

CHURCH OF THE
RESURRECTION
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Father, I thank you for hearing me; but
because of the crowd here I have said this,
that they may believe that you sent me."*

John 11: 1-45

March 21st, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 9:15 am - 10:15 am

Daily Mass: 8:30 am Monday - Friday

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 8:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am

Sunday: 10:30 am

Sunday Mass can be viewed on our
website: rescathroch.org

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

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Weekly Words from The Rock

Pastoral Answer to an Easter Question

Msgr. Charles Pope, in the February 7-13, 2021 edition of *Our Sunday Visitor*, page 19, looks at a question regarding the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Question: I have a friend who unfortunately is an unbeliever. In particular, she scoffs at the idea that Jesus rose from the dead. I really don't think anything short of video evidence will convince her. Is there anything I can say to her that you have found helpful?

Answer: Most people would simply say they know that Jesus Christ rose from the dead because it says so in the Bible. While this is true, it is not really the most correct answer. The proper answer is that we know that Jesus is risen from the dead because the apostles said so. They were eyewitnesses to this fact. Jesus himself attests to this when he said: "Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24:46-48).

So it is the eyewitness testimony of the apostles on which our faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ is founded. Surely, too, the Holy Spirit assists us who have faith to assent and cling to the truth.

But some, like your friend will ask, how can we know that what the apostles said and later wrote is true? What if they made the whole thing up, or were suffering from some delusion? What if they just meant by the Resurrection that Jesus merely lived on in their hearts and memory?

The best reply to such questions was given in a homily by St. John Chrysostom: "How could 12 uneducated men, who lived on lakes and rivers and wastelands, get the idea for such an immense enterprise [of spreading the gospel worldwide]? How could men who perhaps had never been in a city or a public square think of setting out to do battle with the

whole world? That they were fearful, timid men, the evangelist makes clear; he did not reject the fact or try to hide their weaknesses. Indeed, he turned these into a proof of the truth. What did he say of them? That when Christ was arrested, they fled, despite all the miracles they had seen, while he who was leader of the others denied him!

"How then account for the fact that these men, who in Christ's lifetime could not stand up to the attacks by the Jews, now set forth to do battle with the whole world if Christ was dead – if, as you claim, Christ did not rise and speak to them and rouse their courage? Did they perhaps say to themselves: 'What is this? He could not save himself but now he will protect us? He did not help himself when he was alive, but now that he is dead he will extend a helping hand to us? In his lifetime he brought no nation under his banner, but by uttering his name we will win over the whole world?' Would it not be wholly irrational even to think such thoughts, much less to act upon them?"

"It is evident, then, that if they had not seen him risen and had proof of his power, they would not have risked so much."

Indeed! And not only did they risk so much, they suffered so much! Every one of them, except perhaps John, died as martyrs. They would never have done this for some lie they had concocted or for some dreamy notion that Jesus still lived on in some way in their hearts. Clearly, they were so convicted and moved by the actual fact of the Resurrection that their lives were utterly changed.

And as for the charge of delusion, it may be possible for one man to be delusional, maybe even two, but 12 men collectively having the same delusion? To believe this would take more faith than simply to believe they were telling the truth.

Not a lie, not a fanciful hope, not a delusion, only the true fact of the actual Resurrection can really explain the heroic and tenacious going forth of the apostles. These are trustworthy eyewitnesses. Christ is risen indeed.

Till next week! Father Peter Schuster

Parish Lent 2021



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
FREE CLINIC



Lenten Almsgiving project

Our Lent project this year is to raise funds for our Lady of Guadalupe Free Clinic in Worthington, MN. Worthington is part of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester in the far southwestern corner of MN and is extremely poor. It is a city with 13,000 people, and more than 40% of its population is Latino. They lack affordable healthcare and have been hard-

hit by Covid this year. More information and a video can be found on the Resurrection website. We also have a prayer card that you may pick up in the church office or we can mail it to you. The back of the prayer card lists suggested donation amounts and tells you what each amount will cover at the clinic. If you want to contribute, make the check payable to Church of the Resurrection with a note it is for Lenten Almsgiving. You can drop it in the collection baskets, drop box by the office door or mail it to our Parish.



Triduum Sign Ups for Services and Masses

Please go to our website, rescathroch.org front page, **click on Lent and Easter sign up.**

Registration closes on Thursday, March 25th. If you registered for any of the services or Mass, you will get a confirmation after March 26th.

Holy Thursday Mass,	April 1st	7:00 pm
Good Friday Service,	April 2nd	12:10 pm; 3:00 pm; 7:00 pm
Easter Vigil, Saturday,	April 3rd	8:00 pm
Easter Sunday,	April 4th	8:00 am 10:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 9:15 - 10:15 am.

During Lent, we will offer this sacrament on Tuesdays, March 23rd and March 30th from 5:00 - 6:00 pm.

