



**APRIL 12, 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 Public Masses are cancelled until further notice.

**Holy Days & Weekdays:**

Refer to Bulletin



**EASTER SUNDAY**

“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.” - Mt 28:5b-6

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday–Friday: 8:00 AM–4:30 PM

Website: [www.res-dbq.org](http://www.res-dbq.org) | Facebook: [facebook.com/resdbq](https://facebook.com/resdbq)

**MON, April 13**

† Amy Oberfoell  
 † Alfred Behnke

**TUES, April 14**

† Bernie Dansart  
 † All Souls

**WED, April 15**

† Duane & Nell Matt  
 † John & Gen Whalen

**THURS, April 16**

† Jerome & Mary Kay  
 Robbins  
 † Don & Pat Balk

**FRI, April 17**

† Irma Pfiffner  
 † Peter & Stella Krug

**SAT, April 18**

*Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Lent*  
 Pro Populo  
 † Deceased Members of  
 the Elmer Wagner Family

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

**REST IN PEACE**

**Jim Dolan**, brother of Amy Dolan (Joe Andresen); **Jo Ann Davidson**, mother of Laura Davidson; **Paul Waldbillig**, parishioner, father of Cathy (Loran) Decker.

**ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS**

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

**DEAR PARISHIONERS,**

The Resurrection provides us with an "out"... are you "in"?

I am not one for gambling and I would never promote it. However, I must confess that I do purchase a lottery ticket now and again especially when the jackpot has reached an extraordinary level. When I do, I would be most happy to get some, if not all, of the numbers for a consolation prize. To this date, it hasn't happened.

I assume that my thoughts about what I would do with the winnings are much the same as yours. That substantial amount of money would provide me with an "out" to what is holding me back from enjoying the fullness of earthly life as we would like to think of it.

The first thing I would do would be to pay off my loans and get "out" of debt. And, then perhaps I would take those vacations that I had never been able to afford and, as is a saying of the Old West, "get out of Dodge" for a while. Eventually, after a bit of self indulgence, my efforts would go toward philanthropic endeavors to assist others in getting "out" of whatever holds them back.

Considering the lottery, given the high stakes in store and the prospect of enjoying the "outs" that those winnings would provide, I seem to be more inclined and actually somewhat driven to go all "in" because, "You can't win if you don't play."

Considering our Christian faith, in this Easter Season with the empty tomb and the Risen Jesus, we know that God has provided us with the ultimate "out." We have this great gift of redemption that, by virtue of baptism, takes us out of the despair of eternal death. God takes us out of endless oppression and perpetual poverty. God takes us out of enduring misery and enslavement to this world. God takes us out of debt to sin and has set us free. This is both a done deal and a sure bet. What awaits us is a jackpot of extraordinary proportions. Yet, are we inclined at all or driven in the least to go all "in" for the sake of eternal salvation?

It is amazing to see us get in a frenzy to win a multi-million-dollar lottery that we hope will improve our life situation. Some of us, without hesitation, will readily open our wallets to buy a ticket to a jackpot that we barely have a chance at winning. In contrast, it is also amazing then to see us miserably fail to consider the situation of our own souls and those of our children. At the mention of the name of Jesus Christ; the institution of the Church; or the notion of organized religion why do many of us close up our hearts and walk away from a jackpot that is unimaginable? These are very high stakes and this treasure in heaven is ours. Many, unfortunately choose to opt "out" rather than opt "in."

If the phrase, "You can't win if you don't play" applies to our commitment in faith to the Risen Savior, then we know many people who have made themselves ineligible for the grand prize let alone anything of consolation.

But there is still time and perhaps this Easter season will be different? Maybe those of us who are "winners" and have claimed the prize of faith in the Resurrection could give stronger witness and offer more convincing evidence to the world that God, through His Risen Son, has indeed provided us with an "out" that is beyond compare.

And so, the question remains... are you "in"?

Fr. Phil Gibbs, Pastor

## IN THE PARISH

### SPRING CLEAN-UP FOR MT. CALVARY & MT. OLIVET CEMETERIES

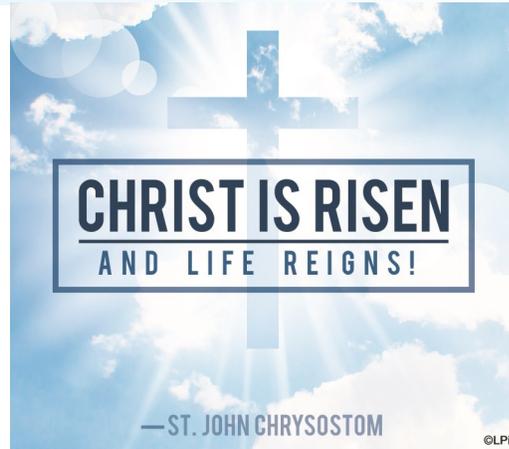
The annual Spring Clean-up will begin on Monday, April 20, 2020 and run through Friday, April 24, 2020. Please remove all items and decorations you wish to save no later than Sunday, April 19. All items not removed will be discarded. Cemetery Management requests that no decorations or plantings be placed on grave sites or in the mausoleum until Saturday, April 25. Please check Cemetery Policies before placing decorations to avoid losing items that do not conform.



### BLOOD DONORS NEEDED

If you are a healthy, eligible individual, we encourage you to donate blood to help maintain an adequate blood supply for patients in need. Call the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center at 563-585-2144 or the American Red Cross at 563-583-6451, to set up an appointment to donate.

*"You can still go out and give blood. We're worried about the potential blood shortages in the future. Social distancing does not have to mean social disengagement."* US Surgeon General



**Happy  
Easter  
To Our  
Resurrection  
Family!**

Fr. Phil  
Fr. Tom  
Parish Staff

### PARISH SUPPORT

#### Adult tithes for April 5, 2020

Weekly contributions needed .....	\$30,471.70
<b>Collected from 138 out of 2421 envelopes</b> .....	\$24,554.00
Electronic Fund Transfer (290 envelopes) .....	\$31,585.67
Total collected .....	\$56,139.67
YTD collections needed (7/1– 4/5) .....	\$1,249,339.70
YTD collected in envelopes (7/1– 4/5).....	\$1,315,958.17
YTD total over/short .....	\$66,618.47

*Thank you for your support!*