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*"A voice of one crying out in the desert:
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight
his paths."*

Luke 3:1-6

December 5th, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent

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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.

December 2 – Creation: No reflection on salvation history can begin without recognizing our origin from God. God made us in his own image, declaring us "very good." We know our calling is to dwell in his love, and yet we so often stray from him. Even then his love is unbounded, that he would send his only Son to bring us back to him. It is only then we can truly be "very good."

December 3 – Adam and Eve: Sin became part of the human condition through our first parents. Eating the apple was part disobedience and part wanting to be equal to God. While God made us to be like him, our incorporation into the divine life happens on his terms, not ours. Humanity's sinfulness results from skewed perspectives of creation, an inability to submit to the will of the One who made all things and to respect our proper role in the relationship we have with him. The result is God's plan of redemption, whereby he sends us his Son to show us the true way to be human.

December 4 – Noah: The story of Noah and his ark illustrates the corruptive and insidious nature of sin. Even the most personal of sins affect others, in ways we will often never recognize in this life. While God's action in this story offers an opportunity for a "new creation" through his covenant with Noah, we can rightfully understand this as foreshadowing the new life to be found in Christ, which requires us to leave sin behind and follow Christ's way.

December 5 – Abraham: All mankind has been created for a relationship with God. When God established his covenant with Abraham, he entered into a relationship with a people that will be particularly his own. This solidifies the relationship God has intended for his people from the beginning. Abraham's story reiterates that we must reject anything that keeps us from faithfulness to God.

December 6 – Isaac: Those who worship the true

God learn through Abraham's ordeal that sacrifice is essential. When God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac – the one through whom all of the promises God made would come true – he was willing to give God everything. This foreshadowed the offering of God's Son in the new and everlasting covenant.

December 7 – Jacob: Jacob (or Israel) is a complex figure. He became the inheritor of God's covenant with Abraham despite having lied to achieve the birthright that made it possible. Nonetheless, God remained faithful in the context of Jacob's situation. God's love is indestructible.

December 8 – Tamar: Tamar's story represents how God's gifts can be misused, illustrating how God's love and generosity can even be exploited. Tamar was maligned after her first two husbands died, and she deceived their father, Judah, in order to secure a position of esteem in the line of Abraham. And she did, giving birth to twins and becoming one of only five women named in the genealogy of Jesus according to Matthew's Gospel. (To be continued next week.)

*I have been reading a book entitled *The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen*. In the weeks ahead, I would like to share some of his wisdom.*

August 21 – "Moral principles do not depend on a majority vote. Wrong is wrong, even if everybody is wrong. Right is right, even if nobody is right."

August 24 – "Why did Our Blessed Lord use bread and wine as the elements of this Memorial? First of all, because no two substances in nature better symbolize unity than bread and wine. As bread is made from a multiplicity of grains of wheat, and wine is made from a multiplicity of grapes, so the many who believe are one in Christ. Second, no two substances in nature have to suffer more to become what they are than bread and wine. Wheat has to pass through the rigors of winter, be ground beneath the Calvary of a mill, and then subjected to purging fire before it can become bread. Grapes in their turn must be subjected to the Gethsemane of a wine press and have their life crushed from them to become wine. Thus, do they symbolize the Passion and Sufferings of Christ, and the condition of Salvation, for Our Lord said unless we die to ourselves we cannot live with him."

August 31 – "It was the "good" thief's last prayer, perhaps even his first. He knocked once, sought once, asked once, dared everything, and found everything."

Till next week! Father Peter Schuster

Parish News

You're Invited to an evening of Grief Support on Tuesday December 7th from 6:30-8:00 in Zenk Hall. There will be a short presentation by Randy Stocker and then we will gather in small groups to get to know each other and to share our stories. Topics to include: Grief Misconceptions, coping with grief during the Holidays, how to help and understand someone who is grieving, the seven intentions of Mourning. Please bring a picture of your loved ones to the meeting. If you or a family member are grieving the loss of a loved one, please plan to attend and bring a friend.

