

CHURCH OF THE  
**RESURRECTION**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"And how does this happen to me, that the  
mother of my Lord should come to me?"*  
*Luke 1:39-45*

December 19th, 2021  
Fourth 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 let us look at the events and people who shaped the coming of Jesus Christ.

December 17 – Elijah: The chosen people fell away from God and were even led by their king into the worship of pagan gods. Elijah did not fear sharing in the fate of many of Israel's prophets, who had been killed. He challenged those who led worship of the pagan gods to a contest with the true God.

December 18 – Hezekiah: The corrupt king Ahaz was replaced by his son Hezekiah. He was regarded as a faithful son of God and in many ways tried to make amends for his father's waywardness. He directed God's people toward reform of true worship.

December 19 – Isaiah: Isaiah responded positively and generously to God's call: that he deliver God's word to a troubled Israel destined for captivity among the Babylonians on account of their wickedness. He gave a word of consolation and hope in the midst of their darkness and despair, reminding them that God's love would see them through their suffering. And he prophesied how in God there must be hope even when there is no sign of hope.

December 20 – Jeremiah: Jeremiah endured much suffering on account of his prophetic call to Israel. Jeremiah called out the Israelites for their hypocritical behavior, especially ignoring the needs of the marginalized and underprivileged. He spoke a message of hope to God's people as they awaited a redeemer.

December 21 – St. Anne and Joachim: Although unnamed in the Scriptures, Sts. Anne and Joachim are known through Christian tradition as the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. They embody Israel's hopeful expectation of the messiah through their joyful acceptance of God's plan. Since Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit's power in Mary's womb, the very flesh and blood of the Lord came from his mother's parents.

December 22 – St. John the Baptist: Sometimes discipleship means that we must be a sign of contradiction. St. John the Baptist dedicated his life to calling people to repentance and conversion through his ascetic life. He willingly personified Israel's hope for the Messiah. A cousin of the Savior, St. John lived as an icon of his coming and our need to prepare.

December 23 – St. Joseph: St. Joseph's great faith kept him from serving as an obstacle to God's plan. When faced with marrying a pregnant Mary, he was instructed by an angel that the child would come from God. Joseph knew life would become burdensome and hardship was certain. And yet he obeyed and poured out his life in service of God through his care for the Holy Family.

December 24 – Blessed Virgin Mary: In the holy mother of God we find the antidote to what ails humanity. When, through sin, mankind rejected God time and again, Mary responded to his will with a "yes" heard through the ages. God's word found a fertile home in her, the first disciple of her son and the one who leads us to her son always.

### The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

I have been reading a book entitled *The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen*. The book shares a thread of Bishop Sheen's wisdom for each day of the year. In the weeks ahead, I would like to share some of his wisdom.

September 6 – "As religion fades so will freedom, for only where the spirit of God is, is there liberty."

September 9 – "Love of God thus becomes the dominant passion of life. Love demands and inspires sacrifice. But love of God and man, as an ideal, has lately been replaced by the new ideal of tolerance which inspires no sacrifice. Why should any human being in the world be tolerated? What man has ever made a sacrifice in the name of tolerance? It leads men, instead, to express their own egotism in a book or a lecture that patronizes the downtrodden group. One of the cruelest things that can happen to a human being is to be tolerated. Never once did Our Lord say, "Tolerate your enemies!" But He did say, "Love your enemies; do good to them that hate you" (Matthew 5:44). Such love can be achieved only if we deliberately curb our fallen nature's animosities."

Till next week! Father Peter Schuster

# Parish News



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

**Resurrections Young Adults** (ages 18-40) are invited to join Fr. Schuster today, 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.

**Advent Reconciliation Services at Resurrection** will be held on the following dates:

- 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.*

### Christmas Mass Schedule:

- Friday, December 24th: 4:00 pm; 6:30 pm & 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.



This week's winner of our \$500 cash calendar raffle is: St. Vincent de Paul Society Ministry.

## 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.*

### Still searching for the perfect gift for that "hard to buy for" name on your list?

Or running out of time and ideas? Stop by the table in the Gathering Space after Mass to purchase some CASH CALENDAR RAFFLE tickets.

Tickets are also available in the Church Office Monday thru Friday during Office Hours. 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.

### 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.

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

(From: \_\_\_\_\_)

In Memory of/Honor of (circle one): (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

(From: \_\_\_\_\_)

In Memory of/Honor of (circle one): (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

(From: \_\_\_\_\_)

# Parish News continued



**All are invited to Resurrection Parish Holy Hour with Benediction on Tuesday, January 4th, 2022 6:30—7:30 PM in the church.** During this Holy Hour there will be Scripture Reading, Praise Music, Rosary and Quiet Prayer Time.



