

"So, too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Matthew 24:37 -44

November 27th, 2022 First Sunday of Advent

An Ever-growing Eucharistic Community Boldly Serving Others Through Gods 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 - 4:00 pm

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# Weekly Words from The Rock

Here we go...

"Here we go" is a phrase which can be used to describe many things. Such as,

"Here we go" meaning it is another year of hope for the Minnesota Vikings.

"Here we go" meaning maybe the Minnesota Twins have found the right balance of hitting and pitching to go deep into the playoffs.

"Here we go" can bring with it anticipation and excitement like a long anticipated trip or vacation.

"Here we go" can mean the thrill of being pushed down a hill on a sled at a risky, dangerous speed.

"Here we go" means pushing away from the dock in one's boat in search of fish.

"Here we go" means it is Sunday once again and time to worship God.

The "Here we go" of our gathering this weekend marks an event in time. It is the First Sunday of Advent and the "Here we go" of beginning another Church year.

I've mentioned before that there is a dimension to the church's calendar which I like. Changing of seasons help us to focus or refocus. They give us time to think about our relationship with Jesus Christ.

On this First Sunday of Advent, I share with you some of the "Here we go" of my life as we begin afresh – new year, new day, new life.

"Here we go" with meetings. I looked at my calendar and the number of meetings over the next four years surprises me.

"Here we go" with offering the Sacrament of Penance. This is a joy and highlight of Advent. Providing people the opportunity to seek healing in Jesus Christ. "Here we go" in planning of schedules. When should we offer the Sacrament of Penance? What readings should be used for Christmas?

"Here we go" in terms of where do I need to be.

Where do I need to be for confession today? What days do I need to be in Winona for a meeting this week?

"Here we go" in terms of what can we offer the people of Resurrection to help in their spiritual growth.

"Here we go" with the option of a Christmas book for the people to take home.

"Here we go" with the worries of what did I forget to anticipate or plan?

The list is non-exhaustive but provides some examples from my life. Now I turn it over to you. How does your list of "Here we go" look? Where and how does Jesus Christ fit in the grand scheme of things?

Did you know?

Did you know that this year we enjoy the longest stretch that Advent can be in terms of days? Advent is four full weeks.

However, this points us to something else. Next year, it is the opposite story. Advent will be the shortest stretch in terms of days. On December 24, we will celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent in the morning and Christmas Eve in the evening.

It all points to one simple reality of how the calendar falls.

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.

April 21 – "This is the choice before us: either try to revolutionize the world and break under it or revolutionize ourselves and remake the world."

Till next week! Father Peter Schuster

## **Parish News**



Fusion, Resurrection's Young Family ministry, is hosting a "Parents Night Out" on Friday December 2nd from 5:30 - 830pm. Drop your kids off for a kid friendly meal and advent activities. Our team of adults and older youth will entertain the kids while you enjoy a

date night out! Be sure to register online by November 30th at rescathroch.org to secure your spot at no charge.

Cookies and Donuts following Masses next weekend. Join us in Zenk Hall for fellowship.

If interested in volunteering for this ministry, contact the church office 288-5528.

Resurrection's Pictorial Directories are available for pickup in the Gathering Space for families that were photographed for the directory.

Deacon Book Study "The Bible is a Catholic book" by Jimmy Akin Sunday November 27th after the 8:30 am Mass for our book study, "The Bible is a Catholic book." All are welcome. See how the Bible developed through history, how the Cannon of the Bible was developed and the significance of these developments over time.

On Thursdays, at 9:15 am, there will be a weekly Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday Mass Readings in Room D/E led by Tracy and Donna Smith. There is no fee, nor signup – you are welcome to attend any session – This is not a Bible Study that you need to read and prepare before coming to the sessions. If you would like to watch a preview of the upcoming week, you can check them out at https://catholicproductions.com/blogs/mass-readings-explained-year-c. Any questions, contact the office at 507 288 5528.



#### **Dedication Candle**

Nov 26th - Dec 3rd †Leone Motl

#### CA\$H CALENDAR RAFFLE #2



Weekly winner of our \$50 cash calendar raffle is

St. Vincent de Paul Society Congratulations!

How can I purchase 1 or more tickets? Parishioners who have purchased raffle tickets in the past 2 years have received a letter with 3 tickets enclosed. Tickets will also be available for purchase in the Church Office during their posted hours. Watch for other opportunities too!



# Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel 24 hours 7 days/Week

We are in need of Adorers. Call the church office at 288-5528 for more information on how to sign up for an hour of Adoration.

