

CHURCH OF THE  
**RESURRECTION**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"This I command you: love one another."  
John 15:9-17*

May 9th, 2021  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

*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](http://rescathroch.org)

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

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## Weekly Words from The Rock

### The Mercy of God and Repentance

Msgr. Charles Pope in his pastoral answers of April 11-17, 2021 (Our Sunday Visitor, page 31) deals with the question of mercy and repentance.

**Question:** The mercy of God our Father is a big topic these days. The other side of the equation, though, is the call to repentance. In Luke, Jesus asks his Father to forgive the people for they don't know what they are doing (cf. Luke 23:34). Jesus shows mercy for the crowd, and yet they did not acknowledge their sin. In contrast, the good thief was contrite, and Jesus said, "today you will be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43). So, is repentance required for the gift of mercy? There seems to be a bit of a contradiction; will you shed some light for us?

**Answer:** Yes. Repentance is the key that unlocks mercy. Without repentance, there cannot be mercy, since the sinner does not acknowledge or outright rejects their need for mercy. Repentance involves the acknowledgment that I have done something wrong, will strive to end such behavior and now seek mercy. The unrepentant do not think they need mercy since, to some degree, they do not accept that they are doing anything wrong. The very offering of mercy to them would be considered offensive or scoffed at. One of the chief errors of our day is the proclamation of mercy without reference to repentance.

Jesus warns, over and over again, of the need to repent and be ready for the day of judgment. Arguable 21 of the 38 parables are about this theme. There are the sheep and goats, those on the right and those on the left, the wheat and the weeds, the wise and foolish virgins, the stewards who are ready on the master's return and those who are not. The list could go on.

In all these parables, there are some who are saved and some who are lost, and the key matter is their behavior and their readiness for judgment.

The opening words of Jesus' ministry are, "Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). Jesus warns the unbelievers of his day, "If you do not believe that I AM, you will die in your sins" (John 8:24). He says elsewhere, "Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God" (John 3:18). Throughout the Gospels, Jesus warns that certain behaviors and attitudes put one at risk of the fires of hell. He also warns that discipleship is not easy and that we must be willing to take up our cross and renounce many things. Hence there are many sins and attitudes to repent of. To the repentant, Jesus was very merciful, but to the unrepentant and self-righteous, he was very stern.

As for Jesus forgiving the crowd from the cross, he bases that on the specific norm: "They know not what they do." Surely the leaders were very guilty of condemning a man they barely knew, of ignoring his true teachings and miracles, and of bringing in false witnesses in his mock trial. Even Pilate saw through their pretense. But Pilate, too, feared man and did not follow his own conscience. What those most guilty did not likely know is that they were killing their very God.

St. Paul says as much: "We speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory" (1 Corinthians 2:7-8). Hence the Lord beseeches mercy for them regarding their "deicide" (killing of a god) due to their ignorance. But it does not follow that they are offered mercy without repentance regarding their many other sins. In those cases, they knew what they were doing and must repent to find mercy. Scripture speaks clearly to the connection of repentance and mercy: "If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing" (1 John 1:8-9).

Till next week! Father Peter Schuster

Catholic Ministry Appeal

Ending April 26th

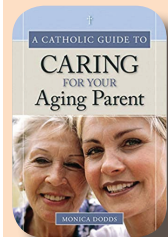
Resurrection's Parish Goal	\$80,166
Received and Pledged:	\$68,924
Percent of Goal:	85.98%



# Parish News

**Mother's Day Sunday** We will have a blessing for moms in the parking lot (near the main entrance). Fr. Schuster will be on the sidewalk near the entrance from 4:00 to 5:00 pm to give a blessing to each mom - drive up near Fr. Schuster and you can stay in your car to receive the blessing.

**We need some help from May through September.** We have a great team for you to join in keeping our flower beds watered and free of weeds. A team member will train you and the best part of this ministry is you do not have to be experienced or have a green thumb; just enjoy being outdoors. Families are welcome. This usually involves about a total of 3 weeks of time during the season. **The Garden Team** will be raking, planting and spreading new bark on Saturday, May 15th starting at 8:30 am. All are welcome to come and help even if you will not be able to commit any other time. You are welcome to bring your rake and planting tools. Any questions, please call Nancy Brehmer at 507-271-1184 or Mary Kessler at 507-261-2760.



