

CHURCH OF THE  
**RESURRECTION**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"You are my beloved son; with you, I  
am well pleased." Mark 1:7-11*

**January 10th 2021  
Baptism of the Lord**

*An Ever-growing Eucharistic Community Boldly Serving Others Through God's 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](http://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 go to confession at least once a month. Most of my friends don't go as often, and some don't seem to go at all. A couple of my friends tell me I'm being OCD about it and I should get some help. I'm not sure how to tell them that they're the ones who need the help.

**Answer:** Generally speaking, I think going to confession once a month is a great idea! It's a very good way to stay close to God and keep His grace alive in your life! The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a wonderful gift from God because it's His way of cleansing us of our sin and weakness. In His great love for us we are immersed in His Divine Mercy every time we celebrate that sacrament. So keep it up and don't let your friends tell you differently.

As for trying to tell them that "they're the ones who need the help," let me suggest you do it in a very subtle and positive way. The best way to tell them this is by your good example. Share with them the blessings you see in your life by using this sacrament on a regular basis. Let your faith in God's grace shine forth for them to see. Often, when our friends see good things happening in our lives, they will want to imitate what we are doing. So the more you can share the good fruits in your life with them, the better.

Since you mention OCD (Obsessive Compulsive Disorder), let me also offer a comment on this struggle that some people deal with. I offer it as a general comment that some need to hear rather than presuming that this is your struggle. But it's worth mentioning since some people do struggle with this.

OCD is a very heavy cross. In the spiritual life it comes out in the form of scrupulosity. In this case the person becomes so focused on his/her sin that it seems

everything is a mortal sin, and they can feel a need to go to confession all the time. In fact, some can feel as though they need to remember every last sin and offer every detail of their sins. And then after confession, they may worry that they did not confess everything and feel a need to return to the confessional right away. This is a real burden.

What I have found to be helpful in this situation is for the person struggling with this to go to confession to the same priest each time rather than several different priests. This way the one priest, who is aware of the tendency to scrupulosity, can help that person to stay balanced in their confession. Over time they can start to be freed of their scrupulosity and begin experiencing the freedom that God wants for them. Our God is a God of abundant mercy, and He wants us to know and experience that mercy.

Hope that helps clarify things. Keep up the good effort of practicing this wonderful sacrament!

**Question:** I have some friends who like to look at pornography on the Internet. My parents have always said that kind of stuff degrades women. When they start looking at the pictures, I just don't look, but I haven't ever said anything. I don't really want to lose them as friends, and I don't want people to think I'm weird. What can I do?

**Answer:** My dear friend... this is, unfortunately, a topic that affects more people than most of us want to admit. Let me offer a few thoughts.

First of all I think your parents response is absolutely correct! And I'd add that it also degrades men. This is a good conviction to keep in the forefront of your mind any time this discussion or temptation comes up.

Why is it degrading? As one very good chastity speaker I heard recently said, "The problem with pornography is not that it shows too much, rather, it shows too little!" I think this is a very good statement. What I believe he means is that pornography only shows the body of another and does so in a way that the person is turned into a selfish object of another's disordered pleasure. We call this "objectification." Therefore, it "shows too little" in the sense that pornography fails to show the true beauty and dignity of the person being exposed. It fails to reveal that this person is in fact a person... a son or daughter of God made in God's image and likeness. (*continued on the next page*).

# Liturgical Ministries

## Jan 16th/17th

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

### Lectors

8:00 pm Liz Hanson  
8:00 am Denise Koster  
10:30 am Allen Aksamit

### Ushers

8:00 pm John Schoenfelder  
8:00 am Kenneth Mueller, Tom Pries  
10:30 am Char Stocker, Scott Walston

### Eucharistic Ministers

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

### Greeters

8:00 pm Tara Engel  
8:00 am Nancy Brehmer, Joanne Huegel  
10:30 am Daniel J McCormick

### Check in Minister

8:00 pm Anne and Mia Cuccio  
8:00 am Gretchen Cutshall  
10:30 am Brett Maronde

8:00 am Deb Rowekamp , LG, Patrice Steier (1), (IF NO DEACON), Christiane Lund , (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 Jen Good, Mike Good  
10:30 am Jackie Tyrrell

10:30 am Anthony Vareberg, LG, Barbara Vareberg, (1), (IF NO DEACON), Mary Chestolowski, (2)

### *Continued from Fr. Schuster's article*

It also does much damage to the person looking at the images, because it has the effect of drawing that person into a disordered sexual desire. This means that the person's sexual desires will most likely become disordered and out of control by the use of pornography. This creates a sort of "imprisonment" and unhealthy attachment. As a result, the person caught in the world of pornography will have a hard time looking at others with dignity, respect and true love. It truly has the potential to affect one's relationships in a very negative and selfish way. So, yes, it is degrading all the way around.