Operation One More is in its 5th year of providing holiday food bags to food insecure families with young children in our community. Last year we were able to reach over 100 families, totaling 540 individuals.

Food is delivered as a gift to these families the week before Christmas. It is our hope that we are able to bring a bit of joy during the, often financially stressful, holiday season. Please consider donating non-perishable items to the collection bins located in the gathering space. Monetary donations are also welcome for the purchase of milk, bread and turkeys and any additional food needed to fill the bag. Checks payable to Operation One More and drop off in the office or church collection baskets.

#### Liturgical Ministries for December 3rd/4th

If unable to fulfill your ministry as scheduled, please request 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.

#### Lectors

8:00 pm Therese Schoenfelder 8:30 am Patricia Rossman, Alex Smith 10:30 am Regina Boehmke, Fran Filzen

#### **Greeters**

8:00 pm Eileen King, Lee Witter 8:30 am Nancy Brehmer, Carroll Doherty, Elaine Doherty 10:30 am Mike McGann, Randy Stocker

#### **Sacristans**

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

#### Servers

8:00 pm Madilyn Keller, Jaelyn Schoenfelder 8:30 am Avery Washnieski 10:30 am Chase Boehmke, lan Teshirogi

#### Ushers

8:00 pm John Schoenfelder, Kelton Schoenfelder, Chris Sellner 8:30 am Teresa Allers, Kenneth Mueller, Char Robinet 10:30 am Aaron Davis, Brody Tyrrell, Bob Voss

#### **Extraordinary Ministers**

8:00 pm Rebecca Keller, B1, Jackie
O'Connell, B2, Reilyn
Schoenfelder, B5, (IF NO
DEACON)
8:30 am George Klann, B1, Carrie Carroll,

(IF NO DEACON)

10:30 am Denise Kelly, B1, Brenda
Tschann, B2, Rebecca
Woodcock, B5, (IF NO DEACON)

B2, John-Howard Carroll, B5,

# Christmas Flower Offering

	Christmas Flower Offering For:(Please print)	Circle One
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Please cut out the form and return in an envelope with your offering. Thank you.

### Rest In Peace

Let the Perpetual Light Shine
Upon Him
Calvin Kessler
November 4th, 2022
Survived by his wife, Mary

Sons, Christopher & Michael & their families



### Christmas Giving Tree

Please stop by the table to pick up a list/ envelope for Family Promise and Elder Care Ministry

# Weekly Calendar with Readings

Monday 28 Nov	Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11  • Rosary 8:10 am • Daily Mass 8:30 am • Office Hours 9:00 am - 4:00 pm • Faith Formation Classes Gr 1-5; 6:00 pm	
Tuesday 29 Nov	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-2  • Rosary 8:10 am  • Mass 8:30 am  • Office Hours 9:00 am - 4:00 pm	
Wednesday  30 Nov	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22  • Rosary 8:10 am  • Daily Mass 8:30 am  • Office Hours 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  • Faith Formation Gr 6 - 10 6:00 pm	
Thursday  1  Dec	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27  • Rosary 8:10 am  • Daily Mass 8:30 am  • Sunday Mass Explained Study Group 9:00 am  • Music Ministry 6:00 pm	
Friday 2 Dec	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31  • Rosary 8:10 am  • Daily Mass 8:30 am  • Serrans 9:00 am  • Fusion 5:30 - 8:30 pm	
Saturday <b>3</b> Dec	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8  • Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:15-10:15 am  • Saturday Mass 8:00 pm  • Cookies following Mass	
Sunday 4 Dec	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12  • Mass 8:30 am; Donuts following Mass  • Mass 10:30 am Donuts following Mass  • Sunday School 10:30 am	

• Music Ministry 11:45 am



# Michelle's



Music & Choral Director & Coordinator of Liturgy choirdirector@rescathroch.org

I love Halloween. It's the one day of the year I can create a character all day with no pressure to conform to societal expectations. It's a performer's dream! This year, I was Princess Lea from Episode IV: A New Hope. (Yes, I am a huge nerd, and proud of it!) My costume was fabulous, and I was raring to see other Star Wars costumes.

Unfortunately, I wasn't seeing a single Star Wars costume, and much to my chagrin, hardly anyone knew who I was. The children were puzzled by my side buns. Every time I said, "May the force be with you," they replied, "Yeah, whatever," and grabbed more candy from the bucket. I finally gave up when a man my parents' age asked if I was some sort of snow-witch-princess. Oh, and it gets worse. When I told him who I was, he said, "Oh, yeah...I never watched those movies. You're that what's her name, aren't you?"