**Are you a caregiver for an older adult?** Elder Care Ministry of Resurrection will host a Book Give Away ~ 'A Catholic Guide to Caring for Your Aging Parent' by Monica Dodds. Drawing on Monday, May 31 ~ the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please register in the Gathering Space throughout the month of May ~ the Month of Mary, who along with her Son, Jesus, shows us how to care for others with love and compassion. You may also call the church office to register at 288-5528. Please include your name, phone # and/or email on the registration. About the book: "A Catholic Guide to Caring for Your Aging Parent" is a comprehensive guide for caregivers. Author, Monica Dodds, insists that faith is a fundamental part of caregiving, and her approach is deeply rooted in Catholic spirituality. She shows adult children how they can love and serve their aging parents better by deepening their own spiritual lives. "Caregiving", she says, "is a time of many grace-filled moments." Dodds explains how to properly access the needs of a failing older person, and she writes in detail about the physical, mental, emotional, interpersonal, and spiritual dimensions of care. Three extensive appendices provide checklists for assessing needs, a compilation of resources, and an anthology of prayers. This book is also available through LoyolaPress.com for \$14.95."

**Funeral Luncheons and special receptions volunteers needed** - Assists with table and food preparation (cutting bars, plating desserts, pouring coffee) in serving food in Fr. Zenk Hall; clearing dishes, wiping down tables and running the dishwasher. Call the office for more information 507-288-5528

**Knights of Columbus** - a fraternal organization of Catholic men at Resurrection. The Knights serve the parish and contribute financially to various organizations and to the needs of the community. Contact the parish office if interested in learning more about our Knights of Columbus, 507-288-5528



**Men's Prayer Group** will start in September. Men 18 years and older are invited to participate. 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. Contact the parish office if interested, 507-288-5528.

## 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.

## St. Francis School News

The weekly school Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 11th at 9:15 am with grades 1 and 4 attending.



### Resurrection's Ca\$h Calendar Winner

This week's winner for our Mother's Day \$250 cash calendar raffle is Julie Boxrud Taylor

Congratulations Julie

## Liturgical Ministries for May 15th/16th

*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](mailto:michellep@rescathroch.org) or call 507 288 5528, ext 112.

### Lectors

8:00 pm Therese Schoenfelder  
8:30 am Alex Smith  
10:30 am Allen Aksamit

### Greeters

8:00 pm Tara Engel, Lee Witter  
8:30 am Gretchen Cutshall, Joanne Huegel  
10:30 am Fran & Shelley Filzen

### Ushers

8:00 pm Jerry Krantz, David Poirier  
8:30 am Kenneth Mueller, Char Robinet  
10:30 am Elaina Robertson, Gordon Robertson

### Sacristans

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

### Eucharistic Ministers

8:00 pm Diane Woodworth - LG, Connie Curtiss, Mary Meine - (IF NO DEACON)  
8:30 am Christiane Lund - LG, Barbara Vareberg, Deb Rowekamp - (IF NO DEACON)  
10:30 am Gary Tschann - LG, Brenda Tschann, Bob Voss - (IF NO DEACON)

## Community News

On Saturday, May 15th, the Church of St. Dominic in Northfield will have an Exposition of many Sacred Relics that has traveled all the way from the Vatican. The evening begins with Mass at 5:00p.m. followed by teaching and exposition of the Relics. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will bring an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. This event is free and open to all. For more information on the Exposition, please visit [churchofstdominic.org](http://churchofstdominic.org) or call their Parish Office at 507-645-8816.

**Do you have paper that needs shredding?** If so, Beckley's will have a Paper Shred Event to support local non-profits which includes our parish, Church of the Resurrection on Wednesday, May 26th and Thursday, May 27th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Limit 10 boxes per vehicle. Cost is \$10/box and Beckley's will donate \$5/box to Church of the Resurrection. Cash or checks, no credit card will be accepted for this event. Beckley's is located at 125 Woodlake Dr. SE, (near Whistle Binkies on the Lake). Call 507 288 8659 with questions.

**This weekend supports the Catholic Charities Annual Mother's Day Appeal.** Please prayerfully consider embracing the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Show compassion ~ Create Lasting Change. If you are unable to contribute today, please donate on-line at [www.ccsomn.org/donate-online](http://www.ccsomn.org/donate-online).

**St. James Coffee** has a prayer ministry on the edge of 41st Street NW every Tuesday morning from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. as a witness and invitation to receive free coffee and prayer if desired. We are in need of volunteers to keep this ministry alive. A once a month commitment would be good and of course more time welcome. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Margaret at [mugsmulli@gmail.com](mailto:mugsmulli@gmail.com). Thank you!

