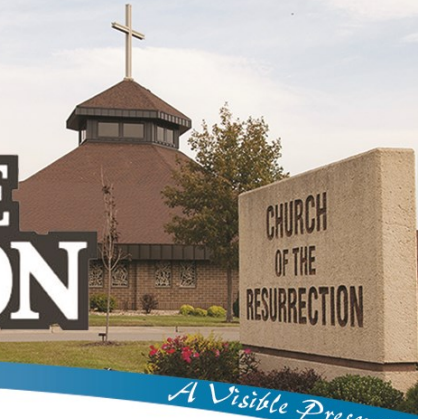




# Welcome to **CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION**



*A Visible Presence*

## APRIL 19, 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



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29

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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 20**

† Kathy "Lux" Davis  
† Sharon Mott

**TUES, April 21**

*St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

† Heather Feldman  
† All Souls

**WED, April 22**

† Rosie Boge  
† Deceased Members of  
the Leonard Smith Family

**THURS, April 23**

*St. George Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr*

† Alfred Behnke  
† Patrick Conway

**FRI, April 24**

*St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr*

† Pete Eisbach  
† Eldon Bonifas

**SAT, April 25**

*Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter*  
Pro Populo  
† Robert and Helen  
Schroeder

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

**REST IN PEACE**

**Louann Mottet**, sister of Wayne Frank;  
**Don Burrows**, parishioner, husband of Joyce Burrows.

**ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS**

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

**DEAR RESURRECTION COMMUNITY,**

This past Monday, April 13, I received a letter from Archbishop Jackels appointing me as Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Charles City and St. Michael Parish in Nashua. My assignment begins on July 14. This may come as a bit of a surprise to you all because I had expected to be here at Res another year, but a need came up. I am sad that this year has gone by so quickly and I have greatly enjoyed my time with you all, worshipping together at Holy Mass and growing closer together with Jesus Christ. I have also come to know many of you on a personal level, creating friendships that I know will last for the rest of my life.

I still have another three months with you all, so I look forward to the time we still have together. This is a strange time we are in, since I am not able to tell you all in person at Mass, but had to find other ways to tell you all. Monday was the first day that I could announce to the parish that I will be leaving.

I was in Charles City for the summer of my deacon assignment in 2018 with Fr. Gary Mayer, so I got to know the parish/staff and enjoyed my time there. I am excited to begin this new part of my priesthood. Please pray for me during this time of transition. I am very thankful for each one of you. Let me know if you have any questions or anything. Thanks again.

Fr. Tom, Associate Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

"Give me the benefit of the doubt" is both fitting and timely not only because we hear of the doubting Thomas within the Gospel for this weekend but also because we might be overwhelmed with that sense of doubt during this pandemic. Did you ever wonder what that really means? Let us just pull apart, explore and expound upon that phrase.

"Give me the benefit of the doubt" seems to imply that one should give the "benefit" that is to say, "Give the advantage – give the profit – give the "opportunity" of the "Doubt" that is – "The uncertainty, the question, the indecisiveness, the suspicion, the bewilderment" to the party in question. In other words, "Give the opportunity of your uncertainty the chance to be proven certain."

At the very least, in the Gospel, Thomas gave Jesus the "benefit of the doubt." Thomas did not vehemently reject and utterly refute the possibility that Jesus had been raised from the dead. After all, Thomas was among the twelve when Jesus taught them all about the Kingdom of God and when he foretold of his impending suffering, death, and his ultimate rising from the dead. Thomas knew of the master plan or "The Master's Plan." He did not denounce it completely. He merely doubted it conditionally.

Thomas's condition is spelled out in the Gospel, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." And, as the story continues, Jesus appears one week later and invites Thomas to probe his hands and his side. Jesus also invited Thomas not to persist in his unbelief but to believe. Thomas is to dispel the darkness of his doubts and live in the light of faith.

During these days of pandemic panic when we are engaged in social distancing and self-isolation, it is all too easy for us to start questioning the benevolence of God and the presence of the Risen Jesus in our midst. This is especially true when we witness those who knowingly hoard supplies and harass authorities by disregarding their efforts to mitigate the virus. The lack of civility during this time of unrest is disturbing and the disrespect for the "good of the other" is saddening. Doubt may be circulating in the hearts and minds of many as to whether or not God is alive in those whom He has come to save.

It is important to look for the good in the midst of the bad. Good will always prevail because God will always prevail. See the presence of God in those who tend to the victims of the virus. Sense the love of Jesus in those who smile and wave to others through windows. Feel the power of the Holy Spirit as it compels you to use your common sense to stay home as a way to care for others. Do not persist in your unbelief but believe. Dispel the darkness of your doubt and live in the light of faith where we all say together, "My Lord and My God."

Fr. Phil Gibbs, Pastor

**Parish Health Ministry/Nursing Newsletter April 2020**

**The Archdiocese of Dubuque has a COVID-19 web page** at <http://dbqarch.org/coronavirus>. It includes messages from Archbishop Jackels, live broadcasts of Sunday Mass and Thursday afternoon rosary with the archbishop, information pertaining to worship and liturgy, Catholic schools updates, and a FAQ section.

**Resources to care for mental health during this pandemic** have been assembled by our archdiocesan Catholic Charities office at <https://catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/resources>. The resources include:

- Taking Care of Your Mental Health During an Infectious Outbreak
- How to Cope with Anxiety about COVID-19
- Take a Deep Breath: Soothing Meditations to Support Your Mental and Emotional Wellness
- COVID-19 and Your Mental Health
- Tips for Working from Home
- “Mental Health Minute” videos
- How to Talk to Children about the Coronavirus Pandemic
- Practical Techniques to Help Children Cope with COVID-19
- Simple Activities for Children and Adolescents Ways to Help Children Cope with Anxieties and Fears of COVID-19

**Spiritual Resources during COVID-19** have been posted by the Catholic Health Association at <http://chausa.org/newsroom/coronavirus-resources>. The web page includes meditative reflections, prayers, links to Mass online, and online virtual chapels where intentions can be left.

MAY YOU EXPERIENCE GOOD HEALTH AND MANY BLESSINGS DURING EASTER SEASON!

**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.

**PARISH SUPPORT**

**Adult tithes for April 12, 2020**

Weekly contributions needed .....	\$30,471.70
<b>Collected from 142 out of 2421 envelopes .....</b>	<b>\$20,915.32</b>
Total collected .....	\$20,915.32
YTD collections needed (7/1– 4/12).....	\$1,279,811.40
YTD collected in envelopes (7/1– 4/12).....	\$1,336,873.49
YTD total over/short .....	\$57,062.09
<b>Easter Collection from 347 envelopes.....</b>	<b>\$33,580.00</b>

*Thank you for your support!*