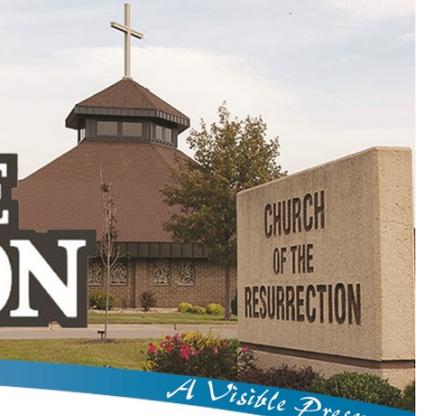




# Welcome to **CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION**



**MAY 17, 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



## **6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**



"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a

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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, May 18

*St. John I, Pope and Martyr*

- † Irma Schrobilgen
- † Michele Higley

### TUES, May 19

- † Diane Gruman
- † All Souls

### WED, May 20

*St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest*

- † John Goffinet
- † Elaine Berninger

### THURS, May 21

*St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

- † Al Chidley
- † Nancy Brown

### FRI, May 22

*St. Rita of Cascia, Religious*

- † Mike Sievers
- † Virgil & Helen Gaul

### SAT, May 23

*Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord*

- Pro Populo
- † Harry & Katie Ben

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

## REST IN PEACE

**Delbert Gene Miller**, former husband of Joan Miller;

**Grace C. Nemmers**, mother of Mark (Judy) Nemmers.



## RECORDED MASS

Resurrection's daily and weekend Masses are recorded and can be viewed by visiting:

- [facebook.com/resdbq](https://facebook.com/resdbq)
- [youtube.com/user/ResparishDBQ](https://youtube.com/user/ResparishDBQ)
- [res-dbq.org/resurrection-online-daily-weekend-mass/](https://res-dbq.org/resurrection-online-daily-weekend-mass/)

## ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS

- ◆ All parish activities and meetings have been cancelled until further notice.
- ◆ We are no longer accepting beverage cans. Thank you to those who responded to this fund raiser.

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to share just a few thoughts regarding the weekend Gospel and some pertinent information regarding the parish.

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of Truth..." John 14:16-17a

**Gospel Reflection:** It was just a little over 70 years ago, in March of 1950, that game show host Ralph Edwards, the host of a popular NBC Radio quiz show *Truth or Consequences* announced that he would air the program on its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary from the first town that renamed itself after the show. Hot Springs, New Mexico, a small town of 75 residences and 40 hot springs received the honor officially changing its name on March 31, 1950. Having grown exponentially since then, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico celebrates this transformation with an annual event called the "Fiesta" in early May.

I thought of this as a brief tie-in to the Gospel reading for this weekend, the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. Jesus announces his ascension into heaven and speaks of an advocate that is coming in his place, the Spirit of Truth. The small community that Jesus had gathered there, after hearing this, was challenged to accept this reality and therefore, undergo a transformation. When it did – it grew exponentially.

Individually and as a community, the Spirit of Truth (and dare I say, "Consequences?") changes things for us. We have two fiestas, liturgical feasts, over the two following weekends that are intimately related. The Feast of the Ascension (Jesus leaves) and the Feast of Pentecost (The Spirit comes). Each could not happen without the other. As the identity and life of Hot Springs, New Mexico changed into new growth and abundance some 70 years ago so did our identity and life change into new growth and abundance as the early church when our faith forebears bid farewell to the historical physical presence of Jesus and took on the Spirit of Truth and Consequences. How does the Spirit of Truth (and Consequences) change you and those around you? Prayer: "Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the Earth."

**Pastoral Council:** It is typically in mid-April that we seek nominations for pastoral council elections. After receiving the nominations; contacting the individuals; compiling a list of candidates that accepted the nomination and creating ballots that give a picture and brief biography of each, elections would have taken place the third weekend in May (this particular weekend). Obviously, due to the pandemic, none of this happened. Early on in April I took the initiative to contact the existing members of the pastoral council and asked if all those serving, especially those who were due to cycle off would be so kind as to extend their commitments for a year. I received an overwhelming response to the affirmative. With a minimal change of membership (Brad Heying coming on as Finance Council rep and Brendan Houlihan departing as he has completed his term on pastoral council), we have a full complement of solid and dedicated parishioners committed to assist me as lay leaders in the parish. They are worthy recipients of our gratitude for their service.