**ROCHESTER ROSARY RALLIES** continue to be held near the Rochester Government Center on Sundays at the corner of 4th St. SE and 3rd Ave. SE at 3pm, the Divine Mercy Hour, lasting about 35 minutes. If you are ever unable to join us physically, please consider joining us spiritually by praying a Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet from wherever you are. May our united prayers through Mary find the heart of Jesus. Questions: Contact Mary Amiot at [mamiot@hotmail.com](mailto:mamiot@hotmail.com) or 507-287-6481 or Janela Hubka at [daveandjanela@gmail.com](mailto:daveandjanela@gmail.com) or 507-282-6090.

The Courier (Diocese of Winona's monthly newsletter) is available to read on our website [rescathroch.org](http://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".



# Weekly Calendar with Readings

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

**Monday**  
**10**  
May

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a

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

**Tuesday**  
**11**  
May

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

- Daily Mass 8:30 am
- Office Hours 9:15 am - 5:00 pm
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00 pm
- Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

**Wednesday**  
**12**  
May

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

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

**Thursday**  
**13**  
May

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20; (Ascension Thursday - Not a Holy Day of Obligation, Celebrated on Sunday)

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

**Friday**  
**14**  
May

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17

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

**Saturday**  
**15**  
May

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

- Planting Day of parish garden's 8:30 am - all are welcome to come and assist with planting, adding mulch, etc.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:15 am - 10:15 am
- Ascension Saturday Mass 8:00 pm

**Sunday**  
**16**  
May

Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

- Ascension Sunday Mass 8:30 am
- Ascension Sunday Mass 10:30 am



## Michelle's



Music & Choral Director &  
Coordinator of Liturgy  
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There's a beautiful song inspired by Psalm 139 written by Paulo K Tiról called Wonderfully Made. The lyrics are as follows:

I've seen every tear that you've cried, the fears and the failures you've struggled to hide. The worthiness doubted beneath all that pride, the visions and dreams left behind. I know your remorse and regret, the secrets and stories you ache to forget. So many people you'd die to be, yet I choose you.

When you first were formed, I was there. I've counted each step and each strand of your hair. How precious you are and yet so unaware that no treasure could ever compare. With all of your bruises and stains, I call you beloved; that never will change. The mountains may crumble but this will remain: I choose you.

If only you could see yourself the way that I do and know yourself the way I know you, then you'd love yourself as somebody who is wonderfully made.

### Wonderfully made are you.

I've been thinking a lot about how many of us first discovered God and learned to love. I realized that most of us probably learned it through the unconditional love of our mothers. These song lyrics may be God's words to us, but it's easy to think of them coming from a mother, especially a mother like Brenda Sellner.



Brenda's love for her two children, Beth and Adam, shines through in everything she does. Along with her husband, Chris, the four of them have many activities they do together, including

fishing, card and board games, and watching sports on TV, especially college football. Brenda goes to all her children's school functions, from games and meets to choir concerts. She's been working especially hard this year helping Beth and the other seniors in her class partake in the various functions that COVID has affected, including prom and grad night.

## Mass Intentions

Mon	May 10	8:30 am	Reparation of Sins
Tues	May 11	8:30 am	†John Konkel
Wed	May 12	8:30 am	†Patricia Baker
Thu	May 13	8:30 am	Perpetual Adorers
Fri	May 14	8:30 am	†John Adams
Sat	May 15	8:00 pm	For the Parish
Sun	May 16	8:30 am	Deanna Sellner (healing)
Sun	May 16	10:30 am	†Millie Dee

Brenda serves as a role model for her children. Adam and Beth elaborated, saying "She is always willing to try new things and go out of her comfort zone to help others." A great example of this is when she plays the piano at Mass. Old songs, new songs, easy songs, hard songs, Brenda practices for weeks so she can bring to life the music we use to worship at Mass. There's always a difference between a musician who simply plays on the page and a musician like Brenda who pours her love into every note. Through everything she does, including Elder Care and the Liturgy Committee, she is "Happy, energetic, patient, fun, adventurous. She is always in a good mood, smiling, and positive."

