



CHURCH OF THE
RESURRECTION
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"I am the voice crying out in the desert,
make straight the way of the Lord"*
John 1: 6-8, 19-28

December 13th, 2020
Third Sunday of Advent

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 9:15am - 10:15 am pm

Wednesday, Dec 16th 7:30 am-8:15 am

Thursday, Dec. 17th 5:00 pm, - 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



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: I heard the pope asked people to give up cell phones and computer games for Lent. I guess I can understand the games, but cell phones seem important for communicating with other people. Why would he want us to sacrifice that?

Answer: Give up a cell phone for Lent? Actually I kind of like that idea! I remember when I first got a cell phone about 12 years ago. I had it for about a month and then got rid of it because I didn't like being constantly available. But I did quickly realize that there were many pastoral benefits to this also. So after a few months I reactivated it and have had one ever since.

I would guess that even though most people would never leave home these days without their phone, many may find it somewhat freeing if they accidentally forgot it for a day. Sometimes, in the age of constant communication, we need a little break! But to your question. I think you may be referring to some of the news articles that came out one year ago when the Holy Father gave an address for the "43rd World Communication Day." In that message he said, "If the desire for virtual connectedness becomes obsessive, it may in fact function to isolate individuals from real social interaction while also disrupting the patterns of rest, silence and reflection that are necessary for healthy human development."

Then, according to various news reports, in March, 2009, there were a number of bishops in Italy who encouraged people to give up texting, computers, social networking and the like for Lent so as to help people to "detox from the virtual world and get themselves back in touch with themselves."

This created a flurry of news reports with titles like,

"Thou Shalt not Text Until Easter" and "Stop Texting for Lent."

So what did the pope really say? His comments are very helpful to read in their entirety. He was speaking about the deep desire for friendship and communication that we all have. He also said in that message, "It is in and through our friendships that we grow and develop as humans. For this reason, true friendship has always been seen as one of the greatest goods any human person can experience. We should be careful, therefore, never to trivialize the concept or the experience of friendship. It would be sad if our desire to sustain and develop on-line friendships were to be at the cost of our availability to engage with our families, our neighbors and those we meet in the daily reality of our places of work, education and recreation."

I think that this is a very important message for all of us as we continue in this technological age of social networking and communication. It's true that most people these days rely upon their cell phone for important communication so giving them up may not be possible or helpful. And I don't think this is what the pope was trying to say. Instead, he points out the great benefit of this new age of technology in that address. He acknowledges that the new forms of communication reveal our deep desire to be connected with one another. But he also points out the dangers of becoming too obsessed with these new technologies. Especially when they lead to the loss of face to face communication which can never be replaced with electronics.

A Thought As We Wait In Hope

I believe this says it all!



Blessed Advent! Father Peter Schuster

Liturgical Ministries

Dec 19th/20th

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 Therese Schoenfelder
8:00 am Patricia Rossman
10:30 am Allen Aksamit

Ushers

8:00 pm Fred Noser, John Schoenfelder
8:00 am Kenneth Mueller, Char Robinet
10:30 am Elaina Robertson, Gordon Robertson

Eucharistic Ministers

8:00 pm Jerry Krantz, LG, Mary Meine (1),
(IF NO DEACON), Theresa Root, (2)

Greeters

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

Check in Minister

8:00 pm Anne and Mia Cuccio
8:00 am Dianne Plager
10:30 am Brett Maronde

8:30 am Elaine Doherty, LG, Deb

Rowekamp (1), (IF NO DEACON), Jackie O'Connell, (2)

Sacristans

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

Walk in Ministers

8:00 pm Doreen Johnson, Cheryl Kieffer
8:00 am Michael & Mary Lose
10:30 am Catherine Tiegs, Jackie Tyrrell

10:30 am Charles DeVos, LG, Denise Kelly, (1), (IF NO DEACON), Char Stocker, (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
Wednesday, Dec. 16th: 7:30 - 8:15 am
Thursday, Dec 17th -5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Saturday, Dec 19th - 9:15 am - 10:15 am
Tuesday, Dec 22nd - 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Christmas Mass times: Dec 24th 1pm; 4pm; 7pm; 10pm (Not a Mass, Deacon Rob Miller Liturgy of Hours with Communion); Dec 25th 9am.

