CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation." Luke 2: 22-40

> December 27th, 2020 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u> Saturdays 9:15am - 10:15 am pm Daily Mass 8:30 am - Mon-Fri January 1st Mass: 9:00 am 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

<u>Office Hours</u> 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.

Q. Since I started college this fall, I've been making a lot of friends who aren't Catholic. Some of them are Christian, but some of them don't even go to church. When we talk, I'm not really sure how to tell them what's the big deal about being Catholic. What should I say?

A. I'd say you have a great opportunity to make a difference in their lives! Our Catholic faith is something that is an incredible gift. Therefore, to understand it, live it and spread it is an incredible privilege. So when your new friends ask about your faith I'd say you have a great opportunity to give them something they will greatly benefit from.

Sharing the Catholic faith with your friends is something that, perhaps, can only be done by you. Maybe at some later time in their lives they will encounter another good Catholic who will share his/ her faith with them but, then again, maybe not. So I'd encourage you to look at this opportunity as possibly their "once in a lifetime" opportunity to learn about the incredible gift of the Catholic faith.

As Catholics we believe that we are privileged to have the fullness of the faith. What does this mean? It especially means two things. First, it means that we are blessed to have the fullest understanding of what Jesus wants us to understand and believe. As Catholics we trace our faith roots all the way back to Jesus Himself. Pope Benedict XVI is the successor to St. Peter and, thus, shares in the divine mandate to hold the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven! That means he continues to guide us into all truth and teaches us with the authority of Jesus Himself. This understanding is one that everyone needs to understand. Furthermore, we, as Catholics, are blessed beyond what we can ever imagine by being able to share in the sacramental life of the Church. Though sometimes the Sacraments may seem dry, dull and repetitious to some, to those who understand the Sacraments they are the greatest way of connecting to God and receiving His grace.

These facts about the Catholic faith may be hard to explain but let me offer a suggestion on how to do just that. First, I suggest that you keep striving to understand and live your own Catholic faith to the fullest. Study the faith, celebrate the Sacraments with great devotion, and try to discover the great gift that this faith gives you. Second, when you are living fully as a Catholic, the best way to share that faith is to speak to your friends on a personal level. In other words, if you regularly live the Catholic faith then, when the opportunity presents itself, you can easily tell your friends how much this faith means to you. You can share how God comes to meet you as you attend Mass and Reconciliation. You can explain your deep confidence in Jesus' teaching as it comes to you from the pope and bishops. And you can simply share your deep love for God as you meet Him daily in the Catholic Church.

Sharing this with your friends may have the effect of igniting within them a desire to gain what you have. When they see your joy, your faith and you devotion they may simply want to jump on board and discover what the Catholic Church is all about. The bottom line is that if you truly love being a Catholic and live it to the fullest you will automatically draw others to what you have discovered. God will guide you in this if you are open to let Him use you. And remember, you may be the only opportunity that these new friends have to discover God within our glorious Catholic Church!

Happy New Year! Fr. Peter Schuster

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, you make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our spirits to be born again. Thank you for this New Year, for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise your glorious name. Amen

(www.lords-prayer-words.com)

Liturgical Ministries Jan 2nd/3rd

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

Ministry Schedule as of

Lectors

8:00 pm Therese Schoenfelder 8:00 am Alex Smith 10:30 am Mary Chestolowski

Greeters

8:00 pm Tara Engel, NOT FILLED 8:00 am Joanne Huegel, Tom Lund 10:30 am Fran & Shelley Filzen

Sacristans

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

Ushers

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

Check in Minister

8:00 pm Anne and Mia Cuccio8:00 am Gretchen Cutshall10:30 am Brett Maronde

Walk in Ministers

8:00 pm Doreen Johnson, Cheryl Kieffer8:00 am Jen Good, Mike Good10:30 am Jackie Tyrrell, NOT FILLED

Eucharistic Ministers

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

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

10:30 am Charles DeVos, LG, Gary Tschann, (1), (IF NO DEACON), Brenda Tschann, (2)

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

24 hours/7 days a week Adoration chapel will be closed on Jan 1st 9:00 am until 10:00 am (during Mass).

"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.

Dedication Candles

Dec 26th- Jan 2nd

- 1. †Timothy Garrity
- 2. †Holy Souls in Purgatory



Life in the Spirit Seminar via Zoom

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

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.



Resurrection's 2020 Giving Tree

Resurrection's Giving Tree is in the Gathering Space. A little change for the tree this year. We do not have tags to take from the tree fro 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: <u>familypromiserochester.org</u>.

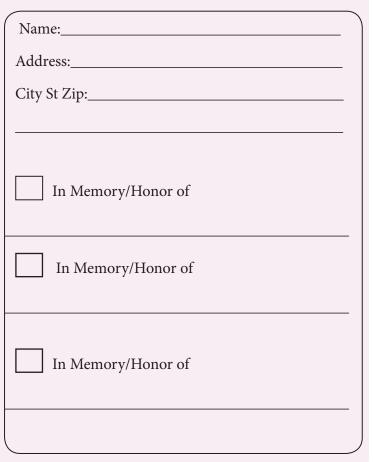
Resurrection's St. Vincent de Paul Society

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.

Resurrection's Stations of the Cross. They will be made in Italy, hand-carved, wooden and 3-D. Before ordering the Stations, we are seeking help in funding the project. People can contribute by check (make check payable to Church of the Resurrection with a note in the memo line of "Stations). An extra envelope will be placed in the February packet of envelopes, or you can donate via On-line Giving through our website (rescathroch.org.). Below is a form you can complete and submit with your payment.



