



CHURCH OF THE  
**RESURRECTION**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"For it is through the Holy Spirit that  
this child has been conceived in her."*

*Matthew 1:18-24*

December 18th, 2022  
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 - 4:00 pm

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## Weekly Words from The Rock

### Clothing the Naked

With our Advent focus on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, I would like to share an article which deals with clothing the naked, one of the corporal works of mercy.

The corporal works of mercy deal with care for a person's bodily needs. Food and water stand at the top of the list, and clothing comes right behind (see Sirach 29:21). Jesus described this merciful work as "naked and you clothed me" (Matthew 25:36). Nakedness can mean nudity, the complete lack of clothing, but more often it means partial or inadequate clothing. Destitute is a synonym for nakedness because it usually is caused by extreme poverty.

Emotionally, nakedness is humiliating, and clothing eliminates the embarrassment and shame. Physically, clothing is needed to protect the body from the elements. Thin or lighter clothing is needed in sunlight to prevent sunburn and skin cancer; heavier clothing is needed in cooler conditions to prevent chill, hypothermia and frostbite; work clothing is needed to protect from abrasions and slivers; and footwear is needed to protect from cuts, bruises and falls.

To clothe the naked as an act of mercy is firmly grounded in Hebrew Scriptures. Tobit instructed his son, Tobiah, "Give to the naked some of your clothing" (Tobit 4:16). The prophet Isaiah, speaking on behalf of God, declared, "The fast that I choose...clothing the naked when you see them" (Isaiah 58:6,7); and the prophet Ezekiel, also speaking on God's behalf, stated, "If a man is just – if he does what is right...[he] clothes the naked" (Ezekiel 18:5,7).

Several biblical examples include the sons of Noah, who covered their drunken father (Genesis 9:20-23); Joseph who gave fresh clothing to his brothers when they came to Egypt (Genesis 45:22); and the Israelite soldiers who gave clothes to naked captives (2 Chronicles 28:15).

The classic example is St. Martin of Tours. As a young man he was a Roman soldier, and one wintry day he was riding on patrol and came upon a poor beggar at the city gate. The man was old, hunched and almost naked, shivering and suffering from the cold. The beggar cried out for alms, but Martin had no money. With only the clothes on his back, Martin withdrew his sword and sliced his tattered, thick military cloak in two and wrapped one piece around the beggar. That night, Martin had a dream in which he saw Jesus in heaven wrapped in the same cloak he had given to the beggar. An angel asked Jesus, "Master, why are you wearing that battered old cloak?" Jesus replied, "My friend Martin gave it to me."

(Written by Father Michael Van Sloun, The Catholic Spirit, October 27, 2016, page 13).

### 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 11 – "An unsuffering Christ who did not freely pay the debt of human guilt would be reduced to the level of an ethical guide."

Till next week! Father Peter Schuster

### Christmas Mass Times:

Saturday, December 24th:

4:00 pm; 6:30 pm and 9:00 pm

Sunday, December 25th: 9:00 am

### Reconciliation:

Tuesday, December 20th 5:30 pm

Wednesday, December 21st 9:00 am

Saturday, December 24th 9:15 am

### Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

December 31st, 8:00 pm

January 1st, 8:30 am; 10:30 am

### Office Closed

Friday, December 23rd

Monday, December 26th

Friday, December 30th

Monday, January 2nd

# Parish News

## Our Gifts of Mercy Community Event takes place today

We will have an opportunity as an entire community to offer acts of love through all fourteen Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy **today from 12noon to 2:00 pm**. Fourteen stations will be set up around our building for you to visit. All of these stations will aid people throughout the Rochester area. If you're coming as a family, stick together! Every activity is designed to be done together.

### Spiritual Works of Mercy:

- Counsel the Doubtful
- Instruct the Ignorant
- Admonish Sinners
- Comfort the Afflicted
- Forgive Offenses
- Bear Wrongs Patiently
- Pray for the Living and Dead

Please remember to bring the following 3 items with you:

- 1 can of soup or stew
- New Socks
- \$5 gift card to a supermarket like Walmart or Target

### Corporal Works of Mercy:

- Feed the Hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Shelter the Homeless
- Clothe the Naked
- Visit the Sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the Dead

## Christmas Giving Tree for Family Promise and Elder Care Ministry



Please stop by the tree to pick up a flyer that lists the needs of these ministries and/or an envelope for cash donations.

