



CHURCH OF THE  
**RESURRECTION**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
He was in the beginning with God."*

*John 1:1-2*

December 25th, 2022  
The Nativity of the Lord

*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

### Christmas

Merry Christmas! I hope this Christmas finds you full of joy and peace. I hope this Christmas doesn't find your stocking filled with coal!!

There is much mystery and majesty surrounding Christmas. God coming to us as man. God seeing the devastation of sin and sending his Son to save us. Jesus being born in a stable outside of Bethlehem. The angels rejoicing. The shepherds and wise men laying eyes upon the Christ-child and sharing with anyone willing to listen what they saw and heard. In this year's Christmas column, let us take each letter to the word Christmas and see what can be learned.

**C = Christ.** We hear in the Christmas story the name given to the child. Jesus meaning God saves and Emmanuel meaning God is with us. Another name given to Jesus is "Christ". Christ means "Anointed One." Jesus was anointed to bring Good News to the world. Jesus came to preach and teach a word of life and hope. The "Christ" was sent to save people from their sins.

**H = Here.** We have the honor of celebrating the Christmas story here and now. The Christmas story isn't something left to the past; we gather to bring the Christmas story into the life of our world today. The message and hope of Jesus Christ is alive and will be until he comes with all the angels in glory.

**R = Remember.** We celebrate special days to remember. Birthdays are a good example. We wish someone a happy birthday to remember their birth. The same is true of Christmas. We celebrate Christmas to remember. Think for a moment if Christmas wasn't celebrated throughout the world for 100 years. What would happen? It would lose its significance and meaning. Coming together keeps the story alive.

**I = I.** You have heard it said, "There is no I in God" and that is true. The story of Jesus Christ is the story of someone expending himself always and everywhere for the sake of another. While Jesus was never about

himself, his concern was with each individual "I," each person.

**S = Salvation.** Why did God send his son? It is all about salvation. With the sin of Adam and Eve, the gates of heaven were closed. To be reopened someone had to conquer sin and death and that person was Jesus Christ. There is no salvation outside of Jesus Christ.

**T = Together.** We live in a very divided time. Politically, we are divided. Conversing, we tend to yell at and over the other. Unlike Jesus, many times we live for the "I". For Christians who claim a belief in Jesus, we have to be about unity. Let us never forget that in his farewell discourse Jesus prayed, "I pray not only for them, but also for those who believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me" (John 17:20-21).

**M = Manger.** It is still difficult for me to fathom. God comes and we tell him, "There is no room for you here." God is laid in a manger. I am not certain that has ever happened to another human being yet we did it to God. Still, around that manger, we don't see a room filled with anger, resentment or regret. It is a room filled with joy, wonderment and love.

**A = Always.** Always remember what Christmas means to your life. God came for you and He wants you to be with him. Cultivate that relationship.

**S = Special and Spectacular.** What else can be said of Christmas. There is only one day of the year we call Christmas and the story is beyond the breath and beauty of anything imagined.

*I have shared what Christmas means to me. What does it mean to you?*

### The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

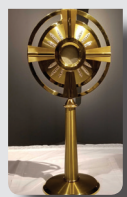
I have been reading a book entitled The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen. The book shares a thread of Bishop Sheen's wisdom for each day of the year. In the weeks ahead, I would like to share some of his wisdom

April 9 – "Solitude can be very rewarding and full of blessing because in the silence of the inner being, one finds God."

Till next week! Father Peter Schuster

# Parish News

2023 New Year Resolution ideas - Below are some ideas for you to consider if you would like to journey a little deeper in your Catholic faith - Adoration, Bible Study and/or serve in some capacity at Resurrection.



## Perpetual Eucharist Adoration Chapel

"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

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. You are welcome to stop in the Adoration Chapel. If the open hours do not fit your schedule, you can sign up for an hour that is convenient for you. By choosing an open hour, you commit to that one hour a week. To sign up or for more information, call the church office at 507-288-5528.

**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 sign-up – 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-a>. Any questions, contact the office at 507 288 5528.

*Are you interested in serving in a Resurrection ministry, in a liturgical role or assist in Faith Formation classes as a teacher or assistant?* If so and you are 18 years old or older and have not been certified through the Diocese's Virtus training, please go to our website [rescathroch.org](http://rescathroch.org). homepage, click on the gold button "Virtus Sign-up" and click on "Diocese of Winona-Rochester Registration Instructions". Please pick up the Ministry pamphlet in the 4 sided kiosk located in the Gathering Space for more information on the Liturgical ministry or contact Michelle at 507 288 5528.



**CASH  
CALENDAR  
RAFFLE #2**

Tickets are available for purchase in the Church Office during open hours.

Weekly winner of our \$50 cash calendar raffle is Micki Miller  
Congratulations, Micki!



## Dedication Candle

Dec 24th- Dec 31st

†Derek Gossman  
†Calvin Kessler  
†Rob Frisby

## Prayer Groups at Resurrection

**Men's Prayer Group** - meets the second and fourth Wednesday at 7:00 am in Room C in Zenk Hall. All men of all ages are welcome to come for an hour of prayer.