Registration for Christmas Mass is now closed; livestreaming of the Masses will be available on our website rescathroch.org. You are invited to watch the Mass on your smart phone (our wi-fi will not be available to use so you will need to have access to wifi from a different source) while you are parked in our parking lot. Fr. Schuster will announce when you can come into the church to receive Holy Communion. We will have pamphlets available in the Gathering Space for you to use and follow along with the Mass readings and the music/songs. Any questions, please call the office 507-288-5528.

Parish Events

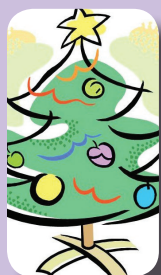


CA\$H CALENDAR tickets are available to purchase through Feb. 5, 2021. Stop in the office to purchase tickets. Price per ticket is \$30. Your ticket makes you eligible for 52 chances to win cash prizes ranging from \$50 to \$500. There are only 800 tickets available so you have great odds to win cash 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. 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!



Resurrection's 2020 Giving Tree

Resurrection's Giving Tree is now in the Gathering Space. A little change for the tree this year. We do not have tags to take from the tree for either Elder Care Ministry or

Family Promise. However, please stop by the table near the tree to pick up information on how to contribute to these two ministries. Due to Covid 19, Family Promise will not take donations of household items this year. Instead they have registry lists through Amazon and Target. Please check the table for information regarding these registries or go to Family Promise's website for more information: familypromiserochester.org.

Throughout this summer and fall, Family Promise Rochester has served the community through a focus on Shelter Diversion, ways to keep families out of the shelter and in a safe stable environment. They have assessed families and placed them on our statewide housing priority list, helped families apply for Section 8 in surrounding counties, provided food and gas voucher support, resources and referrals to other agencies who assist with back rent funds, first month rent, and deposit assistance. In September, they moved to a new location 913 1st St NW. The hope is that Family Promise can reopen its new doors on January 4th. At that time, a sign up genius will be available for those that are interested in volunteering. More to come! Any questions, please email Resurrection's volunteer coordinator, Luann Borst at llaa4@icloud.com.

We will continue taking up a collection for Resurrection's St. Vincent de Paul Ministry through the end of December. 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 \$6,000. Thank you for your support and your prayers.

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. **We will be collecting food through today, December 13th.**

With COVID-19 effecting so many, we anticipate a greater need for our assistance.

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 14 Dec	Mass Registration for Dec 19th/20th rescathroch.org to sign up Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily Mass 8:30 am• Office walk in hours 9:15am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday 15 Dec	Mass Registration for Dec 19th/20th rescathroch.org to sign up Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily Mass 8:30 am; Office walk in hours 9:15am - 5:00 pm• Pre Jordan Instructions 6:30 pm
Wednesday 16 Dec	Mass Registration for Dec 19th/20th rescathroch.org to sign up Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 7:18b-23 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sacrament of Reconciliation 7:30 am - 8:15 am• Daily Mass 8:30 am; Office walk in hours 9:15am - 5:00 pm• Spark Night 7:00 pm
Thursday 17 Dec	Mass Registration for Dec 19th/20th sign up ends at 10:00 q.m. Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily Mass 8:30 am; Office walk in hours 9:15am - 5:00 pm• Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 - 6:00 pm• Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm
Friday 18 Dec	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily Mass 8:30 am• Office walk in hours 9:15am - 5:00 pm
Saturday 19 Dec	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:15 - 10:15 am• Mass 8:00 pm
Sunday 20 Dec	Mass Registration for Dec 26th/27th rescathroch.org to sign up 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/ Lk 1:26-3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mass 8:00 am and 10:30 am• Christmas Ministry Days 2:00 pm



Michelle's



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Back in grade school, I used to think of Jonah as a bit of an idiot. First he runs from God, then takes three days inside a fish to say yes, and finally gets angry with God for not destroying a kingdom that actually listened and repented! In reality, though, can't we be just as blind?

We complain about terrible drivers, yet we don't seem to notice the instances we make poor decisions on the road. We condemn those who gossip, yet we don't even notice when we ourselves participate in the activity. And maybe we could have collaborated with a co-worker better, yet we can only see their way as wrong and our way right. It really can be a challenge to see our faults, our fears, just ourselves in general.

So what can we do to see ourselves more clearly? Well, we can look through the light of Christ we find burning in others. I'll use my folks as examples. I might express my frustration over some situation to my dad. Instead of telling me that it's not fair or that I'm being mistreated, he offers me ideas to handle myself better. Through his compassion, I realize I need to be more compassionate myself. There have been times when I couldn't see that I was scared of change until my mother pointed it out. Compassion again allowed me to see.