## Ministry Wish List Giving Tree



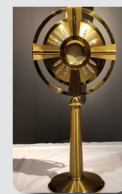
There are tags with supplies needed to support the various ministries at our Parish. To donate, please take a tag, attach it to the item when you return it to the tree.



Not enough time to go shopping? What to get that "hard to buy a gift for" person? How about a gift that could be delivered (via mail) sometime between Feb. 2023 and Feb. 2024? For just \$25, the named recipient has a chance to win \$50, \$100, \$250 or \$500 - what a gift! Tickets are available for purchase in the Church Office during open hours.

### CASH CALENDAR RAFFLE #2

Weekly winner of our \$50 cash calendar raffle is Karen Reopelle. Congratulations, Karen!



## Perpetual Eucharist Adoration Chapel

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.

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth." - Mother Teresa of Calcutta



## Dedication Candle

Dec 18th- Dec 24th

†Rodney Hanson

†Matthew Hanson

## Liturgical Ministries for December 24th/25th

*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](mailto:michellep@rescathroch.org).**

### Lectors - Dec 24th

4:00 pm Denise Koster, Regina Boehmke  
6:30 pm Alex Smith, Patricia Rossman  
9:00 pm Liz Hanson, NOT FILLED (1x)

### Dec 25th

9:00 am Richard Miller, Denise Kelly

### Greeters - Dec 24th

4:00 pm Fran Filzen, Joanne Huegel  
6:30 pm NOT FILLED (2x)  
9:00 pm NOT FILLED (2x)

### Dec 25th

9:00 am Nancy Brehmer, Joanne Huegel

### Sacristans - Dec 24th

4:00 pm Tracy & Donna Smith  
6:30 pm NOT FILLED  
9:00 pm Liz Hanson

### Dec 25th

9:00 am Char Robinet

### Servers - Dec 24th

4:00 pm Lucas Benz, Chase Boehmke  
6:30 pm Jeffrey Spaulding  
9:00 pm NOT FILLED (2x)

### Dec 25th

9:00 am NOT FILLED (2x)

### Ushers - Dec 24th

4:00 pm Randy Kuster, Fred Noser,  
Josh Noser, Kelly Schreiner

6:30 pm NOT FILLED (3x)

9:00 pm NOT FILLED (3x)

### Dec 25th

9:00 am Char Robinet (NOT FILLED 2x)

### Extraordinary Ministers - Dec 24th

4:00 pm Denise Kelly, B1, NOT

FILLED (3x)

6:30 pm Char Stocker, B1, Patty  
Haler, B2

9:00 pm Theresa Root, B1, Connie  
Curtiss, B2

### Dec 25th

9:00 am Joan Miller, B1, Deb  
Rowekamp, B2

## Christmas Flower Offering

Please cut out the form and return in an envelope with your offering. Thank you.

Christmas Flower Offering For: (Please print)

Circle One

(Name)

In Memory/ In Honor of

(Name)

In Memory/In Honor of

(Name)

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(Name)

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# Weekly Calendar with Readings

**Monday**  
**19**  
Dec

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

- 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**  
**20**  
Dec

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

- Rosary 8:10 am; Mass 8:30 am
- Office Hours 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30 pm
- St. Vincent de Paul Society 7:00 pm

**Wednesday**  
**21**  
Dec

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

- Rosary 8:10 am; Daily Mass 8:30 am
- Sacrament of Reconciliation (Following Mass) 9:15 am
- Office Hours 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Faith Formation Gr 6 - 10; 6:00 pm

**Thursday**  
**22**  
Dec

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-5

- Rosary 8:10 am
- Daily Mass 8:30 am
- Sunday Mass Explained Study Group 9:15 am
- Music Ministry 6:00 pm

**Friday**  
**23**  
Dec

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

- Rosary 8:10 am
- Daily Mass 8:30 am
- Office Closed

**Saturday**  
**24**  
Dec

Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

- Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:15-10:15 am
- Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00 pm; 6:30 pm; 9:00 pm

**Sunday**  
**25**  
Dec

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

- Christmas Mass 9:00 am





## Michelle's



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Song of the Week: "Christ, Shine in Our Lives"  
(Chris Muglia)

When the darkness surrounds us and troubles  
our hearts, and we cry out for justice and peace;  
when the proud and the mighty bring terror and  
fear, and burden the hearts of the meek; when  
judgment and hate overwhelm us, and prejudice  
reigns in the night:

*Light of Christ, shine in our lives.*

When the lost and forsaken stumble and fall,  
when the sinner brings scandal and shame; when  
the poor and the widow long for our love, and  
the warmth of compassion's embrace; when  
the old and unborn are abandoned, and the  
wounded and frail turned away:

*Light of Christ, shine in our lives.*

In the dark of the night, we will walk by your  
love, by your light, with the flame of our faith as  
our guide. In the stillness, we wait for your word  
and the gift of your grace. Speak to our hearts  
and our minds.

