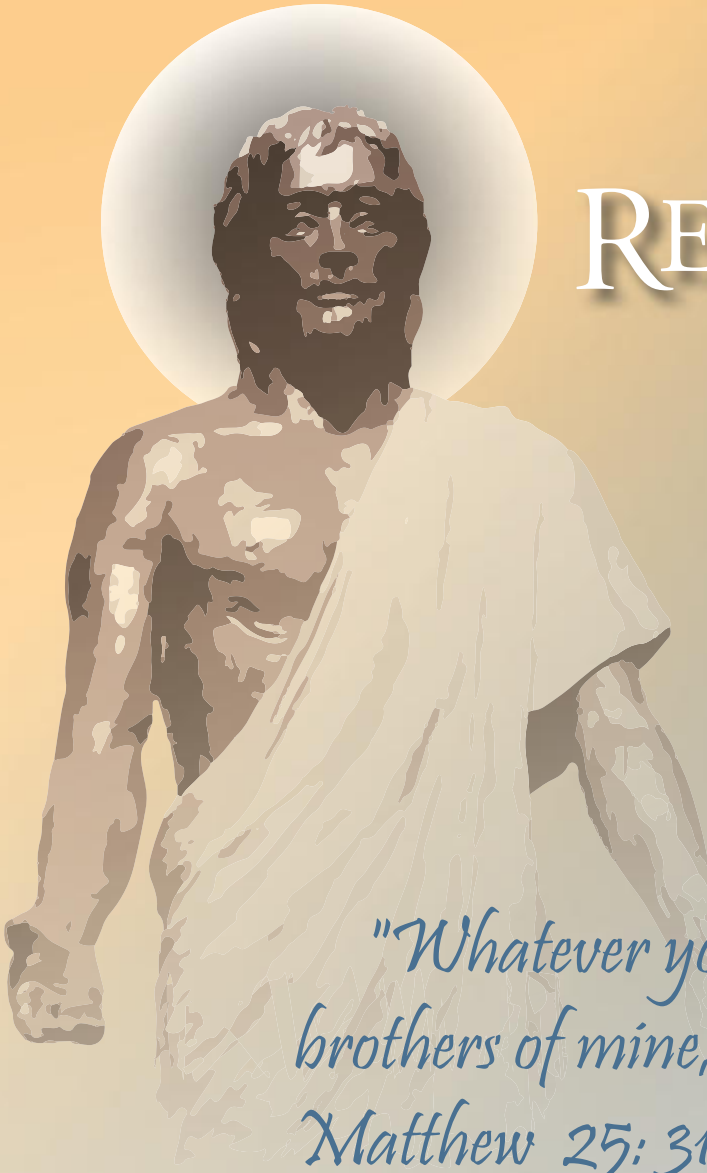

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"Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25: 31-46

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Sunday 10:30 am

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Weekly Words from The Rock

My Catholic Life has a series of questions and answers on the Catholic Faith. It can be found at the site "Catholic Questions and Answers: Questions and Answers from My Catholic Life!" I am going to share with you some of their questions and answers in the weeks ahead.

Question: I heard people talking the other day about how we are saved. I always thought we could only be saved by Jesus, but some of them said we could be saved by good works. What's the right answer?
A. Interestingly, the two answers are not opposed to each other!

So how are we saved? By Jesus or by being good? I think, in practice, many people believe, whether they realize it or not, that they will make it to Heaven if they try to be good. Though there is some truth to this, it's important to explain how this works. Otherwise we may fall into the trap of thinking that we can save ourselves by doing good. And that's just not possible.

First of all, there is only one way to Heaven, Jesus! Jesus did not come to die on the Cross just so that some people could get to Heaven through Him and others could find their own way. No, Jesus is the one and only way we are saved. In fact, if someone who knows nothing about Jesus, because they have never been taught, dies and goes to Heaven, they made it to Heaven because of Jesus. For example, if a baby dies and goes to Heaven that child has not been able to consciously acknowledge Jesus as his or her savior while in life. But this is not their fault given their age. But Jesus is their savior and the savior of everyone in Heaven.

With that said, what about good works? Can good works save us? Well, kind of, in a sense. But it has to be understood what is really happening. You see, if we are living in God's grace then we are in what's called "a state of grace." This means that the gift of Jesus' death and resurrection is active and alive in our lives. It also means that if we die in this state of grace we will go to Heaven once we are purified of all remnants of sin. But, regarding our good works, we need to see a certain essential connection to the saving grace of the Cross and how we live. The fact of the matter is that if we have Jesus' grace alive in our lives, we will do good works. And on the flip side, if we are not doing any good works, it is a clear sign that we are not in His grace and thus will not be saved. So the grace of Jesus as our savior will be seen in our actions too.
One other key factor is that truly "good works" are actions in us that come from God. We don't choose to do a good work by our own will, rather, we do a good work only when we respond to a special inspiration of grace and let God work through us.