Our annual Holiday Bazaar, has been canceled due to Covid 19 concerns. We are grateful for the time and effort Bev Sanders and her CASH Calendar raffle team have put in for the 2022 Cash Calendar.

Another CASH CALENDAR RAFFLE goal has been reached! First, we solicited enough donations to cover the start-up expenses of the Raffle. Now, thanks to you, we have reached our next goal of enough tickets sold (144) and money collected to cover the expense of all of the prizes that will be awarded. Let us keep those ticket sales going so that we can raise a record amount of money to benefit our Parish community! A ticket purchase makes you eligible to be one of the 52 weekly winners of anywhere from \$50 to \$500 which is more than the \$30 cost of that ticket. Remember all buyers and prize winners must be 18 years of age or older. Tickets are available in the Church Office. Please return all unsold tickets ASAP to allow them to be purchased by others who wish to purchase extra tickets. The deadline for all entry stubs, money and unsold tickets to be returned to the Church Office is Jan. 15, 2022. This allows time for all tickets to be accounted for; a requirement of the MN State Gambling Board.

Operation One More

Please help support **Operation One More at Resurrection** which supports Ben Franklin and an additional school and their families at Riverside Elementary for a holiday meal. This food helps support families during the school winter break when they do not have access to the school food shelf. Contact Stephanie Collura for more information or to help at Stephanie.collura@gmail.com. This is a great opportunity for your family to get involved in a service ministry.

Operation One More provides food to families with young children struggling with food insecurity. We are a holiday food assistance program that has been serving students and their families who are enrolled in the backpack program of a Rochester elementary school for the last three years. Due to an outpouring of support and generosity for this program we are able to expand our services and help for students and families from a second elementary school.

The food collected will provide enough food for a full holiday meal with non-perishable items as well as bread, milk, and a turkey. The extra food helps students get through winter break while they do not have access to the food shelf at school. The holiday season can often bring extra financial burden to those already struggling, and it is our hope that these families are able to find a bit more peace and joy during the holiday season with your help.

During this time, as we collect and prepare for food delivery, we find inspiration and encouragement in the words of Mother Teresa, *"If you can't feed one hundred people, then just feed one."*

Pick up the food list from the table in the Gathering Space.

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) _____

In Memory of/Honor of (circle one): (Name) _____

In Memory of/Honor of (circle one): (Name) _____

Parish News continued



Family Promise Happenings: A huge, heartfelt thank you to Bob Voss and the Resurrection's Knights of Columbus for their very generous donation of beautiful, new, kids winter coats to Family Promise Rochester! They were absolutely thrilled at such a generous, (much-needed!) unexpected gift! Your kindness brought Christmas early for the kids at the Northstar house! Many thanks, Luann and Family Promise Rochester



Wednesday, December 8th Holy Day of Obligation
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass times are 8:30 am and 7:00 pm

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.



This week's winner of our \$50 cash calendar raffle is:

Kurt Culp
Congratulations, Kurt

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. *Thank you for your continued support.* Please pray for those they serve and for the volunteers who spend time responding to their needs and giving them hope. St. Vincent de Paul meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in Zenk Hall Room C. If interested in learning more about this ministry, contact the church office at 507-288-5528.

Liturgical Ministries for Dec 11th/12th

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

Lectors

8:00 pm Liz Hanson
8:30 am Timothy Geisler, Denise Koster
10:30 am Denise Kelly, Regina Boehmke

Greeters

8:00 pm Tara Engel, NOT FILLED (1x)
8:30 am Nancy Brehmer, Gretchen Cutshall
10:30 am Bob Voss, NOT FILLED (1x)

Sacristans

8:00 pm Judith Pelowski
8:30 am Tracy & Donna Smith
10:30 am Lynn Walston

Ushers

8:00 pm Fred Noser, Josh Noser, Marie Noser
8:30 am Kenneth Mueller, Char Robinet, NOT FILLED (1x)
10:30 am Kelly Schreiner, Brody Tyrrell, Scott Walston