At Resurrection This Week The dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation remains in effect until further notice.				
Monday 28 Dec	Mass Registration for Jan 2nd/3rd rescathroch.org to sign up 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18 • Daily Mass 8:30 am • Office walk in hours 9:15am - 5:00 pm			
Tuesday 29 Dec	Mass Registration for Jan 2nd/3rd rescathroch.org to sign up 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35 • Daily Mass 8:30 am • Office walk in hours 9:15am - 5:00 pm			
Wednesday 30 Dec	Mass Registration for Jan 2nd/3rd rescathroch.org to sign up 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40 • Daily Mass 8:30 am; • Office walk in hours 9:15am - 5:00 pm			
Thursday 31 Dec	Mass Registration for Jan 2nd/3rd sign up ends at 10:00 am. 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-1 • Office Closed • Mass 8:30 am			
Friday 1 Jan	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 • Holy Day of Obligation - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God - Mass 9:00 am • Office Closed			
Saturday 2 Jan	1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28 • Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:15 - 10:15 am • Mass 8:00 pm			
Sunday 3 Jan	Mass Registration for Jan 9th/10th rescathroch.org to sign up Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 • Mass 8:00 am and 10:30 am			





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When I first started writing these bulletin articles, my thought was to help us see problems we face not as obstacles but as new opportunities for us to grow as disciples of Christ.

Six months later, I can honestly say that these bulletin articles would have been impossible to write without the inspiration I see from the goodness in all of you. Parishioners send me links to their favorite songs, and these songs fill me with joy every time I hear them. A neighbor of a parishioner read an article once and thanked me with a framed picture of the Divine Mercy for future inspiration. Another parishioner gave me flowers one day because I haven't performed since COVID. Yet another two parishioners surprised me by mowing, weeding, and trimming my entire yard!

What's more, every time I thank one of these people and tell them that I've never seen kindness like this at any other parish, they look completely shocked and say, "That's incredible!" And you know, they're completely right! So thank you for inspiring myself and others constantly by the light of Christ that burns brightly in your hearts. More and more every day I thank God that I find myself here with all of you.

Once a month, I'd like to do something new and use these articles to highlight the light in one of our parishioners or parish organizations. My challenge for us this week, then, is to email me with a nomination for someone who has touched your life in the way you all have touched mine. Finally, I want to again say thank you for the love you have bestowed upon me. May you have a blessed 2021 filled with joy and peace.

God Bless, Michelle Perrier

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

Mass Intentions

Mon	Dec 28	8:30 am	†Madeline Grace Rogers
Tues	Dec 29	8:30 am	†Sharon Heppelmann
Wed	Dec 30	8:30 am	†Robert Coulter
Thu	Dec 31	8:30 am	Noel Joshua Martinez
Fri	Jan 1	9:00 am	†Simeon Mason
Sat	Jan 2	8:00 pm	†Joseph Andrioto
Sun	Jan 3	8:00 am	†Joyce Baumler
Sun	Jan 3	10:30 am	For the Parish

St. Francis School News

School resumes Monday, January 4th. May 2021 bring many blessings to our parishioners!

Wedding

May the Peace of Christ live in their hearts and home Amber Dunagan and Riley Costello

December 12, 2020



Rochester Knights of Columbus Donor Advised Fund Notice

Seeking Grant Applications

The Rochester Area Knights of Columbus, of which our parish Council is a member, is seeking grant applications to its donor advised fund.

Annually, the fund awards monetary grants to local non-profit projects and programs that are consistent with the Knight's mission and values.

Grant requests in the following areas are given priority, but all worthy causes are considered:

- Catholic Organizations
- Youth Programs: at risk, physical/mental challenges, or support for vocations
- Sanctity of Life conception to natural death
- Relief from Suffering

Request can be for capital projects or program expense costs. Complete details on the award process and guidelines, along with application forms and deadlines, are available on the Council #1013 website: http://www.kofc1013.org/

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.

First Communion Parent Meeting: Our meeting is on Monday, January 18th at 6:30pm in Fr. Zenk Hall. Only one parent needs to attend this parent-only meeting. At the meeting, we will hand outs and cover all the information related to First Communion.

Teaching Kids to Respect Others: Since the beginning of our faith formation year, we have been focusing on teaching children to care for others who may be different from us. Kevin M. Dowd has provided us with a chapter each week. This week our focus chapter is called "We Care for Gay People and Straight People." In the USCCB document, "Always Our Children," the bishops reaffirm: "The teachings of the Church make it clear that the fundamental human rights of homosexual persons must be defended and that all of us must strive to eliminate any forms of injustice, oppression, or violence against them." When having discussions with children, emphasize that the church loves and accepts its LGBT members and requires everyone



to treat all people with "respect, compassion, and sensitivity," and teaching that "every unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided" (CCC, 2358).

Prayer of Caring– "O Lord, it was you who formed my inward parts; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works." from Psalm 139:13-14. Next week's focus-We Care for People from Different Religions.



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

Advent is the Catholic faith's Liturgical New Year.

It was a time to prepare for Christ (and his 2nd coming), to reflect back upon the past year's spiritual journey and focus on implementing new spiritual goals to help us grow in holiness so



that we truly desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life with Jesus, the angels, and the saints! As we approach the secular world's New Year on January 1st, let's review how we can commit to becoming the-best-version-of-ourselves.

If you didn't make any Liturgical Resolutions during Advent don't worry!

Check out this article and recommit to how you will grow in faith, hope, and charity this year.

The article: The New Year You Forgot About Website: https://lifeteen.com/blog/new-year-you-forgot-about/