

CHURCH OF THE
RESURRECTION
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"I am baptizing you with water, but one
mightier than I is coming."
Luke 3:10-18*

December 12th, 2021
Third Sunday of Advent

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

Rosary:

Saturdays: 7:30 pm

Weekdays: 8:10 am Monday - Friday

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

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Weekly Words from The Rock

Tree of Jesse. Our Sunday Visitor provided an "In Focus"

on the Jesse Tree in its December 2-8, 2018 edition (pages 11-14). The Jesse Tree depicts the ancestry of Jesus Christ. Through the eyes of Our Sunday Visitor in the weeks ahead we will look at the events and people who shaped the coming of Jesus Christ.

December 9 – Joseph: The favor showed to Joseph by his father, Jacob, mirrors the favor God showed to his own Son. But this favor included rejection and suffering. As members of Christ's body through our baptism, we should see ourselves no different than him and Joseph. But we also know that God's love triumphs through their suffering and results in exaltation.

December 10 – Moses: Because of their sins, God's chosen people ended up in Egyptian slavery. But God didn't abandon them. Moses, despite his weaknesses, was chosen by God to lead his people from their bondage. God led them from slavery to freedom, yet they resisted, grumbled and even turned away from him – all an abuse of their freedom. So that his people would no longer be enslaved by sin, he gathered them the Law as a means to true freedom.

December 11 – Joshua: Faithfulness to God was seen in Joshua's repeated success and conquests on the battlefield on behalf of God's people. He led God's people into Canaan, which God had promised them. Jesus' ancestors gave God thanks for this victory and offered to him their loot as a sacrifice. Jesus descends from these as the one who makes the true and final sacrifice.

December 12 – Rahab: The story of Rahab, the second woman mentioned in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus, identifies how God's purposes are at work even outside the community of believers. Rahab betrayed her own people and aided the Israelites to achieve God's will. For this she was remembered as an example of great faith. Her family was incorporated into the Jewish people, a sign that God's truth and his plans are open to all people.

December 13 – Ruth: God instilled in his people an intense respect for familial relationships, which is at the heart of the story of Ruth. She chose to work to

support her mother-in-law, who lost her husband and sons to death. Ruth offered her life for Naomi, and in return she fell in love with Boaz, whose heart she won by her kindness. They married and together became ancestors of their long-awaited Messiah, the Lord Jesus.

December 14 – Samuel: To help his people gain freedom from the Philistines, God instructed the wise and holy prophet Samuel to help establish the monarchy. This arose from the need for unity among God's people. Samuel first anointed Saul to be king, but his weakness prohibited any effective leadership. Rather than be captured, he ended his own life. God's people remained further divided until the kingdom unified again under David.

December 15 – David: Jesus is tied to David's lineage, which is crucial to be acknowledged as Messiah. David brought unity to God's people, establishing a capital and announcing his plans to build a temple for God and dwell among his people. God's favor for David earned him the title of God's son. Despite David's moral failures, God remained true to their covenant, but David was deprived from building the temple. And yet, God's son descends from his line.

December 16 – Bathsheba: King David's great moral failing was the extramarital affair with Bathsheba and the murder he arranged of her husband so to acquire her as his own. When her son Solomon became king and built the temple in Jerusalem, Bathsheba was an advocate for the people with her son. She is the fourth woman mentioned in Jesus' genealogy, and in some ways prefigures the intercessory role of Mary with her divine Son. We will pick it up next time with Dec. 17.

The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen. The book shares a thread of Bishop Sheen's wisdom for each day of the year. September 1 – "Since the basic cause of man's anxiety is the possibility of being either a saint or a sinner, it follows that there are only two alternatives for him. Man can either mount upward to the peak of eternity or else slip backwards to the chasms of despair and frustration. Yet there are many who think there is yet another alternative, namely, that of indifference. They think that, just as bears hibernate for a season in a state of suspended animation, so they, too, can sleep through life without choosing to live for God or against Him. But hibernation is no escape; winter ends, and one is then forced to make a decision – indeed, the very choice of indifference is itself a decision. White fences do not remain white fences by having nothing done to them; they soon become black fences." Till next week! Father Peter Schuster

Parish News

Second Collection this weekend to support Retirement Fund for Religious.