Lent Calendar is on our website homepage rescathroch.org. - prayers, reflections, games and on Fridays, videos to pray the Stations of the Cross with different Resurrection's ministries or Faith Formation students.

Check out March 25th. The Lay Carmelites provided a link to their website CarmelPrays.com. Located on this site is an amazing night prayer offered in chant by the Carmelite Monks daily. During Lent, Friday morning and evening prayer is offered with the aide so you can pray along with them. Free site.

EASTER FLOWER DONATION

If you would like to donate to our Easter Flower Fund in memory or honor of a loved one, please complete the form below, cut it out and put it in an envelope marked "Easter Flower Fund". You can drop it off in the collection baskets, mail it in or drop it off in the mail drop box by the office door. Thank you.



Donation from: Name: _____

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In Memory/Honor (circle one) of _____

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In Memory/Honor (circle one) of _____

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In Memory/Honor (circle one) of _____

Liturgical Ministries for March 27th/28th

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

Are you interested in serving in a Resurrection Liturgical ministry? Contact Michelle Perrier, Music and Choral Director, Coordinator of Liturgy at michellep@rescathroch.org or call 507 288 5528, ext 112.

Lectors

8:00 pm Therese Schoenfelder
8:00 am Denise Koster
10:30 am Sharyn Voss, Mary Chestolowski

Greeters

8:00 pm Anne and Mia Cuccio, Not Filled
8:00 am Nancy Brehmer, Joanne Huegel, Gretchen Cutshall
10:30 am Jen Good, Mike Good, NOT FILLED (2x)

Ushers

8:00 pm Jerry Krantz, John Schoenfelder, Cheryl Kieffer, Mary Meine
8:00 am Kenneth Mueller, Tom Pries,
10:30 am James Maronde, William Sullivan, Jackie Tyrrell, NOT FILLED (1x)

Sacristans

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

Eucharistic Ministers

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

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

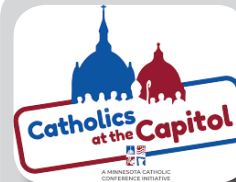
10:30 am Mary Stettler, LG, Regina Boehmke (1), IF NO DEACON,
Daniel J. McCormick, (2)



Earlier this season there was a bulletin article announcing, Ascension Presents "Bible in a Year" by Fr. Mike Schmidt.

He reads the day's three readings and then amplifies the readings. Each day

takes about 20 minutes for the bible readings and his reflections. Fr. Mike is passionate about his faith and his work. He adapted his "Bible in a Year" from Jeff Cavin's "Bible Timeline Chart". This is a must try! The web site is "media.ascensionpress.com", scroll down, to "The Bible in a Year"; click on "Listen Now", scroll again until you see his face, click play for the current read, or hit the "=" to access day 1 or other days you have missed. Free site. Call the office 288 5528 if you have questions.



Catholics at the Capitol 2021

April 15th
On Mission for Life and Dignity, will take

place in person at the Cathedral of St. Paul or online. Following the morning program, attendees will go to the State Capitol for Benediction and time to pray for the direction of our state and our elected leaders. You will meet virtually with your legislators the following day, April 16th. In person tickets are on sale for \$20 and virtual tickets are \$10. Please go to their website www.catholicsatthecapitol.org for more information and to register. Ticket sales last through March 31st.

Bussing is free, but you must register. Deadline to register for the bus is April 7th. To register call Maggee Becker at 651-227-8777 or call the church office at 507-288-5528 and we will send you the email with the link to register on line. Bus leaves at 8:25 AM - Pax Christi Church, 4135 18th Ave NW, Rochester, Arrives at the Cathedral of St. Paul

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



Open Hours

Tue	Wed	Fri	Sat
12 am	6 pm	10 pm	5 pm
11 pm			11 pm

To sign up or for more information, call the church office at 507-288-5528.

Weekly Calendar with Readings

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

Monday
22
March

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

- Daily Mass 8:30 am
- Office Hours 9:15 am - 5:00 pm
- Faith Formation Classes Gr 1-5, 4:30/6:00 pm

Tuesday
23
March

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-3

- Daily Mass 8:30 am; Office Hours 9:15 am - 5:00 pm
- Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 - 6:00 pm
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul 7:00 pm
- Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 pm

Wednesday
24
March

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

- Daily Mass 8:30 am
- Office hours: 9:15 am - 5:00 pm
- Music Theory Classes 6:30 pm

Thursday
25
March

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/
Lk 1:26-38

- Mass 8:30 am;
- Office Hours 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm
- RCIA 6:30 pm

Friday
26
March

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

- Daily Mass 8:30 am
- Office Hours 9:15 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday
27
March

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-5

- Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:15 am - 10:15 am
- Palm Sunday Mass 8:00 pm

Sunday
28
March

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

- Palm Sunday Mass 8:00 am
- Palm Sunday Mass 10:30 am



Michelle's



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Almsgiving can be a tricky conversation to have. Before coming here, all my previous full-time jobs could only pay me part-time salaries. As a result, I could never contribute much to any organization or cause. I completely empathize, then, when Lenten almsgiving projects come up and I see some saddened when they're unable to contribute.