*Christ, be our light.  
Christ, be our guide.  
Shine in your church,  
Shine in our lives.*

Christ, be our light. Christ, be our guide.  
Shine in your church, shine in our lives.  
Dispel the darkness with your light.

*Shine, shine in our lives!*

God Bless,  
Michelle Perrier

## Mass Intentions

Mon	Dec 19th	8:30 am	†Norm Reopelle
Tues	Dec 20th	8:30 am	†Norma Hayes
Wed	Dec 21st	8:30 am	†Ross Campion
Thu	Dec 22nd	8:30 am	Fr. Luis Vargas
Fri	Dec 23rd	8:30 am	†Cora Reopelle
Sat	Dec 24th	4:00 pm	†Marge Jacobson
Sat	Dec 24th	6:30 pm	†Steve Colebeck
Sat	Dec 24th	9:00 pm	For the Parish
Sun	Dec 25th	9:00 am	†Joyce Baumler

## Community News

Volunteers are needed in Rochester to clear  
driveways and sidewalks for older adults.  
Family Service Rochester's Neighbors Helping  
Neighbors is looking to match volunteers with seniors  
in local neighborhoods. Volunteers will be assigned  
to clear the sidewalks and driveway of the same home  
after each storm this winter. Don't have the capacity to  
commit for the whole winter? "Substitute" snow shovelers  
are welcome too! To find a neighbor who needs a hand,  
contact Family Service Rochester at 507-287-2010 or  
volunteers@familyservicerochester.org

### Schedule Change for ROCHESTER ROSARY RALLIES

Please NOTE: NO Rosary Rally on Christmas Day,  
Sunday, December 25 and New Year's Day, Sunday,  
January 1. We will resume our weekly Rosary Rallies for  
our country, conversion, and peace on Sunday, January  
8, 2023. These rallies continue to be held each Sunday  
at 3pm near the Rochester Government Center at the  
corner of 4th St. SE and 3rd Ave. SE. Contact: Janela  
Hubka at daveandjanela@gmail.com or 507-282-6090.

Young Adult Evening Prayer – Christmas edition  
Young adults age 18+ are invited to a special online  
evening prayer with the School Sisters of Notre Dame on  
Tuesday, December 20 at 8pm ET / 7pm CT. This will be  
the fifth night of a nine-day candlelight Christmas novena  
beautifully sung/chanted by the sisters. Learn more and  
register for the Zoom link at [ssnd.org/events/12-20-22/](https://ssnd.org/events/12-20-22/)

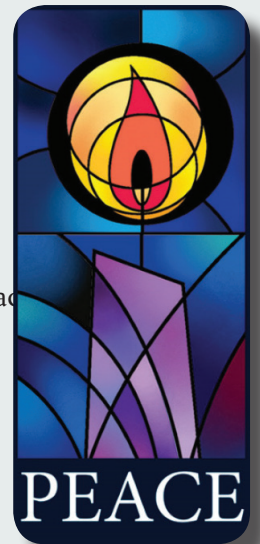
# Faith Formation



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 19th. Classes will not meet on December 26th and January 2nd. We will resume with classes on January 9th.

**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 reading for the 4th Sunday reminds us of His peace. God continually chooses people who are humble to raise us and work through us. 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 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.

At this meeting, we will go over the requirements for the sacrament and discuss the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Questions or concerns, contact me.



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

**Fusion Family Ministry coordinators Carli and Eric Tourdot and Annie and Jeremy Leisenheimer** hosted a Parents Night Out Event on Friday, December 2nd. Over 25 children enjoyed activities such as crafts, service, songs, and games while parents enjoyed a night out. The service project consisted of children making a total of 25 goodie bags filled with sweet treats and homemade Christmas greeting cards to individuals at the Landing. The Landing is a non-profit organization that supports those experiencing homelessness.

Thank you to our youth caregivers: 12th grader Lucy D'Uscio, 10th graders Marlee Hoekstra and Jorgia Jensen, 9th grader Juniper Johnson, 8th grader Claudia Pelowski and Kyra Strauss and 7th grader Willow Johnson.

*The night was an amazing success!*

