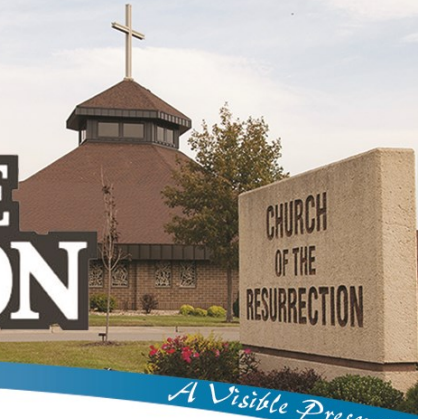




# Welcome to **CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION**



*A Visible Presence*

## DECEMBER 6, 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



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



“Prepare the way of the Lord.” - Mk 1:3

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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, December 7**

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

7:00 AM † Eldred & Algean Budde

**TUES, December 8**

*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00 AM † Victor & Myrtle Leibfried  
† All Souls

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

**WED, December 9**

*St. Juan Diego Cuahlatotzin*

7:00 AM † Laurie Laurent

**THURS, December 10**

7:00 AM † Gene Neuses

8:45 AM † John Leibfried

**FRI, December 11**

*St. Damasus I, Pope*

7:00 AM † Richard Roth

**SAT, December 12**

*Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent*

4:00 PM Pro Populo

† John Anstoetter

6:00 PM † Lou & Gerri Kingsley

† Virgil & Helen Gaul

**SUN, December 13**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

\*7:00 AM † Paul Brown

**\*Recorded Public Mass**

9:00 AM † Michele Higley

† Cy & Virginia Potts

11:00 AM † Robert & Helen Schroeder

† Jim Klein and Family

**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**

**Dorothy Kay Krayner**, sister of Sherry (Merle) Schmitt; **Marie Katherine Kutsch**, mother of Dennis (Sandy) Kutsch, sister-in-law of Loretta Behnke; **Norma Weber**, mother of Gary (Barb) Weber; **Nellie Link**, mother of Steve (Kris) Link and Sue (Jim) Burdt; **Catherine Thompson**, parishioner; **Barb Van Blarcom**, parishioner.

**DEAR PARISHIONERS,**

"In the desert prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!" (Isaiah 40:3)

In the readings for the second weekend of Advent we are encouraged to look at the significance of what it means to both repent and experience conversion in our lives. From the prophet Isaiah we hear it is necessary for the people who have been in exile to repent from their sinfulness and drastically change their ways so the glory of the Lord can be revealed to all peoples.

Preparing the way of the Lord or a highway for our God is compared to some major excavation and reconstruction to the landscape. Isaiah speaks of filling in valleys, laying low the mountains and hills, making the rugged land plain and the rough country a broad valley. It is all about repentance and conversion.

From the second letter of Peter we hear the day of the Lord will come like a thief and when he does come so will major destruction upon this land to make way for a new heaven and a new earth. The images used in the scripture include flames in a blaze and elements melting. So, this letter is reminding us to seek repentance as it closes with the last line, "Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace." It is all about repentance and conversion.

The Gospel speaks of John the Baptist crying out to those who listen to prepare. He is preaching for a repentance that leads to forgiveness of sins and makes ready the way of the Lord, clearing Him a straight path through the desert. It is all about repentance and conversion.

On one occasion, one which is more pointed to the message of today, my parents and the rest of my family were forced to experience a sense of conversion or change. This occasion even uses the images provided for us in the scripture reading of Isaiah and the Gospel of John.

I remember when a new road was built along our farm property, the Bellevue-Cascade Road in 1983-84. Preparing the way of this concrete road included major excavation and reconstruction to the landscape. Isaiah speaks of filling in valleys and laying low the mountains and hills, making a rugged land plain and rough country a broad valley is exactly what happened around our homestead. Our farm was intimately connected to this project because we had to sacrifice some of our property to this end.

The thoughts of a new hard surfaced road were overwhelmingly positive and my parents saw the great benefits it would bring to us and to those around us. Just the whole aspect of avoiding a gravel road was very pleasing to us. We just knew it was the right thing to do.