Regarding your friends who are looking at pornography and trying to expose you to it, you say that you "don't really want to lose them as friends" and that you "don't want people to think [you are] weird." I have a couple of thoughts on this. First, it's not "weird" in any sense of the word to respect the dignity of another person and to see them the way God sees them. God would never want you to look at another person the way they are portrayed in pornographic images. So, believe me, you are far from weird for not wanting to get drawn into this practice.

And as for losing them as friends, I think it's important

to understand what a friend is and is not. A true friend would not push you into this practice. A true friend would see that this is unhealthy and would respect this desire in you. So, if they do not want to spend time with you or make fun of you or even call you "weird" for not being interested in this, then I can assure you these are not your friends. I know the pressure can be strong to, in a sense, "fit in" with the crowd. But it's not worth it. You are much better off standing your ground and experiencing their rejection than you are going with the flow of this disordered behavior. Recent brain science studies reveal that pornography can be as addicting as some of the most addicting drugs, and there are many who are so addicted that they simply cannot find a way to break their habits. This addiction, for many, can go on for years and cause much distress, guilt, shame and sexual confusion. And the end result is that an addiction to pornography can (and I dare say "will") affect your healthy ability to love others in the way God wants you to.

So, stay strong and keep talking to your parents about this. That open communication with them will help you for years to come!

God's blessings! Father Peter Schuster

# Parish Events



## Food for Friends Ministry - Connecting people in need with those who can help.

Even though schools have been shut down, the Food for Friends Ministry is still active. There are about 120 students receiving food. Many families stop by for food, and food is also being delivered to families on a weekly basis. The donations received for the Franklin food pantry is very much appreciated.

**Operation One More**, a ministry within Food for Friends, distributed bags of food, a turkey, milk, and bread to 60 families mid December.

Once a year we have a project collection of a specific item for our friends. **In January, we are doing a "sock drive."** All sizes for kindergarten through 5th grade, boys and girls, are needed. There will be a black tub placed on the south side of the office for the socks.

Distribution will be in January and February as Jennine makes contact with the children. January's food collection will be soup and crackers. Snacks are also greatly appreciated. For other ideas, there is a listing of items that you may pick up on the table south of the office. Ben Franklin feels very blessed that our parish works with them to meet their needs. We have helped more students than those signed up to receive food items each week. Franklin has about 70% of their students on free and reduced lunches. We have a wonderful parish who comes through to support this ministry. Thank you.



## 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

Tues	Fri	Sat
12 am	10 pm	5 pm
11 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.



Thank you to everyone who has purchased raffle tickets for the CASH Calendar Raffle. Sales have been

outstanding! If you have not purchased your tickets yet, remember that the deadline is Feb. 5.

If you have tickets that you do not plan on purchasing, PLEASE return them ASAP. Our inventory of unsold tickets is extremely low and we have a need to have tickets available to purchase. Return unsold tickets AND sold ticket stubs with the correct money to the Church Office via the mail or putting them in the mail slot outside of the Church Office.

Again, thank you for your participation in this fundraiser!



## Rest In Peace

*Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them*

*Allan T. Brown*

*Father of Jennifer Schoenfelder*

*Karen Beyer*

*Survived by her husband, Al & Family*

# At Resurrection This Week

The dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation remains in effect until further notice.

<b>Monday</b> <b>11</b> Jan	Mass Registration for <b>Jan 16th/17th</b> rescathroch.org to sign up Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Daily Mass 8:30 am</li><li>• Office hours 9:15am - 5:00 pm</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>12</b> Jan	Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Daily Mass 8:30 am; Office hours 9:15am - 5:00 pm</li><li>• Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 pm</li><li>• Liturgical Ministries Meeting 7:00 pm</li><li>• St Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00 pm</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>13</b> Jan	Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Daily Mass 8:30 am;</li><li>• Office 9:15am - 5:00 pm</li></ul>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>14</b> Jan	Mass Registration for <b>Jan 16th/17th</b> sign up ends at 10:00 am. Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mass 8:30 am; Office hours 9:15 am - 5:00 pm</li><li>• Marketing and Communication Meeting 5:00 pm</li><li>• RCIA 6:30 pm</li><li>• Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm</li></ul>
<b>Friday</b> <b>15</b> Jan	Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Daily Mass 8:30 am;</li><li>• Office 9:15am - 5:00 pm</li></ul>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>16</b> Jan	Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:15 - 10:15 am</li><li>• Mass 8:00 pm</li></ul>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>17</b> Jan	Mass Registration for <b>Jan 23rd/24th</b> rescathroch.org to sign up 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mass 8:00 am and 10:30 am</li></ul>



# Michelle's



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I hope you all are still having a wonderful and blessed Christmas season!

