



MAY 24, 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



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you." - Jn 17:1

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday–Friday: 8:00 AM–4:30 PM

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



MON, May 25

St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin

- † Dennis Wolter
- † Fritz & Rita Dougherty

TUES, May 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

- † Joseph & Mary Greer
- † All Souls

WED, May 27

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

- † Darlene McDonald
- † Alice Kirpes

THURS, May 28

- † Arlette Frederick
- † Gary & Jeannice Ramsdell

FRI, May 29

- † Jeannine Perry
- † Carol Winter

SAT, May 30

Vigil of Pentecost Sunday

- Pro Populo
- † Shirley Deutmeyer

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

REST IN PEACE

Ralph "Junior" Cremer, brother of Sandi (Jim) Klinge and uncle of Heather Klinge;
Michael O'Toole, son of Elaine O'Toole; **Carmelita Witter**, parishioner;
Victor Leibfried, parishioner, father of Diane (Mark) Link and George (Connie) Leibfried and brother-in-law of Bill (Marge) Cummer.



RECORDED MASS

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

- facebook.com/resdbq
- youtube.com/user/ResparishDBQ
- res-dbq.org/resurrection-online-daily-weekend-mass/

DEAR PARISH FAMILY,

First, I would like to give you an update on one piece of news regarding the parish and follow that up with a reflection on Scriptures.

No Associate Pastor: I regret to inform you that Resurrection Parish will not be receiving an associate pastor this next year. As it was, we were to have been blessed with welcoming a newly ordained priest, Nick Radloff, on July 14. Unfortunate circumstances have arisen in the archdiocese concerning the health and well-being of one of our active pastors. Therefore, the future Fr. Nick Radloff has been reassigned to become a pastor in this priest's place. The archbishop expressed his remorse to me about not having a priest available to serve with me at Resurrection. The parish staff and pastoral council are aware of this and we are in the process of discerning how to fill in this void for this coming year.

Thus, my following Scripture reflection...

"The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Job 1:21 King James version

All humor aside (and please forgive me as I use humor to help me deal with the stress in my life) this phrase, at least the first part of this phrase, is often used all too flippantly as an expression related to "Easy come, easy go." Or, sometimes it can be misinterpreted and be posed as a challenge to the benevolence of God as a higher being that intentionally and insensitively removes a prized possession – like a bully that forcefully takes away a favorite toy from a child.

Rather, it is meant to express our stance toward the transience of life's benefits. It serves as a good stewardship message, helping us realize that all that we have is of God as a benefit to "Me and We," and should be returned to God as a blessing unto "Thee." How often have we taken for granted our good health, good fortune, good relationships and a good life and lived out those benefits selfishly? Blessed as we are, how often have we failed to give due praise and thanks to our God who has entrusted these blessings to us to be used for the greater good of others and God's Holy Church? And then, soon enough *and sometimes surprisingly*, they are gone. Then, how do we think of God? Then, how do we feel about God?

The latter part of the phrase, "blessed be the name of the Lord" implies that without ever blaming God for the trials or tests that we encounter in this life, we are to forever bless God as the One who is the origin of our life and the One who is the ultimate destiny to which we hope to return.

Within the context of the Scripture passage Job, who was upright and blameless before God, undergoes a series of "trials" established by a challenge issued forth from Satan. Satan insists that the reasoning behind Job's unwavering faithfulness is the fact that Job has always enjoyed a life of blessing and plenty, rather than had a life subjected to hardship and want. God allows these trials to happen wherein Job loses everything pertaining to his fame, fortune, and even family. Yet, Job endures in his faithfulness and does not say anything disrespectful of God. Job gives meaning to the phrase, "Whatever doesn't kill you, makes you stronger." In his case, stronger in faith.

In this life don't you believe that we are subjected to "trials" sometimes attributed to circumstance or other times perhaps orchestrated by Satan? And, don't you believe that they are permitted by God to test our faithfulness? During those times of "testing" are we, as was Job, unwavering and forever faithful to God? Or do we have a tendency to gravitate toward despair and say things disrespectful to God?

Within the context of this season of Easter and as we celebrate the Ascension of the Jesus as He returns to the Father in Heaven, I wonder if that iconic phrase ever comes to our minds, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away: blessed be the name of the Lord?" We received Jesus as such a great gift through the incarnation being born into the world on the night of the Nativity to show us the light and the love of God. He taught us through his words and actions how to love and serve each other. Through his passion, death and resurrection, Jesus has reestablished our right relationship to God as beloved sons and daughters who are recipients of eternal redemption through baptism and God's grace. And now, He ascends into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father in heaven where we hope to join Him someday. This is cause for rejoicing!

As chagrined as I am, and perhaps you are, with the news about not getting an associate pastor at Resurrection for this next year, I ask that you please rejoice with the Archdiocese of Dubuque as we are blessed to receive Nick Radloff as a newly ordained priest. I ask

that you please rejoice with the parishes he has been assigned to serve as they are getting a healthy priest to serve as their new pastor. I ask that you please renew your commitment to this parish as good stewards of your gifts of time, talent and treasure. And finally, I ask that you please help me to pray and say in a new and positive way, "The Lord giveth, the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Fr. Phil Gibbs, Pastor

IN THE PARISH

A huge thank you to all who donated to our Resurrection Cemetery Arborvitae Project. It was a huge success. They look great! Also a big thank you to the nine fellows who helped plant the arborvitae. – Deacon Jim

Parish Need

It has been brought to our attention that one of the couches on the second floor by the fireplace needs replacement. If you are presently transitioning to new furniture, or possibly have a comfortable 'gently used' couch that you would like to donate to Resurrection please contact Tim McAndrew at the parish office 563-556-7511.

ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS

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

Congratulations to Rev. Mr. Martin Coolidge who was Ordained Deacon on May 22, 2020



If you would like to send Martin a card of congratulations please send to his attention at his summer assignment at: St. Joseph Catholic Church
1790 14th Street
Marion, IA 52302

MOBIL 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 17, 2020

Weekly contributions needed	\$30,471.70
Collected from 139 out of 2416 envelopes	\$22,517.00
Total collected	\$22,517.00
YTD collections needed (7/1– 5/17).....	\$1,432,169.90
YTD collected in envelopes (7/1– 5/17).....	\$1,484,309.64
YTD total over/short	\$52,139.74

Thank you for your support!