

January 3rd, 2021 **Epiphany of the Lord** 

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

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays 9:15am - 10:15 am 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.

Q. A friend of mine asked me how you go about seeking out a faith or religion when there are so many different religions based on different beliefs. How do you know what's right? He said it feels like the story of the blind men and the elephant. None of them has the whole picture. What can I tell him?

A. This question could be answered in either a very complex and philosophical way or in a very simple and straightforward way. Perhaps I'll shoot for somewhere in the middle.

I believe the story you are referring to is where several blind men are taken to "see" an elephant. Each touches the elephant feeling a different part. One touches the tusks, one the tail, one the ear, the trunk, side, etc. Each has a different experience of what the elephant is. And each comes away with only a portion of understanding of an elephant. Some have suggested that this is what all the many religions of the world do. Each has a small piece of the truth but no one has the whole picture.

But let me take the analogy further. What would happen if one of those blind men were healed and could now see? And what if that person then had the opportunity to spend many days with elephants? He studied them, watched them and learned all he could about them. I suggest that this is what our Catholic faith offers. The gift of sight!

It's an interesting analogy to use here because Jesus is well known for curing the blind. This miraculous action of Jesus teaches us, among other things, that He desires to open our eyes of faith to see the fullness of Truth. As Catholics, we believe that the fullness of that Truth is found within the Catholic Church. We do not deny the portions of truth that may be found

in other religions (such as the truth that we should be kind to others), but we confidently profess that only the Catholic faith presents us with the fullest revelation of what is revealed by God.

So, I believe that the real question is, "How does one discover that fullness of revelation and Truth within the Catholic Church?" This is what we call the gift of faith!

Sometimes faith is misunderstood. One may think that faith is nothing more than believing something. If that's the definition of faith then we could have "faith" that there are aliens if we just believe it. Or, I could have "faith" that I'm going to win the lottery tomorrow if I just believe. But that's not true. True faith begins with God. It begins with God revealing Himself and all that is true to us. He speaks to our conscience in such a way that we gain a sort of spiritual certainty that something is true. This revelation from God then requires our ascent. When we ascent, or accept, what God says to us we suddenly have the supernatural gift of faith and we know, without a shadow of a doubt, that what God spoke is true.

This may seem confusing so all I can tell you is that true faith and true knowledge of God is possible. It's possible to know, without any doubt, that all God has revealed to us, especially through his Church, is true. I suggest you tell your friend to seek the Truth and be open to the Voice of God. If he is truly open, I trust God will reveal this Truth to him preparing him for the incredible gift of Faith!

#### Catholic Humor

A modern day thought on the empty tomb.



Happy New Year! Father Peter Schuster

# Liturgical Ministries Jan 9th/10th

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

#### Lectors

8:00 pm Liz Hanson 8:00 am Richard Miller 10:30 am Denise Kelly

#### **Greeters**

8:00 pm Lee Witter, NOT FILLED 8:00 am Joanne Huegel, Tom Lund 10:30 am Fran and Shelley Filzen

#### **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, Tom Pries 10:30 am Aaron Davis, Carter Davis

#### **Check in Minister**

8:00 pm Anne and Mia Cuccio 8:00 am Dianne Plager 10:30 am Bob Voss

#### **Walk in Ministers**

8:00 pm Doreen Johnson, Cheryl Kieffer 8:00 am Paul Drucker, Gloria Flicek 10:30 am Paul Drucker, NOT FILLED

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

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

8:00 am Barbara Vareberg, LG, Char Robinet, (1), (IF NO DEACON), Anthony Vareberg, (2)

10:30 am Char Stocker, LG, Jackie O'Connell (1), (IF NO DEACON, Brett Maronde, (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 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.

## Rest In Peace

Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them



Phyllis Duda

Survived by her son, Ed and family

## 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 AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE THROUGH FEBRUARY 5, 2021

If you received tickets in the mail that you do not want to purchase, please return them to the church office ASAP so they can be available for purchase. The deadline for all entry stubs, money and unsold tickets to be returned to the church office is 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.



## Resurrection Grief Support Ministry Grief Notes

How will I get through birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays? The first year of grieving may bring with it the dread of holidays and special occasions. You may have to face weddings, baptisms, graduations, and other important family milestones. The one-year anniversary of the person's death is another difficult day. Some occasions may be more difficult than others. But as you move through the year, you will discover that your fear of the day is usually worse than the day itself. Here are some positive things that you can do to prepare yourself for special days:

- Remind your family that it is a difficult time for you.
- Keep traditions that are comforting. Get rid of family traditions that are too painful. Think about creating new traditions.
- Allow yourself and others to cry.
- Don't let people force you into doing things that they think you should do.
- Set aside time on the special day to distribute some of your loved one's personal belongings as gifts to family members or friends.
- Set aside time on the special day for family members to share memories of your loved one.
- Set aside time for prayer.

Source: "Grieving with the Help of Your Catholic Faith"; (If you would like a free copy of this booklet, please call the church office and a copy will be mailed to you.)

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.

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

remains in effect until further notice.

