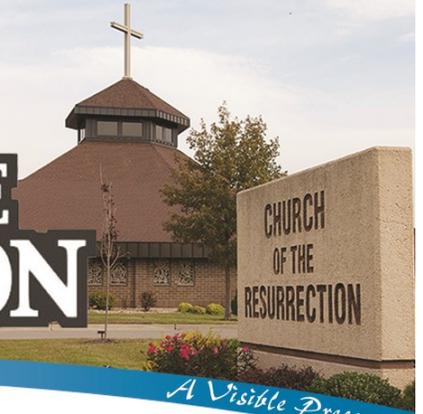




Welcome to **CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION**



A Visible Presence

DECEMBER 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



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. - Jn 1:6-7

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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, December 14**

St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM † Carolyn Oberbroeckling

TUES, December 15

7:00 AM † All Souls

Eucharistic Adoration immediately following 7:00 AM Mass until Noon

WED, December 16

7:00 AM † Tom Feltes

THURS, December 17

7:00 AM † Maxine Egan

8:45 AM † Rev. Joseph Hauer

FRI, December 18

7:00 AM † Sylvester & Alice Link

SAT, December 19

Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM † Mary & Jeff Kaiser

† Leonard & Marcella Roling

6:00 PM Pro Populo

† Bernard Hefel

SUN, December 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

*7:00 AM † James Kasper, Sr.

***Recorded Public Mass**

9:00 AM † Stella Krug

† Joseph Nehl

11:00 AM † Jim McDonald

† Fawn Weber

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

JoAnn McPoland, parishioner, wife of Robert McPoland; **Irwin McDermott**, father of Mary (Merlin) Dietzel, Meg (Mike) Muir and Sheila (Frank) Ward; **Jim Goetzinger**, brother-in-law of Darlene (Jim) Fuerstenberg; **Carolyn Gibbs**, aunt of Fr. Phil.

**BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to the parents and families of **Evelyn Rose Fluhr and Veda James Amos**, baptized on the weekend of December 6.

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

The question the scriptures pose to us and ask us to ponder is, "What motivates us to do the things we do?"

I think this to be a very fitting question to ask ourselves at this time of the year. For example, if you are a student, what motivates you to study for semester exams? Is it for the noble purpose of learning, gaining knowledge of the particular discipline you are studying or, is it solely to get the grade and fulfill an academic requirement? Likewise, if you decorated your homes for the holidays, what motivated you? Was it to spiritually prepare for the coming of Christmas and create an atmosphere of welcome in the house or, was it to "out do" the neighbors this year in order to win the contest in the newspaper? What really motivates us?

Notice in the first reading the prophet Isaiah announces a jubilee year, a year of favor from the Lord. What motivated Isaiah to do that? Isaiah does this because, as the scriptures proclaimed, the Spirit of the Lord God was upon him, because the Lord had anointed him. It was the Lord who sent him to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal, to proclaim and to announce. Isaiah's motivation was from God and was of God.

In the reading from St. Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul speaks of rejoicing always; praying without ceasing, giving thanks, retaining what is good and refraining from what is evil. What motivated Paul to say that? Paul, through his love for Christ and under the influence of the Holy Spirit, knows of God's desire for us. This is proven as the reading says, "For this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus". Paul's motivation was from God and was of God.

The gospel has John the Baptist announcing a day of vindication when the Lord comes. John came to testify to the Light. The gospel refers to John, the one who baptized with water, is not fit to untie the sandal straps of the one who is to come after him, the one who baptizes in the Holy Spirit. What motivated John?

As the scriptures proclaim and our faith tradition upholds, John was predestined to be the forerunner before Christ. John was to be the one who would proclaim and prepare the way of the Lord. We witness this faith reality from the very beginning of John's existence as we remember the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. We recall when the sound of Mary's voice reached the ears of Elizabeth, the baby in Elizabeth's womb (John) leaped for joy. John's motivation was from God and was of God.

Isaiah's anointing; Paul's love of Christ and knowledge of God's will; and John's pre-determined path were the motivating factors in their lives and actually made them who they were meant to be. All these things ultimately came from God. What motivates us and actually makes us who we are meant to be?

Like Isaiah, the Spirit of the Lord God has come upon us and we all have been anointed. Most of us through Baptism, many of us through Confirmation and a few of us through Ordination have been anointed. We are all sent forth to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal, to proclaim, to release, to announce a year of favor from the Lord. Are we doing this?

Like Paul, through our love of Christ and knowledge of God's will, we are to rejoice; pray without ceasing, give thanks, retain what is good and refrain from what is evil. Are we doing this?

Like John the Baptist, God has a plan for each of us. Have we really taken the time to discern the plan for our lives? Have we seriously made the commitment to fit ourselves in to God's plan rather than fit God in to our plan? Are we, like John, proclaiming and preparing the Way of the Lord through opening our hearts and minds to do the Will of God?

I know December can prove to be a crazy month with the studies and all the secular celebrations but during Advent we should take on a more serious spiritual approach. We must remember that Advent is not only a joy-filled preparation period for the celebration of Christmas but also a joy filled preparation period for the ultimate coming of Christ at the end of time. Every year is a year of favor but also a time of rededication to Christ and His Church.

This is a time to take seriously our motivation; our anointing, our love of Christ, knowledge of God's will and our path as God has planned it. If we do take it seriously, I am willing to bet we will become more aware of God's presence around us and God's strength within us. It will certainly call us to a deeper commitment to and participation in the life of the Church.

Let us review our motivations in life. Are they from God and are they of God? In response to this question, let us rededicate ourselves to Jesus Christ.

Fr. Phil Gibbs, Pastor

IN THE PARISH

PARISH ACTIVITIES

All parish activities have been cancelled until further notice.

SCRIP

Thank you to all who support our scrip program! Last week, we had 46 orders for a profit of \$2,941.59. **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 Did you know that Fidelity Bank has Scrip gift cards available? Their stock of gift cards include the most popular retailers: Hy-Vee, Fareway, Walmart, Kohl's, and Kwik Trip. 100% of profit from these gift card purchases goes towards Resurrection Parish.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL The food donated through the Youth Ministry event was estimated to be over one ton! This will allow us to include individual food baskets along with the presents from the sharing tree to our neighbors. The remainder of the food has been moved to the downtown food pantry where it will be distributed to dozens of people each week who are in need of food. **Items needed this month: peanut butter and jelly; laundry detergent; paper products: toilet paper, paper towels. Thank you for your generosity!**

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.



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 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.*

THE PARISH BOOKS

The parish books will close at 4:00 pm on December 31, 2020.

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult tithes for December 6, 2020

Weekly contributions needed	\$31,830.00
Collected from 223 out of 2409 envelopes	\$20,869.82
Offertory	\$199.05
Electronic Fund Transfer (307 envelopes)	\$33,233.67
Total collected	\$54,302.54
YTD collections needed (7/1– 12/6).....	\$732,090.00
YTD collected in envelopes (7/1– 12/6).....	\$727,330.37
YTD total over/short	(\$4,759.63)

Thank you for your support!