She spreads Christ's unconditional love outside her family as well, especially through her job as a nurse. Chris mentioned that "She regularly gets letters in the mail and notes from her supervisor that come from patients or their families. These notes describe how awesome of care she gave them or how relaxed and calm she made them feel. She has a whole folder full of them." Through her stewardship on earth, Adam and Beth have learned to "Be patient! Trust in God. There is good in all people."

Her children also describe what they learned about motherhood through her example. "Love is unconditional. Forgive and forget. Live for the moment. Focus on the positive attributes in others." Just like the song, Brenda constantly chooses to love her husband, her children, her patients, and everyone she meets. Through her example, may we see how wonderfully made each one of God's children is and love them in the same way.

# Faith Formation



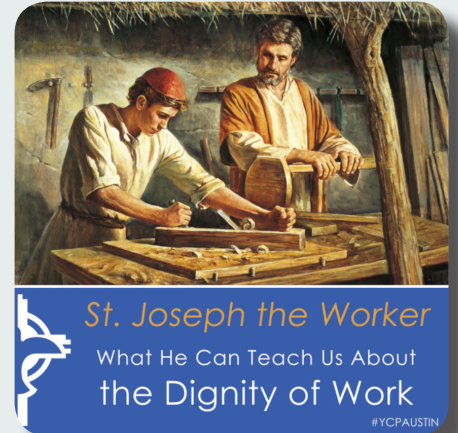
News from Stacey, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, [dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org](mailto:dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org).

**Totus Tuus:** Grades 1-6 Day Camp is Monday, June 28-Friday, July 2. We start at 9:00am every day and end at 2:30pm. Cost is \$15/child or \$30/family. Registration form is on our website under Faith Formation, Grades 1-5, Totus Tuus. Stop by the Faith Formation table in the Gathering space to see the photos from Totus Tuus and how to volunteer during the week. We look forward to a fun week with skits, songs, games, worship, prayer, and friendship. Our focus this year is the Glorious Mysteries and the Commandments.

**St. Joseph the Worker:** During this year of St. Joseph, we take time to look at his life, vocation, and occupation. St. Joseph's vocation was to the married life with Mary and foster father to Jesus. His occupation was his work as a carpenter. God provided St. Joseph a way to provide for his family. We can turn to scripture to discover what God created work to be for St. Joseph and for us today.

*Open your bibles* and look up these verses in the New Testament to learn about the dignity of work and workers:

- All workers should be paid a just and living wage. (Matthew 20:1-16)
- The Sabbath was made for people, not people for the Sabbath. (Mark 2:27)
- Practice integrity in your work. (Luke 3:10-14)
- One's worth is not determined by an abundance of possessions. (Luke 12:13-21)
- Those who become rich by abusing their workers have sinned against God. (James 5:1-6)



News from Sheila, Birth-KG, Grs 6-12, Children & Youth Ministry, [dresscm@rescathroch.org](mailto:dresscm@rescathroch.org)

I recently read an article from [wau.org](http://wau.org) that asked what size of container am I offering the Holy Spirit to fill? This statement gave me pause because today, well, my container is probably not that big....maybe half a cup. The article also expressed that my ability to receive the Holy Spirit is in proportion to my desire and preparation for him.

How much do I really desire the Holy Spirit to pour forth the love of God, to strengthen and transform me? I do desire this. I really do. I am thinking about Pentecost and have it marked on my calendar... but am I really preparing? With that confessed, I am so thankful for my Catholic faith. A faith that gently guides me, right on time, to a deeper and more intentional preparation of Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. I commit daily to pray the following prayer and invite you to join me.

*Come, Holy Spirit,* fill my heart with Your holy gifts. Let my weakness be penetrated with Your strength this very day that I may fulfill all the duties of my state conscientiously, that I may do what is right and just. Let my charity be such as to offend no one, and hurt no one's feelings; so generous as to pardon sincerely any wrong done to me. Assist me, O Holy Spirit, in all my trials of life, enlighten me in my ignorance, advise me in my doubts, strengthen me in my weakness, help me in all my needs, protect me in temptations and console me in afflictions. Graciously hear me, O Holy Spirit, and pour Your light into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Assist me to live a holy life and to grow in goodness and grace. Amen.

Article referenced found at: [wau.org/resources/article/preparing\\_for\\_pentecost/](http://wau.org/resources/article/preparing_for_pentecost/)

Preparing for Pentecost: [aleteia.org/2017/06/01/7-things-you-can-do-to-prepare-for-pentecost/](http://aleteia.org/2017/06/01/7-things-you-can-do-to-prepare-for-pentecost/)