

CHURCH OF THE
RESURRECTION
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you.
Receive the Holy Spirit."*

John 20:19-31

April 11th, 2021
Divine Mercy Sunday

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: 8:30 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

Question: Why is God so violent in the Old Testament? This is a question I am asked from time to time. Msgr. Charles Pope in his Our Sunday Visitor article of January 24-30, 2021 (page 19) takes up the question.

Question: A nurse I know with experience in the ER and ICU had planned to read the complete Bible when she retired, but she gave up because of the violence. She said she couldn't take it. Any words of encouragement for her?

Answer: It is true that the early books of the Bible and much of the Old Testament depict acts of great violence. The crucifixion of Our Lord is also an act of great cruelty and violence in the New Testament. The first thing to remember about all such matters is how the fact that the Bible records them does not necessarily mean the Bible approves of them. That said, there are difficult and dark passages that record God commanding certain cities and places to be utterly destroyed and that no one is to be left alive, not man, woman, child or animal. There is great debate at how to interpret these passages. Some say they are simply the Israelites projecting their own genocidal wishes on God. Others see them as merely an admonition to make no compromises with the world or the nations around them. Still others, as I do, see them as straight-forward commands to completely remove a people or city, leaving nothing that might influence the people of God to idolatry or imitation of the nations they were supplanting.

Two things should be observed. First, God, who gives life, also has the right to set limits and end life when he sees fit. If I own property and decide to remove roses and plant begonias, that is within my rights to do. Perhaps the roses have gone wild or are diseased. Whatever my reason, I am free to act. Even more so with God with individuals or nations. In a broader sense, we need to recall that, in the ancient world, things were tough all over. Life was brutal and short.

There were no agreed upon borders, there was no body of law to adjudicate differences, there was no judicial system of trial prosecution, there was no police force. Tribes moved about and conflicted over food, land and resources. Mankind emerged from the garden in a fallen and brutal state. This is what God was dealing with. However, God, by stages, brought us from this brutal chaos to better order and peace. He chooses a people, Israel, gives them the Law, instructs them, and prepares them for the Messiah, the Prince of Peace. He limits retaliation, establishes the structures of family, the corporal works of mercy, the importance of hospitality, the rights of foreigners and the proper punishments due to sin. He commands that we love our neighbor and so forth. Hence, God draws them away from violence and chaos toward love, respect and order. It is somewhat like a parent who has a small child who is subject to tantrums, selfishness and only understands punishments. But as the child grows older, the parent can reason with him and call him to respect, justice and love. When Jesus arrives, he builds on the progress and calls us even higher: to love our enemies, not retaliate, and to be willing to suffer for the truth without hatred. Hence, your friend might consider that the Scriptures depict a journey of God's people out of brutality and chaos toward a growing sense of justice, respect and love. The early days were brutal, and God dealt with them in ways they could understand. But he brought them higher and to a better understanding of godliness and being more fully human.

Finally, I would also say that your friend has clearly been exposed to a lot of trauma working in the ER and the ICU. This is bound to affect her as she reads such passages. Perhaps, she would do better to read the New Testament which, while not free of violence, is far clearer that such things are reprehensible and unacceptable now that the Lord has raised us to higher things. The Old Testament is best read in the light of the New Testament. Start there, master the texts, and then go back to the more ancient texts and understand that many things have been surpassed and rejected while other more positive things have perdured and blessed us with a more orderly, just and peaceful epoch. Sadly, however, as we become more secular, some of the progress is slipping away and we are becoming a more contentious and violent culture. Let us pray for a return to Biblical sensibility.

Till next week! Father Peter Schuster

Parish News



Divine Mercy Sunday April 11th.

We will not be hosting an event for Divine Mercy Sunday again this year. Resources available. Websites: thedivinemercy.org (video: Divine Mercy Matters 3 episodes; downloadable & referenced booklets/pamphlets); ewtn.com (prayers, videos); www.3oclockhour.org; www.faithfitness.org/mercy. Television: (cable; Channel 80; DirectTV channel 370); April 11th starting 9:00 am -3:00 pm; Mass, Holy Hour, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, etc.



Resurrection's Ca\$h Calendar Winner

This week's winner for our \$50 cash calendar raffle is Jesse Kieffer
Congratulations Jesse!

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE, *during this Year of St.*



Joseph, that Resurrection will be starting a **Men's Prayer Group** beginning in September. The group will meet twice a month

with no meetings planned during summer months. The purpose of the group is to help men grow in their faith, help men understand their purpose, to provide fellowship and encouragement to men and to strengthen families.

All men of Resurrection ages 18 and older are welcome. Contact the parish office at 507-288-5528 if interested.