From Catholic schools and hospitals, to parishes, retreat centers and works of mercy, elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priest have prayerfully served our Church and world. Most ministered for little pay. Now, without enough retirement savings, many religious communities are struggling to care for aging members. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide nursing care, medicine and other necessities.

Still searching for the perfect gift for that "hard to buy for" name on your list? Or running out of time and ideas? Purchase a CASH CALENDAR RAFFLE ticket for them or yourself! That \$30 ticket purchase gives them (or you) 52 chances to win a cash prize of \$50, \$100, \$250 OR even \$500. Tickets are available for purchase in the Church Office during Office Hours. PLUS - next weekend, Dec 18th/19th you can stop by the table in the Gathering Space to purchase one or more tickets and help support Resurrection Parish.

Advent Reconciliation Services at Resurrection

will be held on the following dates:

Thursday, December 16th: 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Saturday, December 18th: 9:15-10:15 am

Tuesday, December 21st Communal Penance and First Reconciliation: 6:30 pm

Wednesday, December 22nd: 9:00 - 10:00 am

Thursday, December 23rd: 5:30 - 6:30 pm

No confessions on Saturday, December 25th or Saturday, January 1st.

We will be taking up a collection for Resurrection's Society of St. Vincent de Paul through the Advent Season

St. Vincent de Paul serves residents in the Rochester area with financial support for rent, utilities, groceries, fuel, medical, child care, car repairs, etc. A dollar for dollar will be matched up to \$5,000. We have envelopes on tables near the entrance doors. You can place your envelope in the collection basket or drop it in the mail slot near the office door. *Thank you for your continued support.*

Resurrections Young Adults (ages 18-40) are invited to join Fr. Schuster on Sunday, December 19th from 4:00 pm to 5:00. Please join him in Church for prayer followed by social hour in Zenk Hall. Any questions, please call the church office 288-5528.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Friday, December 24th: 4:00 pm; 6:30 pm and 9:00 pm;

Saturday, December 25th: 9:00 am.

There will be NO 8:00 pm Mass on Saturday, December 25th. Sunday Mass times on December 26th: 8:30 am and 10:30 am.



Resurrection's Knights of Columbus breakfast next Sunday, December 19th, following Sunday Masses in Zenk Hall.

Christmas Flowers Donation

If you would like to donate to our Christmas Flower Fund in memory of or honor of a loved one, please complete the form below, cut it out and put it in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers." Drop in the collection basket or in the mail drop box on the wall by the office door. Thank you.

In Memory of/Honor of (circle one): (Name) _____

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Parish News continued

Operation One More Please help support Operation One More at Resurrection which supports Ben Franklin and an additional school and their families at Riverside Elementary for a holiday meal. This food helps support families during the school winter break when they do not have access to the school food shelf. Contact Stephanie Collura for more information or to help at Stephanie.collura@gmail.com. This is a great opportunity for your family to get involved in a service ministry. Operation One More provides food to families with young children struggling with food insecurity. We are a holiday food assistance program that has been serving students and their families who are enrolled in the backpack program of a Rochester elementary school for the last three years. Due to an outpouring of support and generosity for this program we are able to expand our services and help for students and families from a second elementary school.

The food collected will provide enough food for a full holiday meal with non-perishable items as well as bread, milk, and a turkey. The extra food helps students get through winter break while they do not have access to the food shelf at school. The holiday season can often bring extra financial burden to those already struggling, and it is our hope that these families are able to find a bit more peace and joy during the holiday season with your help. During this time, as we collect and prepare for food delivery, we find inspiration and encouragement in the words of Mother Teresa, "If you can't feed one hundred people, then just feed one." Pick up the food list from the table in the Gathering Space.



This week's winner of our \$50 cash calendar raffle is: St. Vincent de Paul Society Ministry.