Was there ever a day in grade school when you forgot to bring a snack? Classmates might offer you a portion of their own snack, a carrot here, a Kugel there. Taken individually, these items do not constitute for much, but put together, you now have the greatest snack out of the whole class. The same thing applies to monetary donations. Our Lady of Guadalupe Free Clinic, for instance, can provide someone medicine for three months with just ten dollars. Catholic Ministries Appeal through their stewardship organizations can do the same.

Ponder this, too: almsgiving does not necessarily mean giving money. When I couldn't afford to donate money, I would support my parishes by offering extra hours of labor or donating materials from my home to use for church environment. At my last parish, a group of ladies collected plastic trash bags and made mats from them for the homeless. One of our young parishioners last month told me his plans to donate a chunk of his allowance and begin serving as a liturgical minister. His parents did not ask him to do that; rather, it was something he desired to do to give in his own way.

Let's think about almsgiving in a new light, then. How can we offer our own personal gifts, like money, time, or talents to be charitable to those in need?

God Bless,
Michelle Perrier

Song of the Week: *If We are the Body*
by Casting Crowns

Check it out on YouTube!

Mass Intentions

Mon	Mar 22	8:30 am	†Norma Armstrong
Tues	Mar 23	8:30 am	†Frisby Family
Wed	Mar 24	8:30 am	Patricia Rossman
Thu	Mar 25	8:30 am	†Keith Larson
Fri	Mar 26	8:30 am	†Patricia Baker
Sat	Mar 27	8:00 pm	†Helen Muzzy
Sun	Mar 28	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	Mar 28	10:30 am	†Covid19 victims

St. Francis School News

Weekly School Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 23rd at 9:15 am with grades 5 and 7 attending.

Our last Rice Bowl collection will be gathered on Tuesday, March 23rd by the Student Council.

Our monthly HERO/Virtue assembly will be Tuesday, March 23rd at 1:20 pm. Our Student Council will present virtually, along with our 3rd graders.

Thursday, March 25th is the end of third quarter and will be a Student Council sponsored theme day.

There is no school Friday, March 26th. It is a Professional Development Day for Staff.

Spring break is March 29 - April 5th. School resumes on April 6th.



2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal Share the Light of Hope

Your gift makes a direct impact in supporting ministries that are leading people closer to Christ. Thank you for your generosity! To give online, visit www.catholicfsmn.org

Ending March 15th, 2021

Resurrection's Parish Goal \$80,166

Received and/or Pledged \$42,685

Percent of Goal 53.25%



Resurrection's Ca\$h Calendar Winner

This week's winner for our \$50 cash calendar raffle is **Char Stocker**
Congratulations Char!

Faith Formation



News from Stacey, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org.

Grades 1-5: Faith Formation classes meet on Monday, March 22nd at 4:30 and 6:00pm. For families who used workbooks at home this year, if you didn't write in the workbook and no longer want it, please return it tomorrow. If you want to keep the workbook, feel free to continue to work at your own pace. Remember to thank your catechists for their time, energy, patience, kindness and prayers throughout the year.

Totus Tuus is back: Save the dates of June 28-July 2 for our summer faith camp.

Fasting during Lent: Thank you to Charlotte Bruining for making our paper tree for our "What 'wood' you give up for Lent?" bulletin board display in the Faith Formation hallway. During the Pray, Fast, Give, Rejoice Learning Centers, the children prayed about their Lenten practices and committed to fasting.



News from Sheila, Birth-KG, Grs 6-12, Children & Youth Ministry, dresscm@rescathroch.org

It is time to start planning for summer activities! Take a moment to read upcoming middle and high school faith opportunities.

Save the dates on your calendar for : Totus Tuus, Steubenville Rochester, and Camp Summit!
Contact Sheila Pelowski for more information!

SAVE THE DATE!



TOTUS TUUS: June 27th—July 1st ~ 6pm to 10pm
@ the Church of the Resurrection— drop-ins welcomed!
Nightly gathering of Catholic Youth entering grade 7- 12.
Food, Games, Faith Discussions, Prayer, & Evening Bonfires! **FREE EVENT!**



STEUBENVILLE North, July 23-25th @ the Mayo Civic Center
Weekend retreat for students entering 9th grade—completing 12th grade.

Steubenville | Rochester evangelizes, equips and empowers youth to become radical, joyful disciples. Enjoy keynote speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and much more! Normally, \$209 but we will be using Pumpkin Fundraising money to offset this cost! (This is not an overnight event, no hotels.)



CAMP SUMMIT: @Eagle Bluff ~ Tuesday, August 3rd ~ 8:00-5:30
For students entering 6th –8th grade. **LIMITED SEATING!** \$75