Servers

8:00 pm Ari Jones, Stefan Jones
8:30 am Chris Simonson, NOT FILLED (1x)
10:30 am Chase Boehmke, NOT FILLED (1x)

Eucharistic Ministers

8:00 pm Theresa Root, B1,
Mary Meine, B2, Jerry Krantz,
B5, (IF NO DEACON)
8:30 am Patrice Steier, B1, Deb Rowekamp, B2, Christiane Lund,
B5, (IF NO DEACON)
10:30 am Charles DeVos, B1 (1), Sheila Pelowski, B2, Barbara Vareberg,
B5, (IF NO DEACON)

Weekly Calendar with Readings

Monday

6

Dec

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-1

- Rosary 8:10 am
- Mass 8:30 am
- Faith Formation Classes Grs 1-5; 6:00 pm

Tuesday

7

Dec

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22

- Rosary 8:10 am
- Daily Mass 8:30 am
- Office Hours: 9:00 - 5:00 pm
- Grief Ministry Support Group 6:30 pm

Wednesday

8

Dec

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

- Rosary 8:10 am
- **Holy Day of Obligation: Mass 8:30 am; 7:00 pm**
- Office Hours: 9:00 - 5:00 pm
- Faith Formation Classes Gr 6-10 6:30 pm

Thursday

9

Dec

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

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

Friday

10

Dec

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

- Rosary 8:10 am;
- Daily Mass 8:30 am
- Widow's Prayer Group
- Office Hours: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday

11

Dec

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

- Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:15 am - 10:15 am
- Rosary 7:20 pm; Mass 8:00 pm

Sunday

12

Dec

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

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



Michelle's



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A man knocked on a friend's door one day, and it was answered by the youngest boy. "Hello, chap," said the man, "Is your father home?" "No," answered the boy, "He's busy." "Well, then, could I speak to your mother?" the man continued. "No," came the reply, "She's busy." "Your older siblings, then, are they free?" the man tried again. "No," the boy said, "they're busy." The man, now curious, asked, "What are they busy doing?" The boy responded, "They're busy looking for me."

I can't help but compare this story to our own search for Jesus Christ. I find that even though I pray the same amount of time when I'm busy, my thoughts stray quite easily. Often I'll recite the first line of a Hail Mary and stop because my brain remembers everything I have to do later on that day. The harder I try to get through the prayer, the more hidden Christ feels from me.

Times of stress are the most difficult yet most important moments to seek Christ, for in him we can find peace in all the craziness and the strength to act with compassion.

Allow me to offer an idea as you look for Christ amidst your stress. Block off an entire evening on your calendar to spend with God. Fast like we do during Lent and pray in a space void of all distractions, including technology, day-to-day life, and interactions with others. Families, consider using part of the night as individual prayer and part for discussion and communal prayer. By removing time constraints, I pray that this evening helps you foster a relationship with Christ and allows you to find him more readily in the business of your daily life.

God Bless,
Michelle Perrier

Song of the Week: God My Father by Jackie François

Mass Intentions

Mon	Dec 6	8:30 am	†Earl Koelsch
Tues	Dec 7	8:30 am	†Frisby Family
Wed	Dec 8	8:30 am	†John Konkel
Thu	Dec 8	7:00 pm	For the Parish
Thu	Dec 9	8:30 am	†Al Brown
Fri	Dec 10	8:30 am	Marilyn Nash
Sat	Dec 11	8:00 pm	†Helen Muzzy
Sun	Dec 12	8:30 am	†Millie Dee
Sun	Dec 12	10:30 am	For the Parish

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.

If Perpetual Adoration will be closed due to inclement weather, closure notices may be found on Resurrection's website (rescathroch.org); KTTC TV or KROC radio. WeAdoreHim notifications will be sent to the Adorers affected by the closure.

Resurrection's Community Advent Rosary This week's Advent's Rosary intentions:

- Dec 5th: Those in our parish preparing to receive the sacraments this year
- Dec 6th: Those affected by the coronavirus pandemic
- Dec 7th: Parishioners who have fallen away from the Church
- Dec 8th: Expecting mothers and fathers
- Dec 9th: Fr. Schuster, Fr. Shawn and Deacon Miller
- Dec 10th: Those we need to forgive
- Dec 11th: Parishioners who have passed away and now sleep in the peace of Christ.