**Widow's Prayer Group** meets the second and fourth Fridays at 9:15 am, Room C in Zenk Hall. All widows are welcome to attend.

## We offer Communion for Shut-ins:

Communion is brought to homebound upon request. Please contact the church office at 507-288-5528 if you are homebound or know of someone that cannot make it to Mass.

If you have unused Christian Christmas Cards that you would like to donate, please drop them off in the marked box on the table in the Gathering Space. They will be sent to Veterans who were injured during their time of serving. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

## Keep in touch with us! Receive emails

**monthly** on what is happening at Resurrection. Connect with us online at: [churchoftheresurrection20.flocknote.com](http://churchoftheresurrection20.flocknote.com). If you need assistance on how to sign up, please call the office 507 288 5528.

## Liturgical Ministries for December 31st/January 1st

*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

8:00 pm Liz Hanson  
8:30 am Josephine Washnieski, Denise Koster  
10:30 am Randy Kuster, Regina Boehmke

### Greeters

8:00 pm Tara Engel, Eileen King  
8:30 am Teresa Allers, John-Howard Carroll, Dianne Plager  
10:30 am Fran Filzen, Shelley Filzen

### Sacristans

8:00 pm Judith Pelowski  
8:30 am Douglas Hudson  
10:30 am Fran Filzen

### Servers

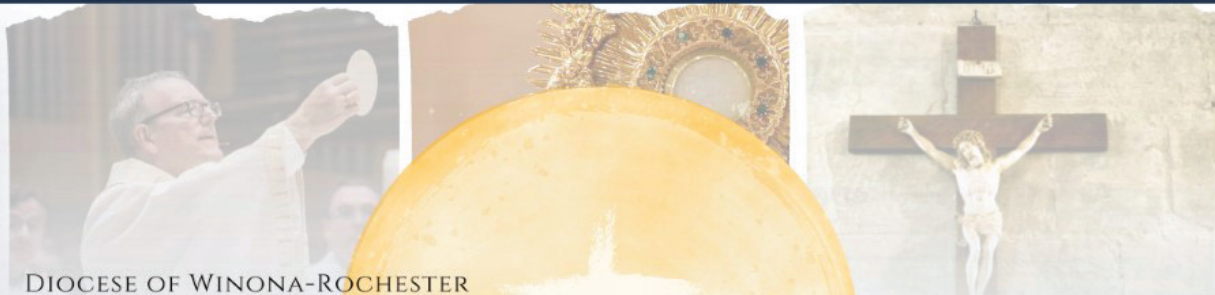
8:00 pm Madilyn Keller, Jeffrey Spaulding  
8:30 am Avery Washnieski  
10:30 am Fiona Robertson, Ian Teshirogi

### Ushers

8:00 pm John Schoenfelder, Kelton Schoenfelder, Lee Witter  
8:30 am Kenneth Mueller, Tom Pries, Char Robinet  
10:30 am Gordon Robertson, Char Stocker, Randy Stocker

### Extraordinary Ministers

8:00 pm Reilyn Schoenfelder, B1, Theresa Root, B2, Rebecca Keller, B5 (IF NO DEACON)  
8:30 am Patrice Steier, B1, Deb Rowekamp, B2, Christiane Lund, B5 (IF NO DEACON)  
10:30 am Barbara Vareberg - B1 (1) Rebecca Woodcock - B2 (1) Char Stocker - B5 (IF NO DEACON)



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# THIS IS MY BODY

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2023

**SAVE THE DATE**

**JUNE 10, 2023 | MANKATO CIVIC CENTER**

**COME AND JOIN THOUSANDS OF CATHOLICS AS WE REJOICE IN THE LORD THROUGH THE EUCHARIST!**

EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION, MASS, SPEAKERS, MUSIC

REGISTRATION OPENS FOR PARISHES IN MID-JANUARY

[WWW.DOWR.ORG](http://WWW.DOWR.ORG)



SAVE THE DATE

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS JUNE 10, 2023  
WILL BE HELD AT THE MANKATO CIVIC CENTER

Registration begins mid January. More information to follow.

# Weekly Calendar with Readings

**Monday**  
**26**  
Dec

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/  
Mt 10:17-22

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

**Tuesday**  
**27**  
Dec

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

- Rosary 8:10 am
- Mass 8:30 am
- Office Hours 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- KC Council Meeting 7:00 pm

**Wednesday**  
**28**  
Dec

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

- Rosary 8:10 am
- Daily Mass 8:30 am
- Office Hours 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Thursday**  
**29**  
Dec

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

- Rosary 8:10 am
- Daily Mass 8:30 am
- Sunday Mass Explained Study Group 9:15 am

**Friday**  
**30**  
Dec

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/  
Mt 2:13-15, 19-2

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

**Saturday**  
**31**  
Dec

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

- Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:15-10:15 am
- Mass: 8:00 pm

**Sunday**  
**1**  
Jan

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

- Mass 8:30 am
- Mass 10:30 am
- Music Ministry 11:45 am



## Michelle's



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

In the bleak midwinter,  
frosty wind made moan.  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
and water like a stone.

