# CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

# "Be watchful! Be alert!" Mark 13:33-37

November 29, 2020 First Sunday of Advent

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

Saturdays 9:15am - 10:15 am pm Thursday, Dec 3rd 5:00-6:00 pm

Daily Mass 8:30 am - Mon-Fri

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: www.rescathroch.org

Perpetual Adoration 24 hrs - 7 days a week

Office Hours Mon-Fri 9:00 am - 5:00 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.

Question: Some of my friends were sitting around and we started talking about horoscopes and tarot cards and stuff. One friend likes to read horoscopes every day and another one likes to go to fortunetellers. What does the church think about this stuff?

Answer: Believe it or not, that stuff is real! But let me explain what I mean by "real."

First, with horoscopes. Does a certain birth date really have an influence upon who we are, our personality or what we do? No. Sorry, but it's simply not true. So, in some ways, relying on a horoscope is about as reliable as relying upon a comic book! I choose not even to read them "for the fun of it" because there is always a hidden temptation to wonder if it is true. But since it's not based on anything true then I'd say it's best not even reading it. Not even for a laugh.

What about tarot cards and fortunetellers? The goal of these is to try and discover the future. Only God knows the future. The Catholic Church teaches this about knowing the future, "God can reveal the future to his prophets or to other saints. Still, a sound Christian attitude consists in putting oneself confidently into the hands of Providence for whatever concerns the future, and giving up all unhealthy curiosity about it" (Catechism of the Catholic Church #2115). Furthermore, the Catechism says, "All forms of divination are to be rejected: recourse to Satan or demons, conjuring up the dead or other practices falsely supposed to "unveil" the future. Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden

powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (#2116).

Yikes! That's pretty clear! What needs to be known is that even if someone seeks "guidance" from tarot cards, Ouija boards, fortunetellers or the like just for fun or for curiosity, they are dabbling in something that is clearly forbidden by God. In fact, persons getting involved with all of this may even be opening themselves up to demonic influence without even knowing it. Why? Because the only way that one of these practices can be "real" is if a demon works through them giving some sort of false guidance about the future.

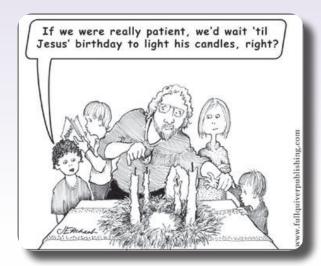
So, when I say that this stuff is "real," I mean that it is a real danger and can really influence us in a negative way.

What's important to believe is that God is the only one who knows the future. And generally speaking, God does not reveal the future to us. If God decides to use a saint or a prophet to reveal the future, in some way, He will do it on His own initiative and for our good. This is rare and is not something we ever need to seek out. God will do this Himself. For our part, regarding the future, we only need to enter more deeply, each day, into a relationship of trust in God's divine providence.

If you have been involved in one of these forbidden practices I encourage you to simply go to confession. In that sacrament, God will free you from any mistakes you've made and help you rely only on His grace!

Catholic Humor: So how would you answer the question in this comic strip? Answer: The Advent candles are lit to point us toward and prepare us for Christmas.

Blessed Advent! Father Peter Schuster



## Liturgical Ministries Dec 5th/6th

If unable to fulfill your ministry as scheduled, please find a substitute. Thank you. Ministry Schedule as of November 18, 2020

#### Lectors

8:00 pm Mary Meine 8:00 am Alex Smith 10:30 am Thomas Kelly

#### Greeters

8:00 pm Tara Engel, Lee Witter 8:00 am Christiane Lund, Tom Lund 10:30 am Shelley Filzen, Fran Filzen

#### Sacristans

8:00 pm Judith Pelowski 8:00 am Tracy & Donna Smith 10:30 am Bob Voss

### Ushers

8:00 pm Marie Noser, Josh Noser8:00 am Kenneth Mueller, Tom Pries10:30 am Aaron Davis, Carter Davis

#### **Check in Minister**

8:00 pm Anne and Mia Cuccio 8:00 am Patrice Steier 10:30 am Brett Maronde

### Walk in Ministers

8:00 pm Doreen Johnson, Cheryl Kieffer8:00 am Mary Lose, Michael Lose10:30 am Paul Drucker, Catherine Tiegs

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

8:00 pm Judith Pelowski, LG, Connie Curtiss (1), (IF NO DEACON) Jerry Krantz, (2)

8:30 am Michael Lose ,LG, Jackie O'Connell (1), (IF NO DEACON) Patty Haler, (2)

10:30 am Charles DeVos , LG, Denise Kelly (1), (IF NO DEACON) Daniel J McCormick, (2)



# 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**

Tue	Wed	Sat
12 am	2 am	5 pm
11 pm		

By choosing an open hour from the graph, you commit to the that 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.