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



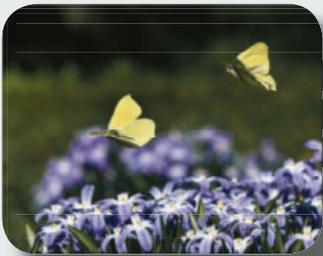
News from Stacey, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org.

Grades 1-5: We have Faith Formation class for grades 1-5 at 6:00-7:00pm on Monday, December 6th, the Feast of St. Nicholas.

The Second Sunday of Advent: We light the 2nd purple candle on our Advent wreaths and listen for the LOVE God has for His people in the readings.



The Year of St. Joseph: On Wednesday, December 8th, the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we mark the conclusion of the Year of St. Joseph. For those who have spent the past year learning and praying with St. Joseph, this is not an ending. We have experienced a closer relationship with a saint who spent his earthly life loving and caring for Mary and Jesus. Joseph's role as our family intercessor continues. As we go forward, St. Joseph gives us one more lesson for parents. It is a lesson in setting boundaries, letting our children go, and showing them freedom through unconditional love. "The wise parent, Pope Francis says, helps children to learn to make their own decision, to begin to develop the creative courage that will set them free in the world, filled with their own self-confidence. This is achieved by teaching children about life and reality, primarily through example, as Joseph did. There is no greater gift a parent can give than to not hover or be possessive but give a child the wings to fly free. Easy to say, hard to do, but we have Joseph to guide us. This even applies to the freedom to let our adult children follow their own path. As Pope Francis says, "The logic of love is always the logic of freedom." As parents, we can ask ourselves— Do I truly understand unconditional love? Am I good at letting go? And then ask St. Joseph to intercede for us to God, sharing with him the areas that we cling to things and asking for his help to relinquish them so our children may grow in faith and freedom.



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

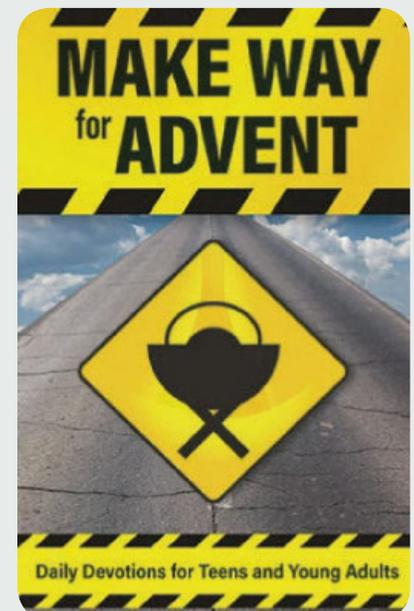
On Wednesday, December 1st, Faith Formation and Confirmation students began a daily devotion for Advent. *Make Way for Advent* is a devotional to engage teens in an Advent journey provoking thought, smiles and self-reflection.

John the Baptist called out to all who would listen, "Prepare the way of the Lord. Make God's highway straight!"

This faithful and often fun Advent devotional booklet helps teens and young adults imagine what working on that highway might really look like. Will we literally put on an orange helmet and tear up the streets? Or does preparing the way for the coming Savior involve a little more internal re-construction? Journaling activities accompany the weekly devotions.

Encourage a teen you know in developing their faith through this Advent devotional booklet.

Join Faith Formation and Confirmation students at 6:30pm on Wednesday, December 8th in the church to pray the Holy Rosary prior to the 7pm Mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us! Amen.



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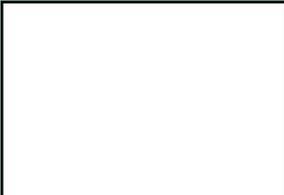
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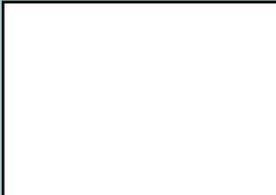
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