**Isaiah Olsem**, our seminarian who comes to our parish monthly will be at Resurrection during St. Paul Seminary's winter break from January 3rd through January 15th. This is his first year of Theology, his home parish is St. Gabriel in Fulda, Minnesota. He is offering us a gift of his time while in Rochester. He would love to spend time with you and your family. Please consider a time for him to visit your family. He is also open for lunch or dinner.

Below are days and times that he has commitments:

Wednesday,	Jan. 5th 6:00 - 7:00 pm Faith Formation
Thursday,	Jan. 6th 1:15 staff communications meeting and 6:30 – 8:00 pm RCIA
Friday and Saturday,	Jan. 7th and 8th: Not available—he will be at a wedding
Sunday	Jan. 9th 12:00 - 2:00 pm Teaching Parish Committee Meeting
Monday,	Jan. 10th 6:00 - 7:00 pm Faith Formation
Wednesday,	Jan. 12th 6:00 - 7:00 pm Faith Formation
Thursday,	Jan. 13th 6:30 - 8:00 pm RCIA

If you are interested in spending some time with him, please send an email to [officemgr@rescathroch.org](mailto:officemgr@rescathroch.org) with your name, contact information and the days and times you would be available. He will contact you to confirm your visit. Thank you for your hospitality and your continued prayers for our seminarians.

## Liturgical Ministries for Dec 26th

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

### Lectors

8:00 pm **NO MASS**  
8:30 am Patricia Rossman, Alex Smith  
10:30 am Mary Chestolowski, Denise Kelly

### Greeters

8:00 pm **NO MASS**  
8:30 am John-Howard Carroll, Dianne Plager  
10:30 am Bob Voss

### Sacristans

8:00 pm **NO MASS**  
8:30 am Gretchen Cutshall  
10:30 am Fran Filzen

### Ushers

8:00 pm **NO MASS**  
8:30 am Jerry Krantz, Kenneth Mueller, Tom Pries  
10:30 am Kelly Schreiner, Char Stocker, William Sullivan

### Servers

8:00 pm **NO MASS**  
8:30 am Chris Simonson  
10:30 am Chase Boehmke, Evan Chestolowski

### Eucharistic Ministers

8:00 pm **NO MASS**  
8:30 am Micki Miller, B1, Joey Accardo, B2, Patty Haler, B5, (IF NO DEACON)  
10:30 am Rebecca Woodcock, B1, Regina Boehmke, B2, Charles DeVos, B5 (IF NO DEACON)

# Weekly Calendar with Readings

**Monday**  
**20**  
Dec

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

- Rosary 8:10 am
- Mass 8:30 am
- Faith Formation Classes Gr1-5; 6:00 pm

**Tuesday**  
**21**  
Dec

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

- Rosary 8:10 am
- Daily Mass 8:30 am
- Office Hours: 9:00 - 5:00 pm
- Adoration Team Meeting 6:00 pm
- Communal and First Reconciliation 6:30pm

**Wednesday**  
**22**  
Dec

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-5

- Rosary 8:10 am; Daily Mass 8:30 am
- Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:00 - 10:00 am
- Office Hours: 9:00 - 5:00 pm

**Thursday**  
**23**  
Dec

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

- Rosary 8:10 am; Daily Mass 8:30 am;
- Office Hours: 9:00 5:00 pm
- Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30 - 6:30 pm
- Music Ministry 6:00 pm

**Friday**  
**24**  
Dec

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

- Office Closed
- Christmas Eve Mass time: 4:00 pm; 6:30 pm; 9:00 pm

**Saturday**  
**25**  
Dec

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/  
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

- NO Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:15 am - 10:15 am
- Christmas Mass 9:00 am
- NO Mass 8:00 pm

**Sunday**  
**26**  
Dec

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/  
Lk 2:41-52

- Mass 8:30 am
- Mass 10:30 am
- Music Ministry 6:30 pm



# Michelle's



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The most common thing I hear from those who haven't gone to Reconciliation in some time is that they feel nervous about going. For all those people, allow me to say OF COURSE YOU DO! Haven't we all learned through COVID that it's really hard to do things we did regularly after an extended time away from them? It's only natural to be nervous about confession if you haven't gone in a while. For those of you who are nervous, do not let those nerves keep you from Christ. Remember, God's grace is infinite. He wants to forgive you and invite you closer to him. Psalm 103 states this in such a wonderful way:

