

"Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

Matthew 21:33-43

October 4th, 2020 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

An Ever-growing Eucharistic Community Boldly Serving Others Through Gods Love

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 9:15 am - 10:15 am

Daily Mass: 8:30 am Monday - Friday

Weekend Mass Schuedule

(registration required)

Saturday 8:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am

Sunday 10:30 am

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Weekly Words from The Rock

Questions and Answers from My Catholic Life! I am sharing with you some of their questions and answers.

Q. What is a Permanent Deacon?

Simply put, a permanent deacon is a deacon who is not transitioning into the priesthood, hence the term transitional deacon. Just as all bishops are first ordained priests, so too are all priests first ordained deacons. Yet not all priests are consecrated bishops, and not all deacons are ordained priests. This answer is inadequate in explaining the vocation of the deacon in the Church. A deacon is cleric, a man who is chosen by God and ordained by the Church in the order of service. Hence, a deacon participates in the Sacrament of Holy Orders. In the last fifty years, much has been written about the permanent deacon and not all of it is correct or helpful. In order to put the diaconate (the order of deacon) in perspective, it would be best to look at three deacon saints through the ages of the Church: St. Stephen (the Apostolic age), St. Laurence (the first millennium), and St. Francis of Assisi (the second millennium/medieval age).

St. Stephen is one of the first deacons chosen by the Apostles, and his life is truly biblical. Stephen is found in the Acts of the Apostles, Chapters Six and Seven. While only two short chapters, they reveal to us not only what type of man is Stephen but what the Church expects of Her deacons. St. Peter and the other Apostles gathered and declared that the Church of God should find seven men who are "well-spoken of, full of the Holy Spirit and Wisdom" to be in charge of the daily relief of the widows and the sick.

The word "deacon" is Greek, meaning "minister," and we see from Chapter Six that the Apostles wanted Stephen and the other men chosen to share in the ministry of the Apostles, while the Apostles focused on prayer and preaching the Word of God. St. Stephen was the first to give his life in witness to Christ.

The Roman Catechism (1) states that a deacon is "the eye of the bishop." "His duty is to be always at the side of the bishop, guard him while he preaches, serve him and the priest during the celebration of divine mysteries, as well as during the administration of the Sacraments, and to read the Gospel in the Sacrifice of the Mass," and, in churches that allow communion under both species, to distribute the precious blood. In addition, the Catechism states that a deacon warns "the faithful to be attentive to the holy mysteries... and to him was entrusted the distribution of the Church goods, as well as the duty of providing for all that was necessary to each one's sustenance." As one reads the Roman Catechism and sees what is the vocation of a deacon, there can be no doubt that the man who sets the example for what a deacon should be is St. Laurence, who was one of seven deacons to Pope St. Sixtus II. On August 6, 257, Pope Sixtus was martyred with four of his deacons. Laurence was not one of them. Laurence wept over the pending loss of his Holy Father, Sixtus. Laurence asked Sixtus where he was going without his deacon? Sixtus responded saying, "I am not leaving you my son. You shall follow me in three days." Laurence, filled with the Holy Spirit, was determined to give all he could to the poor before he too gave his life for Christ. When the Prefect of Rome heard what Laurence was doing, he was determined to get the riches he thought the Church had and brought Laurence in for questioning. The prefect ordered Laurence to hand over all the riches of the Church and released him to collect those riches. Laurence immediately gathered all the poor in the city under the care of the Church and presented them to the Prefect, saying "These are the treasures of the Church." The Prefect, outraged, ordered that Laurence be burned alive on a grill. Laurence was so filled with love for Christ that he did not notice the pain of the flames and reportedly said at one point, "I'm done on this side, turn me over." His last words were a prayer for the conversion of Rome. So moved were some Roman senators that they converted on the spot and carried Laurence's body to his tomb. In less than sixty years, all Rome and the Empire were converted to Christianity. The intercession of the Deacon Laurence is so much attributed to that conversion that to this day we commemorate August 10 as a feast day, which is the second highest commemoration after a solemnity. (continued on next page)

Parish News



Baby Bottle Campaign Gives Alternatives to Abortion. Help Catholic Charities Pregnancy, Parenting, and Adoption Program provide assistance to pregnant women and women with babies through the Mother and Child Assistance Fund by taking a baby bottle home, and filling it with your spare change during the month of October. Baby bottles can be picked up and dropped off in the Gathering Space during the month of October. Donations go directly to assisting women across Southern Minnesota who are

choosing life for their babies. Catholic Charities assists more than 150 women with financial assistance each year.

Unable to pick up a bottle? Please mail your donation directly to Catholic Charities Baby Bottle Campaign, PO Box 379, Winona, MN 55987 or give online at www.ccsomn.org/donate and designate your donation to the Baby Bottle Campaign in the notes section. Let us come together as the body of Christ to support life! "And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it." 1 Cor. 12:26



On August 23rd 2020, 11 men were ordained as Deacons for the Diocese of Winona. We are grateful that Deacon Rob Miller is serving our Parish.