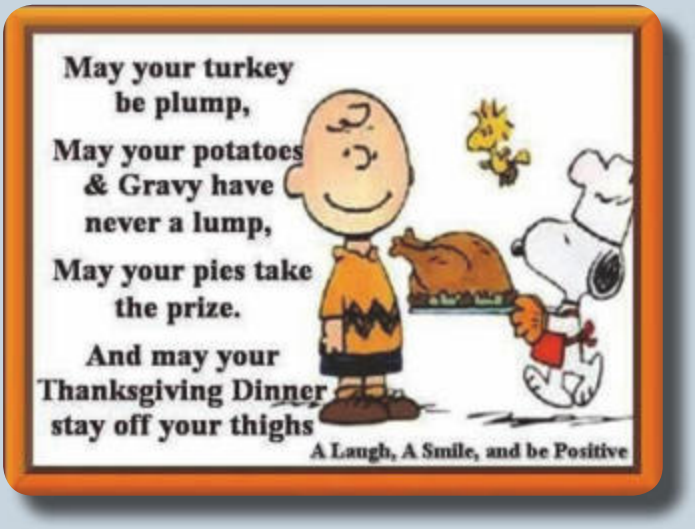
In the Bible, The Letter of St. James explains this very well. He says, "So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. Indeed someone might say, "You have faith and I have works." Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works" (James 2:17-18). So, in other words, faith, salvation and good works are all essentially linked. But they flow from the grace that came to us from Jesus' death and resurrection on the Cross.

Hope that helps!

Happy Thanksgiving!

God's blessings! Father Peter Schuster

Catholic Humor:
A thanksgiving wish from Charlie Brown.



Parish News

Resurrection's Ca$h Calendar

As announced last week, the CA$H CALENDAR will be awarding prizes once a week for 52 weeks. Our CA$H CALENDAR begins with the Kickoff on Feb. 14, 2021 with a $500 cash prize awarded. The Mother's Day May 9th winner will receive $250 as well as the Labor Day Sept 5th winner receiving $250. The Dec. 19th, 2021 winner will receive an early Christmas present of $500. The other 48 weekly prize winners will each receive $50 for a total of 52 weeks and 52 winners. Tickets will be sold from Dec. 1st until Feb. 5, 2021 for $30 each BUT only 800 tickets will be available. Final details will be in next week's bulletin.

Resurrection's Knights of Columbus Fundraiser - they will be selling tickets to be redeemed at Flowers by Jerry for a dozen roses and/or a Christmas bouquet. Each ticket is $14 and can be purchased in the parking lot following Sunday Mass the weekends of Nov 22nd and Nov 29th. Any questions, call Bob Voss at 507-208-8036. We will also have some available in the church office to purchase during regular office hours (Monday through Friday - 9:15am - 5:00 pm).

Operation: One More

The holiday season is one filled with joy and wonder but can also bring financial stress. Many families with children in our community are food insecure. Our mission is to provide extra food as a gesture of compassion during the holiday season. Last year nearly 60 families, 260 individuals were blessed with a holiday food basket. With COVID-19 effecting so many, we anticipate a greater need for our assistance. We will be collecting food through December 13th. Items needed are jars of peanut butter, mashed potatoes, plain oatmeal (not single packs), and canned tuna. Please consider donating. Collection bins are located in the gathering space.

Resurrection's Society of St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday collection will be weekend of November 28th/29th. Your contribution will be matched dollar for dollar up to $5,000 from an anonymous source. All funds are used to assist those in need within the city of Rochester that are having financial difficulties with expenses such as paying rent, utilities, car insurance, repairs and day care. Your continued support is much appreciated especially in this time of need.

