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**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

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## Weekly Words from The Rock

Got to Thinking...

I got to think as I was writing the column how perspectives change over time. So let us look at some changes from when Father Schuster was growing up to his life today.

1. Growing up, this time of the year was considered Christmas vacation. Now, I look at it through the lens of the Christmas season.
2. Growing up, this time of the year was rather care-free (playing in the snow, pulling out the sled). Now, I have homilies to write, Masses to celebrate, confessions to hear.
3. Growing up, this time of the year was determined by one fact – when school resumed. Now, it is determined by when the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord falls to conclude the Christmas season.
4. Growing up, this time of the year found one hoping for snow. Now, while I enjoy snow, I have to think about those who have to remove snow and having to drive in snow.
5. Growing up, this time of the year meant going to church. Now, it means making sure I show up for church.
6. Growing up, this time of the year meant the opportunity to sleep in. Now, it is about setting alarms to show up on time.
7. Growing up, this time of the year meant getting chocolate covered cherries from our bus driver as we got off the bus for Christmas vacation. Now, as a priest, it means me giving - the gift of Jesus.
8. Growing up, this time of the year meant family was always there. Now, with marriages and work, such is no longer a given/possible.

9. Growing up, this time of the year meant I enjoyed mom's home cooking. Now, the cooking is on me.

10. Growing up, this time of the year meant having to go to town for groceries and supplies. Now, I, literally, live in town.

Oh yes, how times do change!

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.

September 11 – "It is not easy to explain why God permits evil; but it is impossible for an atheist to explain the existence of goodness."

September 13 – "The soul cannot be seen in a biological laboratory, any more than pain can be seen on an operating table."

September 22 – "If it be true that the world has lost its respect for authority, it is only because it lost it first in the home."

Christmas Season Holy Humor

Anyone up for a game of cards?



Till next week! Father Peter Schuster

# Parish News

No confessions on Saturday, January 1st  
Office Closed Friday, Dec. 31st & Monday, Jan 3rd  
Monday, Jan 3rd: Rosary at 8:10 am  
Daily Mass at 8:30 am.

Cash Calendar 2022 Tickets are also available in the Church Office Monday thru Friday during Office Hours. Purchase a CASH CALENDAR RAFFLE ticket for them or yourself! That \$30 ticket purchase gives them (or you) 52 chances to win a cash prize of \$50, \$100, \$250 OR even \$500. Tickets are available for purchase in the Church Office during Office Hours. PLUS - next weekend, Dec 18th/19th you can stop by the table in the Gathering Space to purchase one or more tickets and help support Resurrection Parish.



This week's winner of our \$50 cash calendar raffle is:  
Alan & Maureen Amundson

Congratulations, Alan & Maureen

## 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. We have envelopes on tables near the entrance doors. You can place your envelope in the collection basket or drop it in the mail slot near the office door. *Thank you for your continued support.*

## 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.

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**Isaiah Olsem**, our seminarian who comes to our parish monthly will be at Resurrection during St. Paul Seminary's winter break from January 3rd through January 15th. This is his first year of Theology, his home parish is St. Gabriel in Fulda, Minnesota. He is offering us a gift of his time while in Rochester. He would love to spend time with you and your family. Please consider a time for him to visit your family. He is also open for lunch or dinner.

Below are days and times that he has commitments:

Wednesday,	Jan. 5th	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Faith Formation
Thursday,	Jan. 6th	1:15	staff communications meeting and 6:30 – 8:00 pm RCIA
Friday and Saturday,	Jan. 7th and 8th:	Not available—he will be at a wedding	
Sunday	Jan. 9th	12:00 - 2:00 pm	Teaching Parish Committee Meeting
Monday,	Jan. 10th	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Faith Formation
Wednesday,	Jan. 12th	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Faith Formation
Thursday,	Jan. 13th	6:30 - 8:00 pm	RCIA

If you are interested in spending some time with him, please send an email to [officemgr@rescathroch.org](mailto:officemgr@rescathroch.org) with your name, contact information and the days and times you would be available. He will contact you to confirm your visit. Thank you for your hospitality and your continued prayers for our seminarians.

# Parish News continued

Franklin/Montessori at Franklin Elementary

November 30, 2021

Dear Church of the Resurrection,

Thank you so much for your ongoing generous donations of food, clothing, winter gear, school supplies, hygiene items and special requests! The Community Room at Franklin is used every single day. Here are some updates from a typical week in the Community Room in November:

- 4th grade Sudanese boy stops in for lotion because his skin gets very dry;
- Several students come in to borrow tennis shoes for PE;
- A para with a special needs student comes in for a soft snack;
- A student with lots of family issues arrives late and stops in for a snack;
- 3-4 students ask for personal hygiene items – toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo;
- A Resurrection volunteer delivers groceries from our Community Room pantry to 2 families;
- We give out the bananas from Resurrection each week with the food bags;
- A new student arrives and is given a new backpack with school supplies;
- A teacher asks for winter gear for a student;
- Students stop in daily to borrow or keep gloves, hats, boots, coats, etc.

We also had conferences at Franklin in November and gave out winter clothing (coats, snow pants, boots, hats, gloves) to over 40 kids on the two conference nights. The families appreciated it so much. Thank you all for contributing to the well-being of our Franklin Elementary students!

Sincerely, Jennine Staven

Family and Community Liaison, Franklin Elementary

We are a community where all learn and grow every day.

