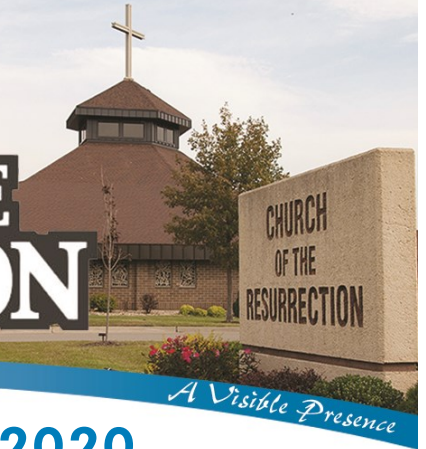




Welcome to **CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION**



MARCH 29, 2020

MISSION STATEMENT

Be a Catholic Community that is a Visible Presence of Jesus.

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms

The first and third weekend of each month after the 11 AM Sunday Mass. We request that parents attend the Baptismal Program. Please register with Deacon John Robbins at 563-556-2580, ext. 294.

Weddings

All persons who wish to arrange for marriage are asked to contact Fr. Phil Gibbs six months in advance.

Reconciliation

By appointment.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to become a member of Resurrection Parish, please call the Parish Office: (563-556-7511).

MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses are cancelled until further notice.

Holy Days & Weekdays:

Refer to Bulletin



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

- Jn 11:25

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday–Thursday: 8:00 AM–8:30 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM–4:30 PM

Website: www.res-dbq.org | Facebook: facebook.com/resdbq

**MON, March 30**

† John & Mary Vaassen
 † Joe & Mary Knockel

TUES, March 31

† All Souls
 † Mark & Jacqueline Kieffer

WED, April 1

† Bill Skemp
 † Tonio Mario Bertolini

THURS, April 2

St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

† Robert & Helen Schroeder
 † Patrick Conway

FRI, April 3

† John Ryan
 † John Goffinet

SAT, April 4

Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Pro Populo
 † Maurice Lampe

Fr. Phil and Fr. Tom will be offering Private Daily Mass for the intentions of our beloved.

REST IN PEACE

Timothy Harkness, parishioner, husband of Sue Harkness and father of Tommy Harkness; **Judy Rollinger**, sister of Linda (Jack) Plowman; **Darlene D. McDonald**, parishioner, wife of Francis McDonald, mother of Colleen (Greg) Fitzpatrick and Bryan (Sara) McDonald; **Helen Katherine McLaughlin**, parishioner, mother of Ted (Penny) McLaughlin and sister of Carol (Kay) Potts; **Sharon Cate**, parishioner, wife of Robert Cate, sister of Sheila (John) Walsh and Mary Jo (Gerald) Klinkhammer; **Mary Julia "Julie" Westercamp**, parishioner, daughter of Jean Westercamp, sister of Ann (Tim) Rellihan and aunt of Krissy Rellihan.

**DEAR PARISHIONERS,**

"Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him."

Ray Charles went blind when he was seven years old. Glaucoma not only took away his vision but it also led to the surgical removal of both eyes because of its painful presence in his life. Nevertheless, he went on to become a world renowned and legendary singer, songwriter and musician. He has a quote which is attributed to him as he stated, "Just because you can't see anything doesn't mean you should shut your eyes." I thought that this is an appropriate quote to reflect upon given the Gospel story of the blind beggar and the current situation affecting the world, our nation and this parish.

Unfortunately, I am unable to find the context in which Ray Charles offered these words but I am willing to bet that he said this as a response to the overwhelming presence of discrimination and segregation during his lifetime. Ray Charles was one of the first to reject Jim Crow laws in the south. On one notable occasion in Augusta, Georgia, in March 1961, he learned that the theater seating was to be segregated. Ray Charles refused to perform. Charles stood his ground, and was sued and fined for breach of contract. Even though he couldn't see, he didn't shut his eyes. Because of this he became an iconic figure in the ongoing efforts to eliminate that social sin from our eyes.

The blind beggar in the Gospel couldn't see but he didn't shut his eyes to the presence and power of Jesus in his midst. He received Jesus, his sight was restored and he revered Jesus in worship and praise. Too bad that the Pharisees, who could see, shut their eyes to the one who brought light into the darkness and salvation to the world. They remained blinded in their sin.