Back Row left to right - Deacon Kevin Aaker, Deacon Steven Landsteiner, Deacon John LaValla, Deacon Robert Miller, Deacon Terrence Smith, Deacon William Keiper

Front Row left to right - Deacon Scott Schwalbe, Deacon Frank Cesario, Deacon Scot Berkley, Bishop Quinn, Deacon Michael Zaccariello, Deacon Randy Horlocker

(Continued from Fr. Schuster's bulletin article) Sadly, Stephen and Laurence are not widely known in the 21st century, but St. Francis of Assisi, after almost 800 years since his death, still captivates minds and hearts. It would be impossible to go into great detail about Francis in this small essay, but what many do not know is that he was a deacon. They are also unaware that while Francis lived a life of utmost poverty, he also vigorously pushed that only the best vessels, vestments, and linens be used at Mass for His Lord hidden in the Host. Francis was ordained a deacon not because he wanted to preach at Mass, as some biographers claim. In fact, only bishops and priests were allowed to preach at Mass at this time. It should also be noted that for a deacon to preach today at Mass is an exception and not the norm. The norm is still that bishops and priests preach at Mass. Francis felt called to the order of deacon because it is first and foremost an order of service, meaning that deacons are ordained to serve. He firmly believed that the faithful needed to be warned about being attentive to the holy mysteries of the Mass. Francis truly embodied what we see in St. Stephen and St. Laurence. And while Francis did not suffer physical martyrdom, he did suffer spiritual martyrdom manifested physically in the stigmata.

What does one see in these small glimpses of the lives of Sts. Stephen, Laurence, and Francis? Men who are full of wisdom who gave their lives totally in service for Christ and His Church. The Second Vatican Council called for their institution of the diaconate as a permanent vocation for men called to this sacred vocation. It also allowed for men who are already married to be ordained a deacon with the consent of their wives. Let the examples of the saints above show us what a deacon is called to be: the eye of the Bishop, who warns the faithful to be attentive to the holy mysteries and looks after the distribution of the goods of the Church, men who are filled with wisdom and willing to give their lives for Christ.

(1) The Roman Catechism: The Catechism of the Council of Trent (Rockford, Tan Books and Publishers, 1982) 328–329.

God's blessings! Father Peter Schuster

Liturgical Ministries for October 10th/11th

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

Ministry Schedule as of September 19th, 2020

Lectors

8:00 pm Liz Hanson 8:00 am Patricia Rossman 10:30 am Mary Chestolowski

Greeters

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

Sacristans

8:00 pm Judith Pelowski 8:00 am Tracy & Donna Smith 10:30 am Brett Maronde

Ushers

8:00 pm Fred Noser, Josh Noser 8:00 am Kenneth Mueller, NOT FILLED 10:30 am Bob Voss, Scott Walston

Eucharistic Ministers

8:00 pm Devon Wald LG, Judith Pelowski, (IF NO DEACON), (1), Theresa Root (2)

8:00 am Patty Haler LG, Carrie Carroll, (IF NO DEACON), (1), Charlotte Robinet (2)

10:30 am Anthony Vareberg - LG Jackie O'Connell, (IF NO DEACON), (1), Barbara Vareberg (2)

Every Sunday 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 receive communion in the gathering space.

Our website is rescathroch.org.

Dedication Candles

October 3rd- October 9th

1. †Catherine Torborg





Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel 24 hours/7 days a week

"Sitting before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, a new life begins. Another birth takes place; eternal life within us. We do not see Jesus with our eyes, but rather in the transformation of our lives, where Jesus loves to be and desires that we experience love." Mother Elvira Petrozzi

Open Hours

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	2 am	12 am	2 am			5 pm
		11 am				
		11 pm				
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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 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.

Monday 5 October

Mass Registration for Oct 10th/11th. rescathroch.org to sign up

Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37

- Daily Mass 8:30 am
- Faith Formation Gr1-5, 4:30pm/6:00pm

Tuesday 6

October

Mass Registration for Oct 10th/11th. rescathroch.org to sign up Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42

- Daily Mass 8:30 am;
- Office Walk in hours: 9:15 am 3:30 pm

Wednesday 7 October

Mass Registration for Oct 10th/11th. rescathroch.org to sign up

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

- Daily Mass 8:30 am
- Office Walk in hours: 9:15 am 3:30 pm
- Faith Formation Classes Gr 6-10 6:30 pm 8:00 pm

Thursday

October Control

Mass Registration closes at 10:00 am for Oct 10th/11th.

- Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [68]/Lk 11:5-1
 - Daily Mass 8:30 am Office Walk in hours: 9:15 am 3:30 pm
 Marketing & Communications 5:00 pm
 - RCIA 6:30 pm
 - Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Friday 9 October

Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Lk 11:15-26

- No Daily Mass 8:30 am
- Private Funeral 9:00 am
- Office Walk in hours: 9:15 am 3:30 pm
- Wedding Rehearsal 5:00 pm

10 October

Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 11:27-28

- Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:15 am 10:15 am
- Wedding 3:00 pm
- Mass 8:00 pm

Sunday 11

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Mass Registration for Oct 17th/18th. rescathroch.org to sign up. Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

- Mass 8:00 am
- Mass 10:30 am



Michelle's

Music & Choral Director & Coordinator of Liturgy choirdirector@rescathroch.org

Several people have noticed that I sing many Matt Maher songs at Mass. It's true—I do love to use his music. Not as much as my older sister, who probably knows every song he's ever composed, but I'd place him among my favorites, along with Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, Robert Feduccia, and Matt Redman. Interestingly enough, I enjoy these composers not for their music, but for the way they bring the meaning of words to life through song.

The purpose of singing comes down to the lyrics. See, there are times when words are so important and meaningful that the only way we can truly express them is with song. In turn, these songs help us to express our emotions and grow as Christians. One of my favorite examples is "In Christ Alone." Take the first line: "In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song." Isn't this, in a nutshell, our beautiful relationship with God? The more you delve into the song, the more intimate and personal the words get. Consequently, the music continues to grow and elevate with the lyrics until we finally profess, "Till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand."

This bulletin article, I offer no song of the week. Rather, my challenge is for you to offer one. Take some time and think of one song with lyrics that help you express your love to God. Then, I encourage you to pass that song to another person who you think could benefit from it. Finally, pass it on to me—I'd love to listen to it and potentially offer it up as the next song of the week!

God Bless, Michelle Perrier

(Contributions by Mia Cuccio, Intern of Music and Liturgy)

Mass Intentions

Mon	Oct 5	8:30 am	Dale & Ingrid Chambers
Tues	Oct 6	8:30 am	†Holy Souls
Wed	Oct 7	8:30 am	†Bob & Marlys Miller
Thu	Oct 8	8:30 am	†Fran Robb
Fri	Oct 9	8:30 am	†Roger Bibeault
Sat	Oct 10	8:00 pm	†Wilma Teuteberg
Sun	Oct 11	8:00 am	Reparation of Sins
Sun	Oct 11	10:30 am	For the Parish

St. Francis School News

The feast of Saint Francis of Assisi is October 4th. Please pray through the intercession of St. Francis for peace in our world.

October is Respect for Life month. Our Baby Bottle campaign begins on Monday, October 5th. Bottles are available for students to take, fill with monetary donations and return to the office by October 29th.

This week is Fire Prevention Week.

The monthly meeting of the home and School Association will be held on Monday, October 5th at 6:30 pm in the school library.

The weekly school Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 6th at 9:15 am.

Conferences will be held on Tuesday, October 6th and Thursday, October 8th. These conferences will be held in a virtual format. Scheduling information has been shared. Please contact the office if you have not yet scheduled a conference.

Community News

Real Presence Radio is holding their 15th annual Fall Live Drive fund-raiser October 6-9. Tune in to hear inspirational stories of faith and hope and find out which parish will win the Incredible Parishes Challenge. Donate and you'll be entered in a chance to win a beautiful handmade crucifix, gift cards, a rosary and a variety of books from Stephen Ray, Teresa Tomeo and Susan Tassone. Something new every day!! You can support the Real Presence Radio Live Drive in two ways. Call 877-795-0122 – 7AM – 7PM CST – October 6-9 or Donate on-line at www.realpresenceradio.com. Your gift helps to support one of the greatest resources we have to share the truth about the Catholic faith and deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ.

Faith Formation



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

Grades 1-5: We have faith formation classes on Monday, Oct. 5th at 4:30 and 6:00pm.

Teaching Kids to Respect Others: Every week, I'll be sharing a new chapter from the book by Kevin M. Dowd. The third chapter focuses on the care we have within our families. The family is where we learn respect, caring, love, service, and forgiveness. Take time to worship and pray together, to appreciate and nurture each individual in the your family. "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15.

Photos from Angels Among Us learning centers:





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

We launched Faith Formation and Confirmation with a Spark! Night on Wednesday, September 23rd. Guest speaker Jen Messing from Into the Deep shared an amazing talk about "Who Are We & Why Are We here" based on Theology of the Body. If you would like to watch/listen to the talk you can check out the link here:

https://vimeo.com/459885277/27f82cb286

FYI The title shows it's the Mass but it really is the talk!

Our next Spark! Night is Wednesday, October 21st with a Day of the Dead theme!



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