Monday 4 Jan	Mass Registration for Jan 9th/10th rescathroch.org to sign up  1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  • Daily Mass 8:30 am  • Office hours 9:15am - 5:00 pm			
Tuesday <b>5</b> Jan	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44  • Daily Mass 8:30 am; • Office hours 9:15am - 5:00 pm			
Wednesday  6  Jan	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52  • Daily Mass 8:30 am; • Office 9:15am - 5:00 pm			
Thursday <b>7</b> Jan	Mass Registration for Jan 9th/10th sign up ends at 10:00 am. 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22  • Mass 8:30 am; Office hours 9:15 am - 5:00 pm  • RCIA 6:30 pm  • Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm			
Friday <b>8</b> Jan	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16  • Daily Mass 8:30 am; • Office 9:15am - 5:00 pm			
Saturday <b>9</b> Jan	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30  • Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:15 - 10:15 am  • Mass 8:00 pm			
Sunday 10 Jan	Mass Registration for Jan 16th/17th rescathroch.org to sign up Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3)]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11  • Mass 8:00 am and 10:30 am			



## Michelle's



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

For this week's article, I thought I would do something different and offer up fifteen of my favorite Christian Christmas songs and artists. There is a bit of everything, from traditional to contemporary, classical to pop. I hope you enjoy!

God Bless, Michelle Perrier

- -Strange Way to Save the World—4Him
- -Glory (Let there be Peace)—Matt Maher
- -Candlelight Carol—John Rutter
- -What a Glorious Night—Sidewalk Prophets
- -A Baby Just Like You—John Denver
- -O magnum mysterium—Francis Poulenc
  (One of my favorite choral pieces!)
- -Mary, Did you Know?—Michael Crawford
- -God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen—Pentatonix
- -From the Cradle to the Cross—Alonso (recommended by a parishioner!)
- -Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth— Bing Crosby and Davie Bowie
- -Love Has Come—Matt Maher
- -Exsultate, Jubilate K.165
  (including the Alleluia!)—W.A. Mozart
- -In the Bleak Midwinter—Gustav Holst
- -Of the Father's Love Begotten—traditional
- -O Holy Night—Josh Groban

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M	lon	Jan 4	8:30 am	†Mary Thoman	
Ti	ues	Jan 5	8:30 am	†Helen Hanson	
W	7ed	Jan 6	8:30 am	†Mary Kay Latick	
T	hu	Jan 7	8:30 am	†Jospeh Scheffler	
Fr	i	Jan 8	8:30 am	†John Adams	
Sa	at	Jan 9	8:00 pm	For the Parish	
St	ın	Jan 10	8:00 am	†Roger Bibeault	
St	ın	Jan 10	10:30 am	†Nathan Holtegaard	

## St. Francis School News

School resumes on Monday, January 4th. Please remember your admit slips, water bottles and masks!

The monthly Home and School Association meeting will be held on Monday, January 4th at 6:30 pm in the Science Lab.

School Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 5th at 9:15 am by grades 6 and 8.

Friday, January 8th is a non-uniform day and celebration of January birthdays.



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 out and cover all the information related to First Communion.

Teaching Kids to Respect Others: This week our focus chapter is called "We Care for People from Different Religions." Jesus said, "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold" John 10:16. We love and respect all God's people, not by imagining all religions as the same and equally true, but from a deep faith in God the Father of all, in Christ the Savior of all, and in the Holy Spirit, who is always at work bringing unity and love even outside the bounds of the visible church. The Catechism teaches us (CCC847): "Those who, through no fault of their own, do not know the Gospel of Christ or his Church, but who nevertheless seek God with a sincere heart, and, moved by grace, try in their actions to do his will as they know it through the dictates of their conscience-those too may achieve eternal salvation." Watch Pope Francis' plea for interreligious dialogue in this 1 1/2 minute video/article: http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/in-first-video-message-pope-francis-stresses-unity-we-are-all-children-of-god-39381

Prayer: How good and how pleasant it is, when brothers and sisters dwell together as one! Psalm 133:1



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

A New Year Prayer

Happy New Year 2021! Welcome Back to Faith Formation! Class resumes Wednesday, January 6th. Please make sure to read your emails to find out if it is in-person or will continue online. Let us pray:

#### We Pray...

For healing...prepare us for surprises.

For strength...prepare us for surprises.

For vision...prepare us for surprises.

For transformation...prepare us for surprises.

For messengers and messages...prepare us for surprises.

For community...prepare us for surprises.

For acceptance - of ourselves and others...prepare us for surprises.

For making room at our tables...prepare us for surprises

For Truth-seeking...prepare us for surprises.

For support...prepare us for surprises.

For Common Ground...prepare us for surprises.

Walk beside us, O Holy One, as we question and welcome,

as we challenge and invite,

as we discover and understand,

As we see, touch, taste, smell, and listen for the

Newness awaiting us in 2021.

May we, Your Holy People, walk forward together side by side.

Amen.

- Written by Sister Mary Ann Barret, O.P.
- Offered by Melissa Baumann
- -Found at: https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/new-years-prayers#:~: text=Let%20us%20remember%20that%20we,healthy%20and%20peaceful%20new%20year