Covid-19, otherwise known as the Corona Virus, is invisible. We cannot see it but we dare not shut our eyes to it. Its existence is real and the repercussions of it spreading has impacted every aspect of our lives. Along with the threats to our physical wellbeing, it has also impacted our financial security and our ability to come together as community, most especially, for liturgical worship and sacramental services. We certainly have been blindsided by this pandemic as most of us didn't see this coming.

In the midst of all of this we cannot lose sight of the powerful presence of Jesus in our lives. Although we cannot see Him, he is present with us and we dare not close our eyes to Him. Look for Him, turn to Him and, in prayer, ask for His grace to help you see not impending pain but imminent promise; not conflicts and confusion from these last days but calmness and clarity in times to come; not paralyzing fear but persistent faith.

As you know, Resurrection parish is engaged in a Capital Campaign for the sake of building a new school. Please be assured that neither I nor the leadership of the parish have turned a blind eye to the current situation that is staring back at us. During these next days there will be a series of phone calls and video conferences regarding our next steps in the campaign process and building plans. You will be informed.

In the meantime, I ask you to do a few important things. Please, stay close to Jesus and continue to pray for an end to this pandemic. Pray especially for those directly and indirectly impacted by this virus – that means pray for the whole world. Keep your families close in communications with each other. Replace fear of the unknown with vigilance in self-care and the care of others. If at all possible, please reach out to the poor and needy with financial assistance. And, for the sake of the good of the parish, please continue to tithe according to your ability to do so.

Reminded by the healing of the blind man, we should be hopeful and remain pure of heart for Jesus teaches us in one of the beatitudes, "Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God."

Fr. Phil Gibbs, Pastor

ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS

ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

IN THE PARISH

RESURRECTION CEMETERYSPRING CLEANUP

It's time for our Spring Cleanup at Resurrection Cemetery. If you wish to save any decorations, please have them removed by Wednesday, April 1. After that date they will be removed. You may decorate after April 10. ~ Deacon Jim Schmidt

Teachers Needed for Summer Faith Formation

We are looking for certified teachers to be catechists for our upcoming Summer Faith Formation Program for grades K, 1, 4, and 7. We are also in need of Music and Art teachers. Classes will be held June 15–18 and June 22–25 from 8:00 am–Noon at Maz-zuchelli Middle School. If you or someone you know may be interested in helping out, please contact Wendy at 563-556-7511 or dbq058re@dbqarch.org.

SUNDAY READINGS:

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

For daily and Sunday readings go to <http://www.usccb.org>

Untie him and let him go free. It is a humbling privilege to shout those words in the name of Jesus. You, too, can offer freedom and life to those bound in death. Consider giving life through ministry as a priest, sister, or brother.

(John 11:1-45)

MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR POSITION

Resurrection Church is seeking a part-time Maintenance Supervisor for both our parish and rectory facilities. The successful candidate will have basic electrical, plumbing, carpentry and painting skills. Ability to lift up to 50 pounds and be a self-starter. Oversee and secure tradesmen for maintenance of HVAC, order maintenance supplies, maintain office/meeting rooms. Ability to work well with staff and parishioners. Must pass employment background check.

On average 25 hours per week; 6:30 AM–11:30 AM. Hourly wage \$16.00. Benefit package includes vacation, holiday and sick pay; 401(k). An application and detailed job description can be located on the parish website: www.res-dbq.org To apply, send a cover letter and the application form to Search Committee at 4300 Asbury Road, Dubuque IA, 52002, or e-mail DBQ058S3@DBQARCH.ORG.

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult tithe for March 22, 2020

Weekly contributions needed	\$30,471.70
Collected from 42 out of 2419 envelopes	\$4,564.00
Offertory	\$0.00
Electronic Fund Transfer (173 envelopes)	\$16,401.33
Total collected	\$20,965.33
YTD collections needed (7/1– 3/22).....	\$1,188,396.30
YTD collected in envelopes (7/1– 3/22).....	\$1,252,895.50
YTD total over/short	\$64,499.20

Thank you for your support!