Here again is a list of 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. (And please remember to nominate parishioners who inspired you to spread the light of Christ to others for future bulletin articles!)

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

## Mass Intentions

Mon	Jan 11	8:30 am	Mark Shiningar
Tues	Jan 12	8:30 am	†Kay Johnson
Wed	Jan 13	8:30 am	†Charles Krulas
Thu	Jan 14	8:30 am	†Betty Pyfferoen
Fri	Jan 15	8:30 am	†Frances Vogl
Sat	Jan 16	8:00 pm	†Mildred Dee
Sun	Jan 17	8:00 am	†Madeline Grace Rogers
Sun	Jan 17	10:30 am	For the Parish

## St. Francis School News

NWEA Testing begins this week. Please refer to information sent home with your child(ren) about specific testing dates and times.

The weekly school Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 12th at 9:15 am.

Our virtual Science Fair will be held on Thursday, January 14th.

There will be No School on Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

THE NEST IS THE BEST! We are pleased to share that The Nest at Rochester Catholic Schools has been named the WINNER among preschools in the 2020 Post Bulletin Best of the Best awards! At Rochester Catholic Schools, we are incredibly proud of our students, teachers, and staff and want to thank the Rochester community for voting The Nest as the top preschool in town. The Nest is where it all begins - EXCELLENCE encouraged for all, CHARACTER shaped by faith, and COMMUNITY devoted to growth. Learn more at [www.rcsmn.org/thenest](http://www.rcsmn.org/thenest)

Make a resolution to learn more about Catholic Social Teachings in the New Year! Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota will be offering two new study opportunities on Zoom in 2021. Life and Dignity of the Human Person (7 sessions) will be on Mondays, beginning Jan. 11th, at 7:00 pm. We will also offer a chance to study together the US Catholic Bishop's pastoral letter against racism, Open Wide Our Hearts, on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, beginning January 12th. All materials are available free. If you would like more information or to register, email Lisa Kremer at [lkremer@ccsomn.org](mailto:lkremer@ccsomn.org) or call her at 507-360-3423.

# Faith Formation

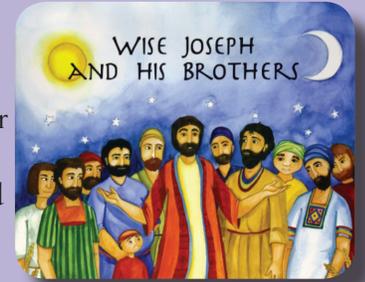


News from Stacey, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, [dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org](mailto:dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org) or 288-5528 x108

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 at the Faith Formation table in the Gathering Space.

**First Communion Parent Meeting:** Our meeting is on Monday, January 18th at 6:30pm. Only one parent needs to attend this parent-only meeting. At the meeting, we will hand out and cover all the information related to your child's First Communion.

**Teaching Kids to Respect Others:** This week our focus chapter is called "We Care Enough to Speak Out and Stand Up." Silence allows bullying to persist. Young people need to know when to keep a secret and when to tell an adult. They need strategies for finding the courage to speak out. One way to practice this is to role play about situations when children need to tell a trusted adult and when not to tell another. Read the story of Jacob and his brothers (Genesis 37) and talk about what courage it took for Reuben to stand up and speak out. What effect did this have on everyone? Does one person's voice matter? How can we find courage to speak out when the whole crowd is saying something different? Another way to practice standing up for others is talking about how Jesus sent his followers out in pairs (Luke 10:1). Why do you think two is better than one?



We can pray with scripture: *"Father of all, help us to hear your word and to act with courage."*

*"Open your mouth on behalf of the mute, and for the rights of the destitute; open your mouth, judge justly, defend the needy and the poor!"* Proverbs 31:8-9



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

Happy New Year!

To kick off the new year we will be doing a drawing for all the students who submit an image of their Doodle Prayers. You still have time! The next time you pray, take the time to ask God for a word or phrase of encouragement. Use the techniques taught to you by Ann Robertson to pray and doodle. Then, take a picture and send the image to [sheilap@rescathroch.org](mailto:sheilap@rescathroch.org) for your name to be entered in the LIVE drawing held on Wednesday, January 13th during our online Faith Formation class.

*St. John the Baptist, Pray for us. Amen.*