**"Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger, abounding in kindness.**

**God does not always rebuke, nurses no lasting anger...**

**As the heavens tower over the earth, so God's love towers over the faithful.**

**As far as the east is from the west, so far have our sins been removed from us.**

**As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on the faithful.**

**For he knows how we are formed, remembers that we are dust."**

At the same time, remember also that God can offer us all his love and compassion, but it's up to us to accept it. So this week, I encourage you to accept God's grace through the sacrament of Reconciliation. A great opportunity to receive it is at our Communal Reconciliation service on Tuesday evening. We'll have step-by-step instructions available for you, and you'll be surrounded by others desiring the same forgiveness from God. So do not let your nerves keep you from Christ—rather, choose to embrace his love!

God Bless,

Michelle Perrier

Song of the Week: "Loving and Forgiving" by Soper

## Mass Intentions

Mon	Dec 20	8:30 am	Chris Hahn
Tues	Dec 21	8:30 am	†Plank Family
Wed	Dec 22	8:30 am	†Jean Benedetto
Thu	Dec 23	8:30 am	† Elizabeth Boothe
Fri	Dec 24	4:00 pm	†Don Davis
		6:30 pm	†Richard Christenson
		9:00 pm	For the Parish
Sat	Dec 25	9:00 am	†Simeon Mason
Sun	Dec 26	8:30 am	For the Parish
Sun	Dec 26	10:30 am	DeVos Family

### 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.

### Dedication Candles

December 18th - 25th



1. †Matthew and Rodney Hanson
2. Rick & Bev Sanders (50th wedding anniversary)
3. Denis Wegner (healing)

### *This week's Advent's Rosary intentions:*

- Dec 19th: The Resurrection children and youth
- Dec 20th: Our members who serve in the military
- Dec 21st: Our homebound parishioners
- Dec 22nd: Those undergoing major life changes
- Dec 23rd: All those in our parish that teach the faith
- Dec 24th: The people of this parish, that our hearts are prepared to hear the Christmas story.

**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 though Christ our Lord. Amen.*

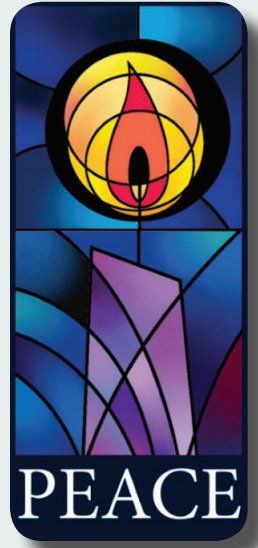
# Faith Formation



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

**Grades 1-5:** We have Faith Formation class for grades 1-5 at 6:00-7:00pm on Monday, December 20th. Classes will not meet on December 27th and January 3rd. We will resume with classes on January 10th.

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent:** We light all the candles on our advent wreath— 3 purple and 1 pink. Listen for the PEACE God has for His people in the readings. God is so great! Just when we are getting overwhelmed with Christmas preparations, gatherings, gift buying, wrapping, and sending, baking and card writing, God is with us. Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Our readings for the 4th Sunday remind us of His peace. God continually chooses people who are humble to raise us and work through. Now is the time to slow down, choose silence and prayer, and experience the peace that only God can provide. Make peace a part of your family's daily life this week and see how it transforms you. Let go of all that is not necessary, and concentrate on what is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and admirable. May God blessing your children and families with holiness, health, and happiness this Christmas. Enjoy the peace of Christ!



**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.

**First communion Parent-only Meeting:** We will have a Parent-only Meeting (only one parent needs to attend) on Monday, January 17th at 6:30pm in Fr. Zenk Hall. Questions or concerns, contact me.



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

Students are gearing up for Christmas/New Years /Winter break! Remember there is NO Faith Formation or Confirmation classes on 12/22 or 12/29. We will gather again on Wednesday, January 5th!

Reminder: Keep up with The Make Way for Advent daily devotional. If you fell behind, don't let that stop you from moving forward! Sometimes we run into detours that take us away from our destination.

Thankfully, we have a loving, caring, and devoted Father in Heaven who knows we "get lost" and has given us a road map, a super powered GPS, a "Find My Family APP" to help redirect our lost souls.

Are you feeling a bit off track? I personally fall back on the Our Father. Open your heart and just pray with all your heart: *Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. AMEN.*

In the meantime, as our devotional encourages, do something in your home today to prepare for Christmas—bake cookies...wrap a gift... sing a carol... make homemade Christmas cards. The options are endless!