Resurrection's Giving Trees 2021

This year, we have added two more trees for the Advent/Christmas Season. We have the Elder Care Ministry/Family Promise Tree, a Resurrection Ministry Tree and a Children's Tree that is located by Fr. Schuster's office. There is more information available by each tree. Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

Liturgical Ministries for Dec 18th/19th

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

Lectors

8:00 pm Therese Schoenfelder
8:30 am Richard Miller, Josephine Washnieski
10:30 am Allen Aksamit, Thomas Kelly

Greeters

8:00 pm Tara Engel, NOT FILLED
8:30 am Carroll Doherty, Elaine Doherty
10:30 am Fran Filzen, Shelley Filzen

Sacristans

8:00 pm Judith Pelowski
8:30 am Char Robinet
10:30 am Bob Voss

Ushers

8:00 pm John Schoenfelder, Kelton Schoenfelder, Reilyn Schoenfelder
8:30 am Kenneth Mueller, NOT FILLED (2x)
10:30 am Carter Davis, James Maronde, Char Stocker

Servers

8:00 pm Lucas Benz, Ari Jones
8:30 am Avery Washnieski, NOT FILLED
10:30 am Fiona Robertson, Ian Teshirogi

Eucharistic Ministers

8:00 pm Judith Pelowski, B1, Ryann Witter, B2, Cindy Nash, B5, (IF NO DEACON)
8:30 am Michael Lose, B1, Mary Lose, B2, Carrie Carroll, B5 (IF NO DEACON)
10:30 am Jackie O'Connell, B1, Marianne Aksamit, B2, Rebecca Woodcock, B5 (IF NO DEACON)

Weekly Calendar with Readings

<p>Monday 13 Dec</p>	<p>Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosary 8:10 am • Mass 8:30 am • Faith Formation Classes Gr 1-5; 6:00 pm
<p>Tuesday 14 Dec</p>	<p>Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosary 8:10 am • Daily Mass 8:30 am • Office Hours: 9:00 - 5:00 pm • Finance Council Meeting 5:30 pm • St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00 pm
<p>Wednesday 15 Dec</p>	<p>Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Prayer Group 7:00 am • Rosary 8:10 am; Daily Mass 8:30 am • Office Hours: 9:00 - 5:00 pm • Faith Formation Classes Gr 6-10 6:30 pm
<p>Thursday 16 Dec</p>	<p>Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosary 8:10 am; Daily Mass 8:30 am; • Office Hours: 9:00 5:00 pm • Funeral 10:00 am • Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30 - 6:30 pm • Music Ministry 6:00 pm; RCIA 6:30 pm
<p>Friday 17 Dec</p>	<p>Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosary 8:10 am; • Daily Mass 8:30 am • Office Hours: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm • Serran's Board Meeting 9:00 am
<p>Saturday 18 Dec</p>	<p>Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:15 am - 10:15 am • Rosary 7:20 pm • Mass 8:00 pm • Cash Calendar Ticket Sales following 8:00 pm Mass
<p>Sunday 19 Dec</p>	<p>Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45</p> <p>KC Breakfast following Sunday Mass</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass 8:30 am Cash Calendar Ticket Sales following Mass • Mass 10:30 am Cash Calendar Ticket Sales following Mass • Young Adult Prayer Group 4:00 pm • Music Ministry 6:30 pm



Michelle's



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At every Mass, we hear these words: "Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever." There are some very important prepositions here. The prayer is addressed to God the Father, through God the Son, and in the Holy Spirit. To explain, read these words by Father Jeremy Driscoll from What Happens at Mass:

"Yet what we are dealing with here is the form, the dynamic, the very shape of God's saving activity on our behalf; namely, that God the Father gives Himself to the world by giving His Son... This direction of movement in the liturgy reveals that the Father gives His Son in and by the Holy Spirit who is the Spirit of the Father. The Father gives His Spirit an assignment, as it were; namely, to effect and illumine and clarify and arrange everything in such a way that the Son be known and that all who believe in him might live their lives entirely from the Son's life. It is...concretely and specifically that the Father gives Himself to the world in the giving of His Son, a Son at every moment accompanied by the action and work of the Holy Spirit."

While this only scrapes the surface to explain the Trinity, it does show us the importance of every single element and word of the Mass. There is so much incredible theology behind everything we say and do. So this week, consider picking a part of the Mass and researching the underlying theology.