## Liturgical Ministries for January 1st/2nd

*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) or call 507 288 5528, ext 112.**

### Lectors

8:00 pm Therese Schoenfelder

8:30 am Josephine Washnieski, Alex  
Smith

10:30 am Denise Kelly, Thomas Kelly

### Greeters

8:00 pm Tara Engel

8:30 am Carroll Doherty, Elaine Doherty

10:30 am NOT FILLED (2x)

### Sacristans

8:00 pm Judith Pelowski

8:30 am Char Robinet

10:30 am Bob Voss

### Ushers

8:00 pm John Schoenfelder, Kelton

Schoenfelder, Reilyn

Schoenfelder

8:30 am Kenneth Mueller, Tom Pries

10:30 am Aaron Davis, Fran Filzen,

Shelley Filzen

### Servers

8:00 pm Lucas Benz, Beli Jones

8:30 am Chris Simonson

10:30 am Chase Boehmke

### Eucharistic Ministers

8:00 pm Connie Curtiss, B1, Cindy

Nash, B2, Theresa Root, B5,  
(IF NO DEACON)

8:30 am Joey Accardo, B1, Deb

Rowekamp, B2, Patrice Steier,  
B5, (IF NO DEACON)

10:30 am Gary Tschann, B1, Brenda

Tschann, B2, Bob Voss, B5 (IF  
NO DEACON)

# Weekly Calendar with Readings

**Monday**  
**27**  
Dec

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

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

**Tuesday**  
**28**  
Dec

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

- Rosary 8:10 am
- Daily Mass 8:30 am
- Office Hours: 9:00 - 5:00 pm
- St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00 pm
- Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 pm

**Wednesday**  
**29**  
Dec

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

- Rosary 8:10 am
- Daily Mass 8:30 am
- Office Hours: 9:00 - 5:00 pm

**Thursday**  
**30**  
Dec

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

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

**Friday**  
**31**  
Dec

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

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

**Saturday**  
**1**  
Jan

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

- NO Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Mass Solemnity of Mary Mother of God 9:00 am (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)
- Mass 8:00 pm

**Sunday**  
**2**  
Jan

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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



# 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 gathered 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 bring to him a lamb.  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.  
But what I can I give him?  
I'd give to him my heart.

Each time I read the last sentence of this poem by Christina Rossetti, I remember once again the calling we receive at Holy Communion. The Eucharist, as we know, is Christ's loving sacrifice for us. But as we are the new temple, the Body of Christ, it's also our invitation to offer ourselves in union with Christ's priesthood.

So as we spend this Christmastime in joy, knowing that Jesus has come for the salvation of the world, ask yourself what you can give him as you receive the true Body, the true Blood of Christ.

I wish you all a very blessed and merry Christmas season. You are all in my thoughts and prayers!

God Bless,  
Michelle Perrier

Song of the Week: "In the Bleak Midwinter"

# Mass Intentions

Mon	Dec 27	8:30 am	Chris Hahn
Tues	Dec 28	8:30 am	†Plank Family
Wed	Dec 29	8:30 am	†Jean Benedetto
Thu	Dec 30	8:30 am	†Elizabeth Boothe
Fri	Dec 31	8:30 am	†Don Davis
Sat	Jan 1	9:00 am	†John Costello
Sat	Jan 1	8:00 pm	For the Parish
Sun	Jan 2	8:30 am	†Evelyn Kittleson
Sun	Jan 2	10:30 am	†Dawn Davis

## 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.

## Dedication Candles

December 25-January 1st



1. †Richard & Mary Ellen Ennis

ROCHESTER ROSARY RALLIES- We will resume our weekly Rosary Rallies for our country, conversion, and peace on Sunday, January 2, 2022. These rallies continue to be held near the Rochester Government Center at the corner of 4th St. SE and 3rd Ave. SE at 3pm, lasting about 35 minutes. Questions: Contact Janela Hubka at daveandjanela@gmail.com or 507-282-6090.



## All are invited to Resurrection Parish Holy Hour with Benediction

Tuesday, January 4th, 2022 6:30—7:30 PM in the church.

During this Holy Hour there will be Scripture Reading, Praise Music, Rosary and Quiet Prayer Time.

# Faith Formation



News from Stacey, Grades 1-5, Family Ministry, [dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org](mailto:dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org).  
**Grades 1-5:** No class on Monday, December 27th and January 3rd. We will meet for class again on Monday, January 10th for grades 1, 2, 3, and 5. The 4th graders and parents will participate in Ten Commandments learning centers. The centers will be set up 4:00-7:00pm in Fr. Zenk Hall and will take about an hour to complete.

**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 today 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?



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News from Sheila, Birth-KG, Grs 6-12, Children & Youth Ministry, [dresscm@rescathroch.org](mailto:dresscm@rescathroch.org)  
Merry Christmas! This weekend we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord and the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. I am thankful for the beacon of hope that is the Holy Family. It isn't easy to always be on target with responding to life challenges that {insert ANY FAMILY dynamic/struggle} occur. We all have our own story yet one family we can truly call upon for intercession. Let us remember to ask for the aid of the Holy Family, through the power of Jesus, to make straight the path we journey on.

## The Holy Family Prayer

*JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.*

*MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.*

*JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.*

*HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.*



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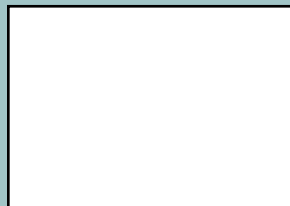
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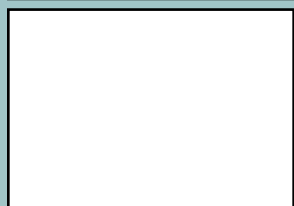
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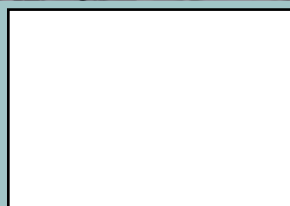
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