Snow had fallen,  
Snow on snow on snow on snow.  
In the bleak midwinter long ago.

Angels and archangels  
may have traveled there.

Cherubim and Seraphim filled the air.  
But only his mother, in her maiden bliss,  
Worshiped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I'd give to him a lamb.  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part,  
Yet what I can I give him?

I'd give him my heart.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, I urge you to  
remember what we learned and reflected upon  
during Advent as we move into Christmas.

Continue to seek Christ daily. Turn to him for  
forgiveness, as well as to forgive others. Love all  
people, and do your part by offering your heart to  
Jesus Christ and caring for all those in need. There  
may be fourteen Corporal and Spiritual Works  
of Mercy, but never forget that you are a Gift of  
Mercy cherished and sent by God to love.

Merry Christmas, my Resurrection family. All of  
you will be in my prayers this joyful season!

God Bless,  
Michelle Perrier

Song of the Week: In the Bleak Midwinter

## Mass Intentions

Mon	Dec 26th	8:30 am	†Josephina Pinski
Tues	Dec 27th	8:30 am	†Michael Maher
Wed	Dec 28th	8:30 am	†Mary (Betty) Bugni
Thu	Dec 29th	8:30 am	†Dan Motley
Fri	Dec 30th	8:30 am	†Joel Elwood
Sat	Dec 31st	8:00 pm	For the Parish
Sun	Jan 1st	8:30 am	†John Adams
Sun	Jan 1st	10:30 am	†Joe & Maureen Lutgen

## 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](mailto:volunteers@familyservicerochester.org)

**ROCHESTER ROSARY RALLIES** 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](mailto:daveandjanela@gmail.com) or 507-282-6090.

**Save the date! "The Rescue Project" Weekend  
retreat** at Holy Family Catholic Church in Kasson, MN  
Jan. 21-22.

Saturday 8:00 am - 5:30 pm - optional evening social to  
follow; Sunday 8:30 am Mass at Holy Family - 2:30 pm.  
The Rescue Project is for anyone and everyone! It appeals  
to those who have been walking with Jesus for years, as  
well as those for whom Jesus is only a figure in ancient  
history.

Join us as we dig deeper together and experience the  
gospel surrounded by food, conversation, and prayer. No  
cost to attend. Sign up by calling the office at 507-775-  
6455 or email [adultffckhf@gmail.com](mailto:adultffckhf@gmail.com).

# Faith Formation

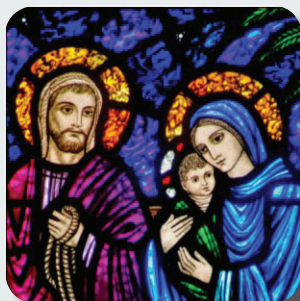


News from Stacey, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, [dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org](mailto:dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org)

Grades 1-5: Classes will not meet on January 2nd. We will resume with classes on January 10th.

**Most Holy Christmas Blessings from St. Bernard of Clairvaux:**

*"Let your goodness, Lord, appear to us, that we, made in your image, conform ourselves to it. In our own strength we cannot imitate your majesty, power and wonder; nor is it fitting for us to try. But your mercy reaches from the heavens, through the clouds, to the earth below. You have come to us as a small child, but you have brought us the greatest of all gifts, the gifts of eternal love. Caress us with your tiny hands, embrace us with your tiny arms, and pierce our hearts with your soft, sweet cries. Amen."*



**Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph:** We honor and celebrate the Holy Family as our role model of family life. Take time this week to talk as a family about the love, respect, obedience, and hope that the Holy Family teaches us. How do we imitate the virtues of the Holy Family in our own families?

**First Communion Parent-only Meeting:** We will have a Parent-only Meeting (only one parent needs to attend) on Monday, January 16th 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)

God always has a plan.

For Jozy Olson and Morris Thompson, two intriguing young men, and Lucy d'Uscio a bright high-school senior, it is the call to discern entering into the fullness of the Catholic Christian faith. Please pray for these three people who have reached out and asked to know more about what it means to be Catholic.

In the OCIA-Order of Christian Initiation (RCIA), we encourage people discerning entering the Catholic Church to:

- Attend Mass. Get to know Jesus with Jesus!
- Study. Self-study is imperative to nurture faith.
- Participate. Meet with OCIA team members for prayer and conversation.
- Engage. There are many parish opportunities that foster spiritual growth such as events, fellowship, and service.

Engagement in these four components, along with prayer, will guide inquirers towards the fulfillment of God's will in their life. Holy Spirit, Come. Amen.

If you know someone who is not a confirmed Catholic please send them my way!

We begin official formation **January 8th, 2023** after 10:30am Mass.

Join us at Donut Sunday for casual conversation followed by prayer and formation.

**Merry Christmas & God Bless!**