The more we understand the Mass, the more we can embrace the love from God the Father in the Holy Spirit through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

God Bless,
Michelle Perrier

Song of the Week: "One Spirit, One Church" by Kevin Keil

Mass Intentions

Mon	Dec 13	8:30 am	Reparation of Sins
Tues	Dec 14	8:30 am	†Archie Asleson
Wed	Dec 15	8:30 am	†Marlys Gathje
Thu	Dec 16	8:30 am	David Rocci Family
Fri	Dec 17	8:30 am	†Gloria Vandal
Sat	Dec 18	8:00 pm	†Rodney & Matthew Hanson
Sun	Dec 19	8:30 am	†Harvey Nash
Sun	Dec 19	10:30 am	For the Parish

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel 24 hours/7 days a week

Open Hours in need of Adorers



Wed	Sat
1 am	10 am
	2 pm

Contact the church office at 507-288-5528 for more information or to sign up for an hour of Adoration.

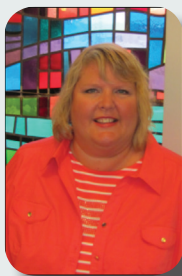
If Perpetual Adoration will be closed due to inclement weather, closure notices may be found on Resurrection's website (rescathroch.org); KTTC TV or KROC radio. WeAdoreHim notifications will be sent to the Adorers affected by the closure.

Resurrection's Community Advent Rosary This week's Advent's Rosary intentions:

- Dec 12th: The Resurrection Staff
- Dec 13th: All Resurrection's Ministries and Ministers
- Dec 14th: Those struggling after the loss of a loved one
- Dec 15th: Those who feel lost in their relationship with Christ or in their vocation
- Dec 16th: The members of our parish who face loneliness on a daily basis
- Dec 17th: The vocation to single life and for those in our parish who are widows or widowers
- Dec 18th: The married couples in our parish

Closing Prayer: Heavenly Father, open our hearts during this Advent season to prepare for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Hear our prayer and draw us closer to you in holiness. Send a renewed presence of your Holy Spirit in the people of Resurrection Catholic Church. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Faith Formation

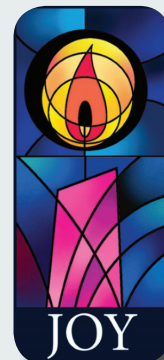


News from Stacey, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org.

Grades 1-5: We have Faith Formation class for grades 1-5 at 6:00-7:00pm on Monday, December 13th (St. Lucy Day). What do you know about St. Lucy? What is she the patron saint of and why? Where was St. Lucy born? She is often portrayed with a wreath with candles on her head, do you know why?



The Third Sunday of Advent: Today is the day we light the pink candle on our Advent wreath and the priest wears the rose colored vestments. It is Gaudete Sunday and the readings reflect the JOY we anticipate in the arrival of Baby Jesus. The first reading tells us to "Shout for joy...Sing joyfully." The responsorial psalm is "Cry out with joy and gladness, for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel." The second reading emphasizes: "Rejoice in the Lord always, I shall say it again: rejoice!" It is the time to rejoice in the warmth and joy of family. We invite each member of our parish family to pause each day this week to share something that brought them joy and to thank God for it.



First Reconciliation: Children and families are working on memorizing the Act of Contrition and the steps of reconciliation. First Reconciliation will take place at the Communal Penance on Tuesday, December 21st at 6:30pm. Families will need to arrive by 6:15-6:20pm to check in and get directions. All family members are invited to come receive the sacrament of reconciliation or pray for the children receiving the sacrament for the first time.



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

Operation Warm-Up Our Community is on mission! Blankets are being delivered to those in need at the Women's Shelter, Cronin Home, Ronald McDonald House, Food for Friends, Family Promise, and Home Again! This has been a wonderful joint project between Family Promise (Cindy Landherr), Faith Formation students grade 5-8 and Confirmation Candidates. Stay tuned for our next joint project coming up for Lent!

Take a moment to read the following prayer card being sent out with the blankets:

Lord, I pray for Your blessings to be poured out onto the person who receives this blanket. I know that no one is a stranger to You, and no one is ever far from Your loving care. Watch over those who have need of this blanket. Let this prayer bring them peace, mercy, grace and love. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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