**Confirmation:** This communal celebration was scheduled for Saturday, April 18. Seventy-five of our beautiful young people were supposed to receive the Sacrament from Archbishop Jackels. This was canceled due to the Corona Virus. The ordinary minister of confirmation is the Archbishop. Although he can delegate this to pastors, he has not yet done so. And, there has been no mention of when the confirmation ceremony will be rescheduled as we await his direction.

**First Communion:** The weekend of April 25/26 was designated as First Communion Weekend. This too had been canceled. It is a sad fact that we are not allowed to have a full-blown Sunday celebration wherein our beautiful children can receive their first Holy Eucharist together in groups with family and friends and FIRST COMMUNION CAKE. Resurrection has seventy second graders that are primed for that sacrament. Some families are choosing to wait for a later date when the pandemic subsides. However, during this time of social spacing and numeric restrictions we have agreed to offer private Masses for other families who wish to celebrate sooner. Fr. Tom and I have been accommodating individual families that have a child who is prepared to receive his or her first communion. This is acceptable as long as we follow the guidelines of no more than 10 people in the church at a time. If the family is amenable, we record and post the celebration on our parish website/Facebook as a YouTube presentation. I ask that you please pray for these children and their families as we are so excited for all of them and proud of all of them as they reach this milestone in their sacramental and spiritual lives.

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**Graduating High School Seniors:** We are also saddened by the fact that our high school Seniors from Wahlert, Hempstead and Senior were not only cheated out of Prom but also will not be able to go through the traditional ceremony of commencement with cap and gown. This is such a milestone in their lives that needs to be recognized and honored. Without those grand events of a formal graduation we, the parish, would still like to offer some way of rejoicing with them. Our liturgist, Amy Dolan, has put out a plea for any graduating high school Senior to submit a graduation picture. We would work on a way to compile those pictures and offer a video presentation of them within the context of a recorded Sunday Mass hopefully to be celebrated by the feast of Pentecost, May 31st. Please submit those graduation pictures by May 28th.

**Gratitude:** For those who don't watch the Mass via YouTube, I want to call your attention to and to give due thanks to Craig Schaefer, a parishioner, pastoral council member and Professor of Media Studies at Loras College. He has gone above and beyond the call of duty to record, edit and produce a polished presentation of the Mass for our spiritual edification during these weekends that we have been distant from each other. I have received many compliments and positive comments on the great audio and visual quality that is apparent in every Mass. We are grateful indeed. Thanks Craig.

**Final Note:** During this time of pandemic, social distancing and collective uncertainty I am choosing to communicate as much and

as effectively as I am able. There will be occasions that I will write these letters to the whole community because not all are attuned to technology. However, I am also mindful of the need to be a good steward of resources. As time unfolds and new developments arise, I will do my best to discern how often and how much communication I should utilize. Thanks for your patience with me. Let's keep each other in prayer.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Phil Gibbs, Pastor of the Church of the Resurrection



**FOOD PANTRY**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2020**  
**8:30 am to 10:00 am**  
**Church of the Resurrection**  
**4300 Asbury Road, Dubuque**  
**DRIVE THROUGH ONLY**

**PARISH SUPPORT**

**Adult tithe for May 10, 2020**

Weekly contributions needed .....	\$30,471.70
<b>Collected from 156 out of 2416 envelopes.....</b>	<b>\$27,559.15</b>
Total collected .....	\$27,559.15
YTD collections needed (7/1– 5/10) .....	\$1,401,698.20
YTD collected in envelopes (7/1– 5/10) .....	\$1,461,792.64
YTD total over/short.....	\$60,094.44

**Thank you for your support!**