



**SEPTEMBER 13, 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**

Saturday 3:15 PM & 5:15 PM  
Tuesday 7:30-8:30 AM  
Other times 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**

**Weekend Masses:**

Saturday 4:00 & 6:00 PM,  
Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM

**Holy Days & Weekdays:**

Refer to Bulletin



**24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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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, September 14

*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

7:00 AM † Eldred & Algean Budde  
† Bernie Dansart

### TUES, September 15

*Our Lady of Sorrows*

7:00 AM † All Souls  
† Jim Dolan

**Eucharistic Adoration** immediately following 7:00 AM Mass until Noon

### WED, September 16

*Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

7:00 AM † Dale Driscoll

### THURS, September 17

*St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

7:00 AM † Cathy Bishop  
8:45 AM † Tom Ryan

### FRI, September 18

7:00 AM † Victor & Myrtle Leibfried

### SAT, September 19

*Vigil of the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM † John Anstoetter  
† Harry & Katie Ben  
6:00 PM † Germain "Jerry" Pins  
† Michele Higley

### SUN, September 20

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

\*7:00 AM Pro Populo  
† Gene Neuses

#### \*Recorded Public Mass

9:00 AM † Joseph Nehl  
† Don & Pat Balk  
11:00 AM † Paul Schiffman  
† Ronald Richeson

#### RECORDED MASS

Resurrection's weekend Mass is 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/)

#### REST IN PEACE

**Richard Roth**, parishioner, husband of Helen Roth and brother of Keith Roth; **Maxine Egan**, parishioner, mother of Kathy Egan; **Mark Topf**, parishioner, husband of Betty Topf.



## DEAR PARISHIONERS,

This coming Monday, September 14, we celebrate a feast day, "The Exultation of the Holy Cross."

We, as Christian believers, are to live a life of contradiction. We embody the cross which is a symbol of hope and healing as well as a symbol of suffering and service. We are of earthly dwelling but we are more as our ultimate homeland is in heaven. We feel the awful tragedy of the cross while acknowledging its ultimate triumph. We bear the burden of those beams upon our own shoulders but we believe in the benefits that are yet to come because of what Christ Jesus has done for us upon the cross.

It is simply impossible to divide the duality of the cross to which we often aspire and sometimes despise. Our very human nature and our very divine purpose are intertwined, inseparable, and permanent. We cannot think of the exonerated of ourselves without first thinking of the exaltation of the cross. In Jesus' own words, "The greatest among you will be the one who serves the least...Those who save their lives will lose them and those who lose their lives for my sake will save them...Take up your cross and follow me." The cross is a contradiction in which we find great confidence but also find ourselves in a great crux.

This contradiction, this crux of the cross we bear affects every fiber of our lives. It even influences the outlook we have on social and political issues. My parents always told me you should never talk about religion and politics when you are in a tavern. Well, we are not in a tavern. Religion and politics is a very timely topic to cover as we approach elections.

My basic message for our reflection is, "We cannot separate our faith from our political involvement or our social responsibilities." It is the two sides of the same cross we bear as Christians. As I mentioned before, our very human nature and our very divine purpose are intertwined, inseparable and permanent even to point of how we approach political responsibilities. The separation of church and state, although used as a shelter under which some politicians running for public office may hide, doesn't exempt them or the Christian voter.

An online edition of the Jerusalem Post, dated September 2008, in an article entitled, "Religion and American Politics" New York-based Rabbi Brad Hirschfield writes, "The separation of church and state is one of the great ideas of the modern world. It attempted to end the thousands-year-old tradition...of people using state power to kill other people in order to make God happy. But the idea faith should be separated from politics is one of the worst expressions of 'throw the baby-out-with-the-bathwater' thinking that has come along in almost as many years."

Rabbi Hirschfield continues, "Faith, he rightly explained, shapes values, which gives rise in turn, to political inclinations. Simply put, there is no getting around the influence personal religious values – be they liberal or conservative – have on political beliefs. But its not just people who profess to have faith whose politics are shaped by it. This is because all cultures are, at their core, vessels for disseminating the values of the religion that shaped their development. Whether we like it or not, we are influenced in virtually all matters by the religious culture into which we are born, whether we are personally observant or not."