However, we were not completely ready for the pain we experienced as preparations were made for this road. We were forced to change some of our ways. We had to forfeit some property for this progress as we saw what we knew and remembered as the old gravel road was transformed. Large earth moving equipment was brought in, our land was moved around, dynamite was used to blast rock, water channels were rerouted and trees were removed.

Forced by time, we prepared for the ultimate coming of this road by taking on these changes. Today a healthy growth of vegetation covers the scars created by the conversion of the old road to the new. We really enjoy the new road but it sure was a difficult and demanding change.

John the Baptist preached a demanding religion. When he spoke of repenting, he meant it as a major change in life. The first step in the religion he preached was repentance, to become aware of one's sins and then to publicly acknowledge the need for God's forgiveness. The second step was conversion to actually start living in a different way.

The difficult way of John the Baptist's repentance and the comforting way of Isaiah's smooth road are all part of our life of faith. During this Advent season, as we await in joyful expectation of Christmas time, we also need to live in preparation for the ultimate coming of the Lord at the end of time by taking on changes. We must let the power of God guide us and show us when we need to repent. Then we must change and grow in grace.

Fr. Phil Gibbs, Pastor

**Archbishop Jackels Virtual Fireside Get-Together Invitation - December 9 at 6:30 pm**

Pull up a chair to the virtual fireplace and join Archbishop Jackels for a family-friendly evening with warm conversation, entertainment and good cheer. Archbishop will be hosting a first ever virtual *Fireside Get-Together* on Wednesday, December 9 from 6:30-7:30 pm. The evening will include scripture, reflections by Archbishop on this crazy year we've had, surprise musical performances and opportunity to spread Christmas cheer....and much more. You have to register in advance at [www.dbqarch.org/fireside](http://www.dbqarch.org/fireside). You'll be emailed a special link you will use to electronically join when you sign up.

## IN THE PARISH

### PARISH ACTIVITIES

All parish activities have been cancelled until further notice.

### SCRIP

**Only one Scrip order, December 14, before Christmas.** Orders and payment must be received by 10:00 am on Monday. Contact the Resurrection Scrip Program at: [scripoffice@gmail.com](mailto:scripoffice@gmail.com)

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS** Next weekend is the collection for the retirement fund for religious. You will find an envelope in your packet. Please be generous. Thank you.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will be held **Tuesday, Dec. 15, 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.*

**SHARING TREE** All gifts for the sharing tree need to be returned to the church by December 13th at 11:00 am. Thank you.

**RECYCLE OLD CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** There are containers near the entrances at church for your old Christmas lights. ~Green Team

### ADVENT

Please remember that during the Advent Season, **incense** is used at 4:00 pm, 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses every weekend. If you suffer from any breathing issues, such as asthma, you may wish to attend Mass at 6 pm and 7 am Masses, which are incense free.

### PARISH SUPPORT

#### Adult tithe for November 22, 2020

Weekly contributions needed.....	\$31,830.00
<b>Collected from 162 out of 2410 envelopes</b> .....	\$17,521.00
Offertory .....	\$136.00
<b>Electronic Fund Transfer (186 envelopes)</b> .....	\$17,991.33
Total collected .....	\$35,648.33
YTD collections needed (7/1– 11/22).....	\$668,430.00
YTD collected in envelopes (7/1– 11/22) .....	\$656,586.88
YTD total over/short.....	(\$11,843.12)

*Thank you for your support!*

### PARISH SUPPORT

#### Adult tithe for November 29, 2020

Weekly contributions needed.....	\$31,830.00
<b>Collected from 167 out of 2409 envelopes</b> .....	\$16,640.00
Offertory .....	\$108.00
Total collected .....	\$16,748.00
YTD collections needed (7/1– 11/29).....	\$700,260.00
YTD collected in envelopes (7/1– 11/29) .....	\$673,226.88
YTD total over/short.....	(\$27,033.12)

*Thank you for your support!*

### RECAP OF TREASURE SHEETS AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2020

#### Calendar Year 2021

**Total Pledge Sheets Returned: 554**

<b>Treasure Sheets Increased:</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>\$35,756.36</b>
<b>Treasure Sheets Decreased:</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>(\$11,850.00)</b>
<b>Treasure Sheets No Change:</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
	<b>554</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$23,906.36</b>