Dec 24th Masses: 1:00 pm, 4:00 pm, & 7:00 pm
Liturgy of the Word with Communion: 10:00 pm
Dec 25th Mass: 9:00 am. Registration will be required to attend a Mass. Go to our website: rescathroch.org; click on the Christmas Mass reservation button to register.
Registration ends Dec 8th. Limited seating; first come,first served

Reconciliation Schedule:

Saturday, November 28th:	9:15 - 10:15 am
Thursday, December 3rd:	5:00 - 6:00 pm
Saturday, December 5th:	9:15 - 10:15 am
Tuesday, December 8th:	12:00 - 1:00 pm
Thursday, December 10th:	5:00 - 6:00 pm
Saturday, December 12th:	9:15 - 10:15 am
Wednesday, December 16th:	7:30 - 8:15 am
Thursday, December 17th:	5:00 - 6:00 pm
Saturday, December 19th:	9:15 - 10:15 am
Tuesday, December 22nd:	5:00 - 6:00 pm

Liturgical Ministries for Nov 28th/29th

If unable to fulfill your ministry as scheduled, please find a substitute. Thank you.
Ministry Schedule as of October 30, 2020

Lectors
8:00 pm Therese Schoenfelder
8:00 am Richard Miller
10:30 am Allen Aksamit

Greeters
8:00 pm Tara Engel, NOT FILLED
8:00 am Gretchen Cutshall, Tom Lund
10:30 am Joanne Huegel, NOT FILLED

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

Ushers
8:00 pm Fred Noser, Josh Noser
8:00 am Ken Mueller, Char Robinet
10:30 am Elaina & Gordon Robertson

Check in Minister
8:00 pm Anne and Mia Cuccio
8:00 am Patrice Steier
10:30 am Brett Maronde

Walk in Ministers
8:00 pm Cheryl Kieffer, Erica Stiller
8:00 am Jen Good, Mike Good
10:30 am Paul Drucker, Jackie Tyrrell

Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 pm Liz Hanson, LG, Theresa Root, (1), (If No Deacon), Mary Meine, (2)

8:30 am Jerry Krantz, LG, Elaine Doherty, (1), (If No Deacon), Dianne Plager, (2)

10:30 am Mary Chestolowski, Barbara Vareberg, (1), (If No Deacon), Anthony Vareberg, (2)

Dedication Candles -
November 21st/November 28th

1. †Leone Motl

We need church cleaners, greeters, ushers, sacristans and help at the table to check in parishioners. If interested please call the office 288 5528 or email Michelle at michelle@ rescathroch.org.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
24 hours/7 days a week

"Sitting before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, a new life begins. Another birth takes place; eternal life within us. We do not see Jesus with our eyes, but rather in the transformation of our lives, where Jesus loves to be and desires that we experience love." Mother Elvira Petrozzi

Open Hours

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
3 pm		12 am	2 am			5 pm
		11 pm				

By choosing an open hour from the graph to the left, you commit to the that one hour a week of adoring Jesus in the Chapel at Resurrection. Seating will be limited and masks required.

To sign up or for more information, call the church office at 507-288-5528.

Weekly Calendar with Readings

The dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation remains in effect until further notice.

Monday 23 November	Mass Registration for Nov 28th/29th rescathroch.org to sign up Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4 • Daily Mass 8:30 am • Office walk in hours 9:15am - 5:00 pm • Faith Formation Gr 1-5 - 4:30pm/6:00pm
Tuesday 24 November	Mass Registration for Nov 28th/29th rescathroch.org to sign up Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11 • Daily Mass 8:30 am; Office Walk in hours: 9:15 am - 5:00 pm • St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting 7:00 pm • Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 pm
Wednesday 25 November	Mass Registration for Nov 28th/29th rescathroch.org to sign up Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19 • Daily Mass 8:30 am • Office Walk in hours: 9:15 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday 26 November	Mass Registration closes at 10:00 am for Nov 28th/29th Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 /Lk 21:20-28 • Daily Mass 8:30 am • Office Closed
Friday 27 November	Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33 • Daily Mass 8:30 am • Office Closed
Saturday 28 November	Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/1 Cor 16:22b/Lk 21:34-36 • Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:15 am - 10:15 am • Mass 8:00 pm
Sunday 29 November	Mass Registration for Dec 5th/6th rescathroch.org to sign up. Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/ Mk 13:33-37 • Mass 8:00 am • Mass 10:30 am

Michelle's

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

Today marks the end of our Liturgical Season. But do you know what else today is? Today is the memorial of St. Cecilia, our patron saint of music. As inspiring as St. Cecilia is to me, I don't just think about her on this day. I also think about all the other saints who spread God's love with song, like Pope Gregory, St. Hildegard von Bingen, and the Martyrs of Compiègne. Following that, every year on this day I spend an hour in a church singing my praise and thanks to God.

My life certainly has been complicated and difficult because of this gift of music God blessed me with, but I can say without a doubt that I wouldn't have it any other way. Through this gift, I can bring out the emotions people need to express and pass God's love on to others. Then there's the way I feel any time I perform. I may live alone, travel from place to place, and I might never settle down, but every time I set foot on a stage, the only way I can describe how I feel is that I'm home. I've been performing for twenty-two years now, seventeen of them serving the Church, and that feeling of home only strengthens each passing day.

