pm</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>9</b> <b>September</b>	1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Daily Mass 8:30 am</li><li>• Office Walk in hours: 9:15 am - 3:30 pm</li></ul>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>10</b> <b>September</b>	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38 Mass Registration <b>opens</b> for Sept 19/20th. Go to our website <a href="http://rescathroch.org">rescathroch.org</a> to sign up. Register church members only. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Daily Mass 8:30 am Office Walk in hours: 9:15 am - 3:30 pm</li><li>• Marketing &amp; Communication Meeting 5:30 pm</li><li>• Choir Practice 6:30 pm</li></ul>
<b>Friday</b> <b>11</b> <b>September</b>	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4. 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42 <b>Check your email for</b> Mass reservations for Sept 12th/13th. If you have a reservation number, either print or bring your device that shows the confirmation number. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Daily Mass 8:30 am</li><li>• Office Walk in hours: 9:15 am - 3:30 pm</li></ul>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>12</b> <b>September</b>	1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>9:15 am - 10:15 am</b></li><li>• Mass 8:00 pm</li></ul>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>13</b> <b>September</b>	Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35 <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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Back in 2006, the book titled *The Ultimate Gift* was turned into a movie. As my mother and sisters desperately wanted to watch it, I assumed it to be a "girlie" movie and watched *Raiders of the Lost Ark* with my brother instead. Later on in college, when I was troubled and grieving, I saw the title online and watched it. Now, it's the movie I yearn to watch every year.

*The Ultimate Gift* is about a wealthy and lost young man who goes through a series of challenges to discover the many gifts he had received in his life. Of course, he learned about gifts like love, compassion, and thanksgiving, but there were other gifts highlighted in the story that can be easily overlooked. He discovered the gift of work, the gift of books, the gift of friends, the gift of dreams, and the gift of a day. He even learned about the gift of money. Yes! Even money is a gift, he learned, for he could use it to help those who were struggling financially and to contribute to the incredible organizations that help millions of lives.

This week, my challenge for us is to thank God for ten gifts that we have not thought to thank him for before. I recommend you ponder this challenge as you interact with people or when you're outside exploring nature. You can also check out articles by the author, Jim Stovall, on [theultimategift.com](http://theultimategift.com) or watch the movie for inspiration. Through this experience, may we come to know more of the gifts that we are given every day and pass them on with gratitude.

God Bless,  
Michelle Perrier

Song of the Week: *Wonderfully Made* by Paulo K. Triól  
Check it out on YouTube!

## Mass Intentions

Mon	Sep 7	8:30 am	†Richard Moen
Tues	Sep 8	8:30 am	†Doris Curley
Wed	Sep 9	8:30 am	†Barbara Baker
Thu	Sep 10	8:30 am	†Jerry Goodman
Fri	Sep 11	8:30 am	†Rae Ann Vigen
Sat	Sep 12	8:00 pm	†Donald Smick
Sun	Sep 13	8:00 am	†Florence Mueller
Sun	Sep 13	10:30 am	For the Parish

## St. Francis School News

There will be No School Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day.

The weekly all school Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, September 8th at 9:15.

Grades 7/8 Parent Information Night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8th. Please watch for information on this virtual event coming from your child's teachers.

Wednesday, September 8th is Picture Day. Students may come dressed up for pictures that day. Please note: no composite pictures are being provided this year as per Lifetouch.

Grades K-5 Parent Information Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 10th. Please watch for information on this virtual event coming from your child's teachers.

Friday, September 11th is a Non-uniform day. We will celebrate August and September birthdays with a special dessert at lunch.

Are you, or someone you know, pregnant and in need of support? **Catholic Charities** offers free, confidential support to those who are pregnant or have a new baby. In addition to resources like free baby items and rental assistance, our social workers offer parenting education, decision-making counseling, and adoption planning and information. We are available to answer calls 24/7 at 800-222-5859. We can help you thoughtfully decide between parenting or adoption and confidently pursue the best plan for yourself and your baby.

# Faith Formation



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

**A Prayer for Labor Day:** Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve you as you deserve, To give and not to count the cost, To fight and not to heed the wounds, To toil and not to seek rest, To labor and not to seek reward, Except that of knowing that I do your will. Amen.

**Two Days to honor Mary this week:** On September 8th, we celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and on September 12th, we recognize The Most Holy Name of Mary, Blessed Virgin Mary. How do you celebrate birthdays in your family? For Mary's birthday, it might include a feast, a cake with candles, and a special prayer called the Rosary.

**What kids are saying about Faith Formation:** "I learned more about sacraments, the popes, the saints, and the Church. I liked the prayer table, the learning centers and the Church tour and getting to draw our prayers." 3rd grader in Faith Formation classes on Mondays.

**FF Registration:** Faith Formation classes start on Monday, September 14th at 4:30-5:30pm and 6:00-7:00pm. Families are able to register children for faith formation on our website or pick up a registration form in the Gathering Space. On the first day of class, we will all gather in the Main Church. After introductions, the catechists will walk the children to their classrooms while the parents stay in the church for a meeting with the director. Please wear your masks to the first day of faith formation classes.

**First Reconciliation:** We are starting to prepare children in grade 2 or older to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation & First Communion. If you missed the parent meeting last Monday, please email or call me to set up a time to come in and get your child registered. If you have any questions or concerns about the sacraments, call or e-mail me.



News from Sheila, Birth-KG, Grs 6-12, Children & Youth Ministry, [dresscm@rescathroch.org](mailto:dresscm@rescathroch.org)

**Classes begin Wednesday, September 23, 2020 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

**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.