Resurrection's Advent Reconciliation				
Thursday, Dec 3rd - 5:00 pm - 6:00	pm			
Saturday, Dec 5th - 9:15 am - 10:13	5 am			
Tuesday, Dec 8th - 12noon - 1:00	12noon - 1:00 pm			
Thursday,. Dec 10th - 5:00 pm - 6:00	pm			
Saturday, Dec 12th - 9:15am - 10:15	am			
Wednesday, Dec16th - 7:30 am - 8:15	am			
Thursday, Dec 17th - 5:00 pm - 6:00	pm			
Saturday, Dec 19th - 9:15 am - 10:13	5 am			
Tuesday, Dec 22nd - 5:00 pm - 6:00	pm			

**Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota** would like to offer you some opportunities to make your Advent preparations special this year. Beginning on Saturday, Nov. 28th, we will offer an Advent Reflection Series – each Saturday at 10:00 am on Zoom. Each week we will have a guest presenter offering reflection and discussion on the themes of Advent each week; Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. To get the Zoom link for this series, please contact Lisa Kremer at lkremer@ccsomn.org. Also check the Advent banner on our website (www.ccsomn.org) for more information and other opportunities.

## **Parish Events**



It's almost here! Tickets to purchase the CA\$H CALENDAR will be available from Dec. 7 -Feb. 5, 2021. Tickets will cost

\$30 each which makes you eligible for 52 chances to win cash prizes ranging from \$50 to \$500. There are only 800 tickets available so you have great odds to win cash AND support Resurrection Catholic Church. Remember that all buyers and prize winners must be 18 or older.

Each weekly winner's name will be posted in the Church Bulletin as well as on the Parish website. Checks will be mailed to the winners so fill in that entry ticket carefully and completely.

## **Dedication Candles**

Nov 28th - Dec 5th

1. †Mary Jane Schmidt

2.<sup>†</sup>Lee Johnson



This weekend is the fifth Sunday collection for St. Vincent de Paul. St. Vincent de Paul Ministry serves residents in the Rochester area with rent, utilities, groceries, fuel, medical, child care, etc. Please pray for those they serve and for the volunteers who spend time responding to their needs and giving them hope. A dollar for dollar will be matched up to \$5,000. Thank you for your support and your prayers.

## Baptism

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

## **Drake Arthur Quinn**



Child of Cory & Emily Sister, Kaylee Please return all unsold tickets ASAP to allow them to be purchased by others who wish to purchase extra tickets. The deadline for all entry stubs, money and unsold tickets to be returned to the church office is Feb. 5, 2021. This allows time for all tickets to be accounted for, a requirement of the MN State Gambling Board.

A gift of a CA\$H CALENDAR ticket for a Christmas present may result in a "Lovely" Valentine's Day win, a beautiful way to honor Mom on Mother's Day, end the summer with a Labor Day win or celebrate Christmas 2021 with some extra cash! Even one win of \$50 is more than the cost of the \$30 ticket! Buy your ticket now!

A notice to our parishioners who may need prayers, a telephone call visit or assistance with grocery shopping, etc. during this time of isolation, please call the office at 507-288-5528. Our office hours are Monday. through Friday- 9:15am - 5:00 pm.

Resurrection's Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets to be redeemed at Flowers by Jerry for a dozen roses or a Christmas bouquet. Each ticket is \$14 and can be purchased in the parking lot following Sunday Mass or in the church office during office hours (Monday - Friday - 9:15am - 5:00 pm). Any questions, call Bob Voss at 507-208-8036. We will also have some to purchase in the Thanks for supporting our Knights of Columbus.

**Operation: One More-** The holiday season is one filled with joy and wonder but can also bring financial stress. Many families with children in our community are food insecure. Our mission is to provide extra food as a gesture of compassion during the holiday season. Last year nearly 60 families, 260 individuals were blessed with a holiday food basket. With COVID-19 effecting so many, we anticipate a greater need for our assistance. We will be collecting food through December 13th. Items needed are jars of peanut butter, mashed potatoes, plain oatmeal (not single packs), and canned tuna. Please consider donating. Collection bins are located in the gathering space in front of the office window.

# At Resurrection This Week The dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation

remains in effect until further notice.

Monday 30 Nov	Mass Registration for Dec 5th/6th rescathroch.org to sign up Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22 • Daily Mass 8:30 am • Office walk in hours 9:15am - 5:00 pm	
Tuesday <b>1</b> Dec	Mass Registration for Dec 5th/6th rescathroch.org to sign up Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-2 • Daily Mass 8:30 am • Office walk in hours 9:15am - 5:00 pm	
Wednesday 2 Dec	Mass Registration for Dec 5th/6th rescathroch.org to sign up Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37 • Daily Mass 8:30 am • Office walk in hours 9:15am - 5:00 pm	
Thursday 3 Dec	Mass Registration for Dec 5th/6th ends at 10:00 am Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27 • Daily Mass 8:30 am • Office walk in hours 9:15 am - 5:00 pm • Sacrament of Reconciliation- 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	
Friday 4 Dec	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-3 • Daily Mass 8:30 am • Office walk in hours 9:15am - 5:00 pm	
Saturday 5 Dec	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 • Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:15 am - 10:15 am • Mass 8:00 pm	
Sunday 6 Dec	Mass Registration for Dec 12th/13th rescathroch.org Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8 • Mass 8:00 am • Mass 10:30 am	





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As you know, I have two vocations.