2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal Share the Light of Hope

Your generosity to the Catholic Ministries Appeal from year to year is so greatly appreciated! You are making a difference in our Catholic community through faith-enriching ministries that take place throughout each year.

Ending March

Resurrection's Parish Goal \$80,166

Received and/or Pledged \$47,435

Percent of Goal 59.17%

Baptism

Born to a new life in Christ and joined to our faith community through the Waters of Baptism, we welcome:



Drake Arthur
November 8th, 2020
Child of
Cory & Emily Quinn
Sister, Kaylee



Collyns Rose
January 3, 2021
Child of
Travis & Michelle
Mason
Brothers,
Carter & Chase

Liturgical Ministries for April 17th/18th

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 Liz Hanson
8:30 am Denise Koster
10:30 am Thomas Kelly

Ushers

8:00 pm Josh Noser, Marie Noser
8:30 am Kenneth Mueller, Char Robinet
10:30 am Gordon Robertson, Brody Tyrrell

Eucharistic Ministers

8:00 pm David Poirier - LG, Walter Max, (1), (If no Deacon), Patricia Max, (2)
8:30 am John-Howard Carroll - LG, Deb Rowekamp, (1), (If no Deacon), Helen Alexander, (2)
10:30 am Daniel J McCormick - LG, Denise Kelly (1), (If No Deacon), Char Stocker, (2)

Greeters

8:00 pm Tara Engel, Lee Witter
8:30 am Nancy Brehmer, Tom Lund
10:30 am Bob Voss, **NOT FILLED**

Sacristans

8:00 pm Judith Pelowski
8:30 am Tracy & Donna Smith
10:30 am Lynn Walston

Rest In Peace

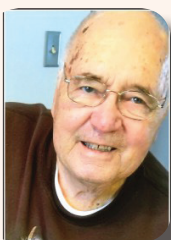
Let the Perpetual Light Shine
Upon Them



Veronica Mudge
March 27, 2021



Survived by her husband, Gary



Kenneth Allen
March 27, 2021



Survived by his children
Kelly, Kevin and Kyle
and their families

Wedding

May the Peace of Christ
Live in their hearts and home

*Logan Anderson and Paul Kramer
April 10th, 2021*

Dedication Candles April 10th-17th

1. †Eugene Sellner
2. Special Intention



The Courier (Diocese of Winona's monthly newsletter) is available to read on our website rescathroch.org. On our Home page, scroll down to Announcements and click on the red button "Continue Reading"; then click on "Read Here: The Courier".

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.

Catholic Charities of Southern MN is offering 3 new ZOOM studies beginning later in April! Choose from: The Dignity of Work (led by Isaac Landsteiner – beginning April 20th), The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching (led by Chad Cagle and beginning on April 22nd), or Fratelli Tutti (led by Lisa Kremer – beginning April 27th). For more information or to register, contact Lisa at lkremer@ccsommn.org – 507-360-3423. More information on our website: (ccsommn.org)

Weekly Calendar with Readings

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

Monday
12
April

Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

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

Tuesday
13
April

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

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

Wednesday
14
April

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

- Daily Mass 8:30 am
- Office hours: 9:15 am - 5:00 pm
- Sacrament of Confirmation Practice 6:30 pm
- Music Theory Class 6:30 pm

Thursday
15
April

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

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

Friday
16
April

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

- **NO Daily Mass**
- Office Hours 9:15 am - 5:00 pm
- Funeral Service 10:00 am

Saturday
17
April

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

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

Sunday
18
April

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

- Sunday Mass 8:30 am
- Sunday Mass 10:30 am
- Confirmation Year 2 Class 6:30 pm



Michelle's



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Coordinator of Liturgy
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Last winter, I used one of my articles to list some of my favorite Christmas songs. I thought I would do the same thing for Easter. Below are some of my favorite songs that are all about the Resurrection.

There's a huge variety here, from traditional to contemporary, full orchestra to a capella. I encourage you to take one of your YouTube binge days and check some of them out.

In Christ Alone—Various Artists (For a really pretty version, listen to BYU Vocal Point)

Because He Lives—Matt Maher

Hallelujah is Our Song—Sarah Hart, Sarah Kroger, Josh Blakesley, and Trey Heffinger

Rise Up—CAIN

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)—Chris Tomlin

God so Loved—We the Kingdom

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth (from the Messiah)—Various Artists

(Fun fact: We sing the Hallelujah Chorus from the Messiah traditionally at Christmas, but that song is in reality about the Resurrection of Christ, not his birth!)

Glorious Day—Casting Crowns

Living Hope—Phil Wickham

Jesus Christ is Risen Today—Various Artists

Come Alive (Dry Bones)—Lauren Daigle

Exsultate, Jubilate—Mozart (The whole work is about 10 minutes long. If you only want to listen to the best part, check out the last song, titled Alleluia!)