My long-winded point is that everyone knew the main Star Wars characters' names five, ten years ago, but today that knowledge is quickly disappearing. The same thing happens to our faith. How much knowledge do you remember from your catechism classes as a child? If you're anything like me, the answer is "not much." We can be complacent and assume we know as much as we need to about God. Rather, we need to keep learning and asking questions. We need to challenge ourselves and recommit daily to take up our cross and follow Christ.

If you don't know where to start, try the 5-minute daily reflections the Resurrection Community's doing on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. (We've only just started.) They're available in the Gathering Space.

This Advent, let's recommit once again to serve God with all our heart, with all our mind, and with all our strength.

Song of the Week: "Take Up Our Cross"-Sarah Hart

## **Mass Intentions**

Mon	Nov 28th	8:30 am	†Kate Messmer
Tues	Nov 29th	8:30 am	†Luella Gander
Wed	Nov 30th	8:30 am	†Sharon Heppelmann
Thu	Dec 1st	8:30 am	†Vera Gewerth
Fri	Dec 2nd	8:30 am	†Merle Bearden
Sat	Dec 3rd	8:00 pm	†Jim Ptacek
Sun	Dec 4th	8:30 am	For the Parish
Sun	Dec 4th	10:30 am	†Lee Johnson

# **Community News**

Women of Pax - Advent Retreat - Saturday Dec 3rd, Mary at the Cross, presented by Ben Peters, Seminarian at St. Paul Seminary. Mass at 9:00am, 9:45am, Presentation, 10:30am, Food and Fellowship. All women are invited to attend this morning of prayer and reflection. Pax is located at 4135 18th Ave NW, Rochester.

St. Mary of the Lake Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, Dec 3rd, 8:00 - 12:00 pm, 419 W Lyon Ave, Lake City. Bake Sale, Bucket Raffle, Silent Auction, Mission Sewing Quilts, Cookie walk.

Mayo Clinic Hospice will once again offer Grief Support Groups starting week of January 16th - February 20th. Mondays, 5:30 - 7:00 pm; Tuesdays, 1:30-3:00 pm at Mayo Clinic Hospice Office, 3425 40th Ave NW, Rochester. Registration closes December 12th. To register, call 507-284-4002 or email rsthospicebereavement@mayo.edu.

The Church of St Francis of Assisi, Rochester, is seeking a Parish Administrator. Responsibilities include the care and management of the temporal affairs of the parish. As a member of the parish staff, this position will supervise, coordinate, and perform the administrative functions of finance and accounting, management of facility and property, management of human resources, office services and management. This is a full-time, salaried, benefit-eligible position. The normal work schedule is Monday - Friday. Work hours/days are subject to the demands of the position and will vary. The Parish Administrator is directly accountable to the pastor. For more information or to apply for this position, please email parishadmin@ stftrancis-church.org or frberning@stfrancis-church.org

## **Faith Formation**



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

First Week of Advent: Children can look for the changes in the sanctuary and see the color purple, which is the color of Advent. There is an advent wreath with only one purple candle lit today. As we set up our advent wreaths at home, pray:

Dear God, please bless this wreath and help our family to remember that Advent is a time to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birthday. Amen.

Grades 1-5: We have Faith Formation classes for grades 1-5 on Monday, November 28th at 6:00pm. Our focus during Advent will be about practicing the virtues of purity, obedience, and patience. All of these are parts of our Sunday readings from the Old and New Testaments. Every Monday, the classes spend a few minutes discussing what they remember from the readings and homily on Sunday. It is always interesting to hear what stood out for the children. Parents can use the Celebrating Sundays book to prepare their children for Mass and to have car conversations on the way home. In addition, children will be given an Advent coloring book with daily reflections with a page to color. We HOPE they enjoy it!



First Reconciliation Families: First Reconciliation will take place during the Communal Penance Service on Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30pm. Families are practicing how to examine their consciences and memorizing the act of contrition. If you have not turned in your child's purple sac prep form, baptismal form, and fee, please get them to me this week so your child may receive the sacraments. If you have any questions, contact me.



News from Sheila, Birth-KG, Grs 6-12, RCIA, dresscm@rescathroch.org

Sunday School/Nursery

During 10:30am Mass Ages 3 - Kindergarten.

Not registered?
Parents, head to Room C prior to 10:30 Mass.
Meet the team and see if Sunday School is a good fit.