One is to serve the Church. The other is to share my voice with others.

I learned a long time ago that I can spread God's love through both of these vocations. As much as I love working for the Church, I have felt quite lost and down this year because I haven't been able to perform.

This week, I heard of a singing opportunity so tentative that I am nervous to even mention it. But you know something? Even though I know this opportunity will probably not even come to light, I've been in a better mood because of it. In fact, I've felt more at peace than I have in a very long time. My desire to spread God's love through my voice is stronger than ever.

This is the power of hope. A spark of hope gives us purpose and a desire to strive for more. And if we place our hope in Christ, we will forever have purpose—we will forever strive to live as a loving, compassionate disciples.

With this in mind, our Liturgy Committee created a central theme for Advent and Christmas this year. We are "Waiting in hope for Christ." Now, more than ever, we need to remember this and live it.

Today, then, and every day of Advent, I offer the challenge to renew our hope in Christ. And don't forget about all the ways you can participate with us, like our virtual Advent Calendar, created by our very own community! And so as I end today, I wish you blessings this Advent Season.

God Bless, Michelle Perrier

Song of the Week: All My Hope by Crowder

Check it out on YouTube!

## **Mass Intentions**

Mon	Nov 30	8:30 am	†Sharon Heppelmann
Tues	Dec 1	8:30 am	†Rae Ann Vigen
Wed	Dec 2	8:30 am	†Vaune Dillmann
Thu	Dec 3	8:30 am	†Roger Bibeault
Fri	Dec 4	8:30 am	†Mary Thoman
Sat	Dec 5	8:00 pm	Hailey R. Zenquis
Sun	Dec 6	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	Dec 6	10:30am	†Ted & Loretta Oenning

# **St. Francis School News**

The regular monthly meeting of the Home and School Association will be held on Monday, December 7th at 6:30 pm in the school Science Lab.

The weekly school Mass will be celebrated by students in grades K, 2 and 3 on Tuesday, Dec. 8th at 9:15 am.

Friday, December 11th, our third grade will participate in the Blessing of the new Nativity scene for the parish.

Donations for Missionary Childhood Association are welcomed this week.

## **Community News**

Living Our Call as School Sisters of Notre Dames: Responding to Racism. Hear the personal stories of School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) as they explore the topic of racism from the perspective of SSND charism, life and mission. Seeking to witness to unity in our divided world, SSND engage fully in the lifelong process of conversion of heart and return to love. This online event will take place December 1, 2020, 7-8 p.m. CST. Women ages 18-45 are invited to learn more and register by November 30 at ssnd.org/events/.

You are invited to begin celebrating the season by joining us at the Church of St. Michael's, 451 5th St. SW, Pine Island for our re-imagined Holiday Tea on Saturday, December 5th from 9:00am to 11:00am in the Church Community Room! Come and purchase your holiday goodies from the ever popular bakery table. The craft table will offer new, handmade items perfect for gifts and stocking stuffers. Many beautiful items will be available as raffle prizes that have been donated to support this event. Masks or face coverings will be required and physical distancing will be followed.

# **Faith Formation**



News from Stacey, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x108

**Grades 1-5**: We will not have Faith Formation classes on Mondays until the public schools open in January. Each child has a Take Home Faith Formation bag to pick up by the main church office windows.

First Week of Advent: As we set up our advent wreath, pray Dear God, please bless this wreath and help our family to remember that Advent is a time to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birthday. Amen.

**First Reconciliation Families**: As we prepare our children to receive the sacrament, please practice the Act of Contrition, Our Father, and Hail Mary, and the steps of reconciliation. First Reconciliation will begin on Tuesday, December 1st at 6:30pm in the Church. If you have questions, please contact me by email or phone.

**Teaching Kids to Respect Others**: We are looking at the 11th chapter which is called "We Care for Immigrants and Refugees." Talk about racism and prejudice with your children. Help them to form consciences that refuse to see people as anything except brothers and sisters in the family of God. Engage their imaginations and build empathy by discussing what it would be like to leave your home, school, family and family. Learn the immigration background of your own family together. Rochester has a rich community of people and we have many festivals. Go to the gatherings, listen to the music, sample the food and meet people and start new friendships.

**Prayer for Migrants and Refugees by USCCB**: Lord Jesus, help us by your grace to welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, by responding to their many needs. We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many people. Amen.



News from Sheila, Birth-KG; Grades 6-12, Children and Youth Ministry, RCIA dresscm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528, x101

Over the past few weeks of Faith Formation students have been learning to pray by asking God for words of encouragement through silent prayer and/or bible verses. Then, time is given for student to write out the word, phrase, or even images that come to mind using hand-lettering and embellishment techniques that we call Doodle Prayer. Here are a few of the results! Enjoy!

All you holy men and women pray for us! Amen.

