



OCTOBER 25, 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



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” - Mt 22:37

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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, October 26**

7:00 AM † Don & Pat Balk

TUES, October 27

7:00 AM † All Souls

Eucharistic Adoration immediately following 7:00 AM Mass until Noon**WED, October 28***Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles*

7:00 AM † Mark Hartmann

THURS, October 29

7:00 AM † Robert & Helen Schroeder

FRI, October 30

7:00 AM † Jack Kowalski

SAT, October 31*Vigil of All Saints*

4:00 PM † Marlene Schrobilgen

† Diane Gruman

6:00 PM † Emil Althoff

† Gene Neuses

SUN, November 1*All Saints****7:00 AM** † Lyle Brown***Recorded Public Mass**

9:00 AM † Mike Hanley

11:00 AM Pro Populo

† Pete & Ann Wolfe

3:00 PM † All Souls

RECORDED MASS

Resurrection's weekend Mass is recorded and can be viewed by visiting:

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

REST IN PEACE

Charlyn Miller, mother of Anne (Brad) Kruse, grandmother of Joe, Ted, and Matt Kruse;
Louis Merfeld, parishioner, husband of Gladys Merfeld;
Lester Entringer, brother of Rita Entringer; **JoAnn Herting**, sister of Jeanne (Jack) Kiefer.

**DEAR PARISHIONERS,**

In the Gospel of Matthew, we hear of the two greatest commandments, "Love God with all your being and love your neighbor as yourself." The same is stated in the Gospel of Luke wherein after the proclamation of the greatest commandment to love God and to love our neighbor, a lawyer asked Jesus, "And, who is my neighbor?" From there we hear the beautiful story of the Good Samaritan.

It is a great illustration of what it means to be a neighbor as the Samaritan acts with kindness to the man who had fallen into the wicked hands of the robbers. As Jesus concludes the story he turns to the lawyer and says, "Which one of the three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the man who fell in with the robbers?" The answer came, "The one who treated him with compassion." Jesus said to him, "Then go and do the same." The Samaritan shows us, no matter what race, color, creed, economic status, or physical condition a person has, each person is a neighbor to which we owe and show compassion.

The Gospel of Matthew doesn't necessarily go into detail as to who exactly is our neighbor but the preceding scripture passage in the Sunday readings from Exodus certainly gives us strong indications to whom we should show compassion and therefore, are our neighbors - the aliens, widows, orphans, the poor. We are reminded that God hears their pleas and God is compassionate to them - so must we be.

Today we ask that question to ourselves, "Who are our neighbors?" Leaning on our own personal experience, each of us has had encounters with those we would consider to be neighbors in our lives. From my experience of living on the farm, our neighbors were those who shared adjoining properties with ours. The demarcation of those respective properties was marked off by the presence of a fence - usually a barbed wire fence that not only created a barrier so livestock would stay in their places but also as a border or boundary that needed due respect.

Every spring and early summer when we would have substantial rainfall, the neighbors and ourselves, would come together and repair the flood gaps and mend our fences as the flood waters and the weather would tear them down and open up big holes. We came together to "mend our fences." This has a double meaning. Each fence has two sides, so does each person have their own side of the story. Each fence could be construed as a barrier toward the other but it can also be understood as a border or a boundary of which each party should respect.

"Mending Fences" is a euphemism that means two parties come together to work out differences, have fruitful conversations and do conflict resolution. It is about healing within the relationship. It was there at the fence, while mending fences, we as neighboring farmers would have conversations and sometimes do conflict resolution.

106 years ago, in 1914, Robert Frost wrote a very beautiful and popular poem entitled, "Mending Wall." In it he describes his annual springtime ritual of meeting the adjoining neighbor at the stone wall that separated their properties. After a harsh winter of expanding and contracting conditions and the presence of wildlife with their hunters in haphazard pursuit, the stones would be displaced and strewn on the ground.

Every spring was this meeting with the neighbor to repair or "Mend" this wall. The author, in the context of the poem, wonders what the purpose is to this wall as he notes neither of them has any livestock or other serious matters that need to be contained by the stone barrier. But the neighbor insists, as he has learned from his father, "Good fences make good neighbors."

Considering the title of the poem, "Mending Wall" and the phrase "Good fences make good neighbors" perhaps the fence (literal and figurative) can be understood not necessarily as a barrier between neighbors but a healthy sense of boundaries clarified and respected by both sides. In this poem, this time of mending fences is perhaps the only time of the year those two neighbors come together to form a bond of good will and mutual respect.

Good fences and good neighbors, I think, are great images to utilize as it seems as though those images are familiar to us in our communities as well as on a national and international level. During this political season it certainly seems obvious there are "different" sides of the fence. After an extended time of casting stones and throwing barbs at each other the notion of bipartisan efforts and cooperation across the aisle seems to be the furthest thing from the minds of elected officials and their constituents. Some damages (intentional and unintentional) have been caused as a result of the lack of civility and kindness expressed to those whom we should consider to be our neighbors. It is really sad to see the disrespect given to personal properties as well as a glaring lack of reverence to each other's personal integrity. We can agree to disagree without tearing each other down.

Let us pray for a restoration of sorts (now as well as post-election) with our "neighbors" as we should make it our plan to "mend fences" with each other. In the efforts to restore mutual respect for all involved and for the integrity of the boundaries that need to be honored, let's pray for the grace to embrace the reality, "Good fences make good neighbors."

Fr. Phil Gibbs, Pastor

IN THE PARISH

PARISH ACTIVITIES

All parish activities have been cancelled until further notice.

BLOOD DRIVE

Due to COVID-19, the Resurrection blood drive will be Tuesday, November 17, from 2-6 pm at the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center Donor Room. Address: 4867 Asbury Rd, Dubuque. To make an appointment, call Mary Schmidt at the Parish Office or go to the direct link to the schedule: https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/99770 Resurrection School will benefit for hosting this blood drive. We are granted \$250.00 for hosting the drive of 20 units or more and in addition will be given \$1.00 per unit collected.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 3 PM

Sunday, November 1, at 3:00 pm, we will celebrate the Feast of All Souls. We will remember those in our Resurrection Parish who have died this past year. We invite family and friends of those who have lost a loved one from Resurrection parish to join us for this special Mass. At this Mass we commemorate all parishioners by name, and pray for the repose of their souls. We light a candle in each one's memory, and the candles will burn throughout the month of November. The Book of Remembrance will be in the main church entrance for anyone to add names of their deceased loved ones. You will find a display in the church throughout the month of November with pictures of those who have died this year. Please join us in prayer for those who have gone before us in the hope of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Savior.

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 or 563-556-7511. We will then mail you a commitment card to fill out.

BAPTISM PREPARTION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will be held **Tuesday, Nov. 17, 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.*

NEWS RELEASE

The Resurrection MESS group in partnership with Theisen's Farm and Home store, presented an electric generator to the Dubuque Rescue Mission for use in its mobile food meal unit. Accepting the donation was Rick Mihm, Executive Director, Dubuque Rescue Mission.

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult tithes for October 18, 2020

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| Weekly contributions needed | \$31,830.00 |
| Collected from 160 out of 2415 envelopes | \$27,378.00 |
| Offertory | \$153.51 |
| Electronic Fund Transfer (186 envelopes) | \$18,101.33 |
| Total collected | \$45,632.84 |
| YTD collections needed (7/1– 10/18) | \$509,280.00 |
| YTD collected in envelopes (7/1– 10/18)..... | \$519,483.10 |
| YTD total over/short | \$10,203.10 |

Thank you for your support!