American culture, as it is in any other culture, is infused with religious values simply because all civilizations spring from a set of religious ideals. As Huston Smith, the renowned religious scholar notes, "It is (religious) revelations that set civilizations in motion and establish their trajectories."

Therefore, as Catholic Christians our approach to politics is heavily influenced by our faith tradition which is rooted in the Cross of Jesus Christ. This reality should not be seen as inappropriate, embarrassing, unconstitutional or overbearing. Our Catholic Bishops, in the document entitled, "Faithful Citizenship" state, Catholics who bring their moral convictions into public life do not threaten democracy or pluralism but enrich them and the nation. The separation of church and state does not require division between belief and public action, between moral principles and political choices, but protects the right of believers and religious groups to practice their faith and act on their values in public life."

Our faith should shape our social action and our political view because our faith is at the very core of who we are. To deny its inclusion or to negate its importance is akin to turning our back on the cross and refusing to bend at the knee toward that saving tree.

As we celebrate the exaltation of the Holy Cross, let us never forget that great gift of God's love expressed through that symbol of our salvation. It is a promise fulfilled. It is a legacy of faith to hand on to the next generation. It is a reminder of our responsibility to which we must remain true. It is the cross that we bear. Let us all pray the opening proclamation to the devotion of each station of the cross, "We adore You O Christ and we praise You. Because by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world."

Fr. Phil Gibbs, Pastor

## BAPTISMS

Congratulations to the parents and families of **Mila Kate Fennel, Hudson Buster Herkelman, Henry Ray Feuerhelm, and Paul Brian Kane**, baptized on the weekend of September 5 and 6.

## IN THE PARISH

### THAT MAN IS YOU - TMIY: BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 19

That Man is You is back! The fall semester consists of a 13-week program titled *All Things New*, Saturday mornings, in the Church Social Space, **7:00–8:00 am**. Any man interested in joining TMIY can register at the meeting, Saturday, September 19. Due to the continued concern with Covid, we will not be offering breakfast this semester and we will be disinfecting the Social Space BEFORE and AFTER our gathering. We will require **all men to wear masks**. If any man wants to participate in this semester's videos but has concerns about meeting in person, we are excited to announce **we are working on a hybrid/virtual option**. We are working with our friends at TMIY to offer this virtually so give Jeremy a call @ 563-231-0966.

**SCRIP PROGRAM COORDINATOR(S) NEEDED:** If you'd be interested in running important program or just want to inquire about it, please contact us at [scripoffice@gmail.com](mailto:scripoffice@gmail.com).

### The Friends of the Poor® Walk

The Friends of the Poor® Walk is a national event that was started twelve years ago to raise awareness and funds for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. This year, the Dubuque Conference is hosting our Friends of the Poor® Walk on Saturday, September 26, from St. Columbkille to Murphy Park. Our goal is to raise \$50,000. This event is our only major fundraiser of the year, and 100% of all money raised stays right here in our community. How can you help? Register online to participate in the walk/run and collect donations. The link to register online is: <https://www.fopwalk.org/event/2505>.

## Capital Campaign



If you are ready to make a commitment, please do so. Initial funding is essential to paying upfront construction building design and campaign costs. You can make a gift by requesting a commitment card from the parish office. Please contact Deb Kalb at [dbq058s3@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq058s3@dbqarch.org) or 563-556-7511. We will then mail you a commitment card to fill out.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will be held **Tuesday, Oct. 20, from 7–8:30 PM, in the Upper Room**. To register and for more information, call Deacon John Robbins at 563-556-2580, ext. 294. *Attendance is requested prior to baptism.*

## PARISH SUPPORT

### Adult tithes for September 6, 2020

Weekly contributions needed .....	\$31,830.00
<b>Collected from 176 out of 2414 envelopes</b> .....	\$17,814.32
Offertory .....	\$166.00
<b>Electronic Fund Transfer (311 envelopes)</b> .....	\$33,798.67
Total collected .....	\$51,778.99
YTD collections needed (7/1–9/6) .....	\$318,300.00
YTD collected in envelopes (7/1–9/6) .....	\$314,306.27
YTD total over/short .....	(\$3,993.73)

*Thank you for your support!*

## ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS

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