What is the gift God gives you that makes you feel home? Is it crocheting, work, or being surrounded by those you love? Whatever it is, I challenge you to take the time to thank God for his gift. As I pray today in our church, I'll be sure to sing a song of gratitude that I find myself here with all of you.

God Bless,
Michelle Perrier

Song of the Week:
How Can I Keep from Singing?
Listen to new arrangements on YouTube!

Mass Intentions

Mon	Nov 23	**8:30 am**	†V. Strauss/N. Wagner
Tues	Nov 24	**8:30 am**	†Rob Frisby
Wed	Nov 25	**8:30 am**	†Robert Coulter
Thu	Nov 26	**8:30 am**	†Joseph Scheffler
Fri	Nov 27	**8:30 am**	Dixie Shimak
Sat	Nov 28	**8:00 pm**	†Harris & Dot Bubendorf
Sun	Nov 29	8:00 am	†Kopp & Poirier families
Sun	Nov 29	10:30 am	For the Parish

St. Francis School News

The weekly school Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 24th at 9:15 a.m.

There will be no school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 25th-27th in honor of Thanksgiving. Enjoy the long weekend.

Please continue to bring nonperishable food items for Operation One More.

Tuesday, November 24th is our HERO Day for November. We will learn about our December virtue (purity) and the saints whose lives exemplified it.

Community News

You are invited to begin celebrating the season by joining us at the Church of St. Michael's for our re-imagined Holiday Tea on **Saturday, December 5th from 9:00am to 11:00am** in the Church Community Room! Come and purchase your holiday goodies from the ever popular bakery table. The craft table will offer new, handmade items perfect for gifts and stocking stuffers. Many beautiful items will be available as raffle prizes that have been donated to support this event.

Due to precaution regarding Covid, we will have no Tea Table this year but we will be sending home a treat bag for each guest. Masks or face coverings will be required and physical distancing will be followed.

Church of St. Michael, 451 5th St. SW, Pine Island, MN 55963; Telephone number is 507-356-4280.

Faith Formation

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

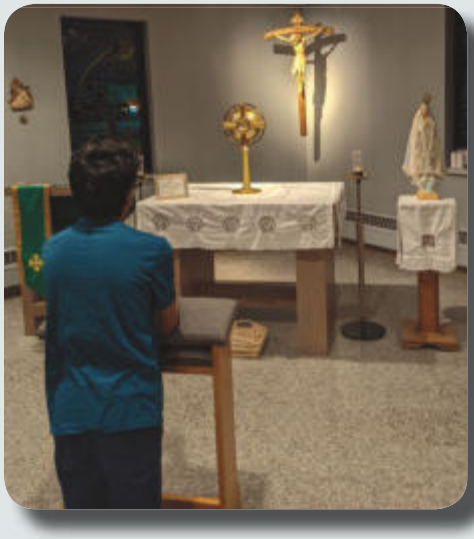
Grades 1-5: We have faith formation classes on Monday, November 23rd at 4:30 and 6:00pm. Especially this year, I'm wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving. Whether you are celebrating with a few family members or with your immediate family, God hears your prayers of thankfulness. For all those family members we've lost this year, we offer this prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for the wonderful memories we have of our departed loved ones. We are grateful when these memories bring us happiness and comfort. Help us to continue to keep the memories of our loved ones alive by living out the gifts and virtues we treasured so much in their lives. May our remembrance of them in this way help their spirit to live on in us, and may the virtues contribute to building your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

Teaching Kids to Respect Others: This week's chapter is called "We Care for People in Every Country." Love of country becomes a virtue of patriotism when it is an expression of love, fidelity, and respect for God. We humbly receive the gift of having this particular nationality, while equally recognizing the beauty of other cultures and lands. Here's what we can do: pray for peace, so children in every country can play and be happy; pray the rosary with each decade for another continent (Africa, Asia, The Americans, Europe, and Australia/Oceania); travel to other countries if you can or take virtual tours and keep learning together about new places, people and cultures; and model respect for all people. Our prayer to respect people from other countries: All the nations you have made shall come to bow before you, Lord, and give honor to your name. For you are great and do wondrous deed; and you alone are God. Psalm 86:9-10

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

On Wednesday, November 11th Faith Formation students were introduced to devotion of Adoration and Divine Mercy. Students learned about St. Faustina, the Divine Mercy Image, and how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Students were invited to view the St. Faustina relic, Divine Mercy image and pray with our Lord in our Adoration Chapel.
St. Faustina pray for us! Amen.



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