Alleluia! Love is Alive—Steve Angrisano, Jesse Manibusan, and Sarah Hart

Ain't Got Time to Die—(My huuuuuge favorite version of this song is performed by Rev. Ernest Davis, Jr. and The Wilmington Chester Mass Choir)

Once again, blessings to you this Easter season!

God Bless,
Michelle Perrier

Mass Intentions

Mon	Apr 12	8:30 am	†James & Marie Hurtz
Tues	Apr 13	8:30 am	Adorers
Wed	Apr 14	8:30 am	†Joan Sudman
Thu	Apr 15	8:30 am	†Robert Heimer
Fri	Apr 16	8:30 am	NO MASS
Sat	Apr 17	8:00 pm	†Allan Brown
Sun	Apr 18	8:30 am	†Keith Larson
Sun	Apr 18	10:30 am	For the Parish

St. Francis School News

Severe Weather Awareness Week will be observed this week.

School Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 13th at 9:15 am with grades 1 and 4 attending.



Lourdes High School fund-raiser

today at Victoria's Restaurant,

7 First Ave SW - all day. Dine in or

Carry Out. Order on line at order.victoriasmn.com.

Victoria's will donate 25% of your food sales to the *Lourdes High School Senior Party*. Please call when you arrive to pick up your order - a member of LHS class will bring your food out to your car.

You're invited to join Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary on Friday, April 16, for this year's Bishops & Rector Virtual Event. Though the COVID-19 pandemic continues to restrict the ways we're able to gather, we're glad we can be with you virtually in 2021 after the cancellation of the event entirely in 2020. This year, Fr. Robert Horihan, Rector at IHMS, and Bishop John Quinn of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester will host the event from St. John Vianney Chapel in IHM Seminary. It will begin at 5:30pm and can be viewed on the IHMS Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ihmseminary) and the Diocese of Winona-Rochester YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/DiocesefWinona>). This event is a major source of funding for the seminary, and we'd ask, if your financial situation allows, to prayerfully consider how you might support our mission of forming men who are discerning the call to the priesthood. To make a financial contribution, please visit <https://catholicismn.org/bishops-and-rector-event>.

Faith Formation



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

Totus Tuus at Resurrection: For children entering 1st-6th grades this summer, Totus Tuus will be the week of June 28-July 2, 9:00am-2:30pm Monday-Friday. Registration is on our website. **Totus Tuus** is a Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. The goal of Totus Tuus is to help young people grow in the understanding of and strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ. The Grade School Program is designed for Catholic children striving to help students be clear and consistent in their faith and showing the children that the humble yet courageous seeking of all believers is to be based upon the Word of God.



Totus Tuus Volunteers Needed: We need two families for hosting the two men and two women leaders for the week. In addition, classroom assistants are needed for each of the classrooms. Anyone who is high school age or older, parents, or grandparents are invited to sign up to help the Totus Tuus team in the classrooms. You may volunteer for one day or all five days. Contact me if you are interested in hosting or volunteering during the Totus Tuus week.

First Communion: Our practice is on Monday, April 19th in the church at 6:30pm. One parent needs to stay with their child. Children will wear their First Communion outfits and there will be time for parents to take their pictures. Families can prepare for First Communion by practicing the steps of communion and following the order of the Mass.



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

Divine Mercy Sunday Cheat Sheet

The best way to truly celebrate this devotion with your kids is to understand it yourself, so let's take a quick look at the overview of Divine Mercy Sunday

- The image of Jesus has a red ray and a blue ray coming out of his heart. One symbolizes water, and one symbolizes blood.
- St. Faustina is the one that had the apparition of Divine Mercy Jesus, which is why she is depicted holding the image.
- St. Pope John Paul II is the pope that canonized St. Faustina and instituted Divine Mercy Sunday. So he is also associated with the day.
- When Jesus appeared to St. Faustina, he came with the message "Jesus, I Trust In You"
- St. Faustina kept a diary where she wrote a lot about Divine Mercy, and it is often referred to in reference to the image.
- The "Divine Mercy Chaplet" is a prayer that can be prayed using a rosary, but is shorter and prays much faster
- It's traditional to pray a Divine Mercy novena, which starts on Good Friday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday.
- Many families like to attend confession the week of Divine Mercy Sunday.



More on Divine Mercy: <http://www.estanciavalleycatholicch.org/pdfs/DIVINEMERCYOVERVIEW.pdf>

How to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet: <https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/year-of-faith/how-to-pray-the-chaplet-of-divine-mercy>

Possible Plenary Indulgence: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities/view.cfmid-1052>