This week, I challenge us to have an open, honest conversation with a confidant and really listen to their response. I pray that all of us are able to find greater peace with ourselves as we see ever more clearly through the compassionate light of Christ poured out through others.

God Bless,
Michelle Perrier

Song of the Week: Christ Our Light Has Come by
Steve Angrisano

Mass Intentions

Mon	Dec 14	8:30 am	†Archie Asleson
Tues	Dec 15	8:30 am	†George Sobotta
Wed	Dec 16	8:30 am	†Romeo Filoteo
Thu	Dec 17	8:30 am	†Joseph Scheffler
Fri	Dec 18	8:30 am	†Roger Bibeault
Sat	Dec 19	8:00 pm	†Rod & Matthew Hanson
Sun	Dec 20	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	Dec 20	10:30am	Reparation of Sins

St. Francis School News

The weekly school Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 15th at 9:15 am with grades 1 & 4.

There will be No School December 21-January 1 in observance of Christmas and New Year.

This is the last week for donations to the Missionary Childhood Association.

Community News

Would you like to deepen your relationship with the Holy Spirit? Would you like to learn about and identify the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that you have been given? Join us for a (free) Life In The Spirit seminar, using "The Wild Goose" series by Father Dave Pivonka, starting Wednesday January 6th and ending February 17th, 2021. We will meet online via Zoom at 7:00pm CST. Zoom login information will be sent upon registration. Contact Joshua for more information and to register: (218) 349-9660 or jjj3279@aol.com

St. James Coffee has some changes due to the new Covid 19 mandate. What we really want you to know is that we are still open. We cannot have dine-in service, but will continue to do take-out orders for you. Besides all of our coffee drinks being available, we will continue selling pastries from Sweet House Bakery and the wraps and salads from Canadian Honker. You will still be able to purchase coffee beans from Trail Creek Coffee, Christmas baskets, rosaries, greeting cards, and birdhouses. Also, please know the chapel will be open for prayer and Adoration for one person at a time. We are hoping this is the last pause we will have to battle due to the virus and that we will see each other again on the other side of it.

Faith Formation

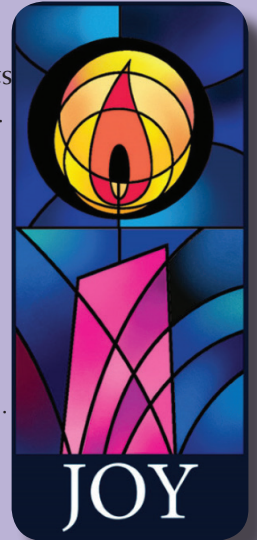


News from Stacey, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x108

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 in the Gathering Space.

Third Week of Advent: Dear God, Jesus' birthday celebration is very close. As we choose gifts for our family and friends, we stop to say, "Thank you, God, for Jesus—your gift to us." Amen.

Teaching Kids to Respect Others: The thirteenth chapter of this book is called "We Care for Those Who Are Differently Abled." Families can use the term 'differently abled' rather than 'disabled' to emphasize every person's unique strengths and weaknesses are God-given and valued. "Not as people see does God see, because people see the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart" from 1 Samuel 16:7. God often uses those whom the world thinks are less capable to do great things (Moses stuttered—Exodus 4:10, Jacob limped—Genesis 32:32, Leah had sight problems—Genesis 29:17, and Isaac became blind—Genesis 27:1). Give your children the opportunity to have relationships with children who have different abilities and show them how to include them at play grounds, parties, and classroom activities.



We can become aware of how to accommodate for others who use a wheelchair, walker, cane, eyeglasses, or hearing aid. We pray every person may develop their potential as we pursue our call to provide justice and fullness of life for all people with different abilities.



News from Sheila, Birth-KG, Grades 6-12, Children and Youth Ministry, RCIA dresscm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528, x 101

What's Holding You Back? This was the 12/9 session for Faith Formation. Students dug into the idea that we, as fallen people, often enjoy things that don't help us to become the- best-version- of-ourselves. Even St Paul wrote *"I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do."* (Romans 7:19). St. Paul is basically saying the battle is real!

This session helped us to see what gets in the way, how we are deceived so easily, and what's holding us back from being happy, thinking good, seeking the truth, and trusting in Christ's promise of eternal life and happiness in heaven.

St. Joan of Arc, help us to be courageous in pursuing a deeper faith. St. Joan of Arc, pray for us! Amen

