



Welcome to CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

A Visible Presence

DECEMBER 27, 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



THE HOLY FAMILY



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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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 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7:00 AM † Ed & Arlene Breitbach

TUES, December 29

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

7:00 AM † All Souls

Eucharistic Adoration immediately following 7:00 AM Mass until Noon

WED, December 30

7:00 AM † Unbound Community and the countries they serve.

THURS, December 31

St. Sylvester I, Pope

7:00 AM † All Souls

Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

5:30 PM Pro Populo

FRI, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 AM † Jean Radtke

SAT, January 2

Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 PM † Chuck Neuhaus

† Al Merkes

6:00 PM † Linda Ellis

SUN, January 3

Epiphany of the Lord

*7:00 AM Pro Populo

*Recorded Public Mass

9:00 AM † Carol L. Pins

11:00 AM † Richard Roth

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



Jared Postel, son of Ron and Paula Postel; **Thomas W. Howes**, brother-in-law of Doris Howes; **Dorothy Kisting**, parishioner, sister of Pat Torgler.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to the parents and family of **Kyser Allen Moore**, baptized on December 20.



DEAR PARISHIONERS,

During this holiday season, most of us make concerted efforts to be with immediate and extended family at one time or another. Unfortunately, the pandemic is prohibiting those efforts. Although those types of gatherings may be absent from our Christmas experience this year, we might do well to reflect upon the significance of family life nonetheless. Perhaps this year's **absence** of family may, as they say, **make the heart grow fonder** of family?

Consider the readings and the feast day of the Holy Family may help us focus on the intergenerational significance of family. The first and second readings from Genesis and Hebrews mention the importance of descendants and heirs of faith traditions as they mention our faith ancestors, Abraham and Sarah. Then the gospel of Luke mentions the notion of the fulfillment of a sacred promise recognized by the devout elderly of the community namely, Simeon and Anna.

It seems as though extended families, those including great grandparents, grandparents, parents, uncles, aunts and children is a place in which faith, hope and love reside. It is a place where legacies can be handed on, laughter can be shared and legends can be remembered and retold. At extended family gatherings it seems as though the generation gap closes and we all become united. The incarnation seems to make the most sense in this togetherness.

Family dynamics as well as family systems certainly have changed because of a variety of influences in our culture and time. Even the film industry regarding Christmas movies has picked up on these changes over the years and given us images of families that seem to be polar opposites.

If you can recall in 1971, "The Homecoming – A Christmas Story," revolved around the Walton's family Christmas on Walton's Mountain. Set during the depression era in 1933 this extended rural family, including grandparents (**Zebulon** and **Esther**), prepared to celebrate Christmas together as they waited for the father (John Walton) to make it home in a terrible snow storm. In the movie you would see the family gathered around the table bowing their heads in prayer.

In 1989 (18 years later) "Christmas Vacation" came out featuring the Griswolds. This is a family in the suburbs of Chicago preparing to celebrate Christmas. Remember the ominous doorbell ringing upon the arrival of the two sets of peculiar grandparents? Later on, crazy cousin Eddie and his family show up unexpectedly. They too, gather at the table to bow their heads in prayer with the curmudgeon Uncle Lewis and confused Aunt Bethany who leads them all in the pledge of allegiance.

Our families fit into those categories from the refreshingly sincere to the slightly insane. Somewhere in there is the grace of God that helps us experience the true meaning of the incarnation. Also, somewhere in there the grace of God keeps us from wanting to destroy each other.

I would assume our families are somewhere between the Walton's and the Griswold's. In them we discover the living presence of God, the hope of our future and the light of the world. So, let's pray for our families and be accepting of them no matter where they are on the spectrum of normalcy.

I found the following tribute to families which, I think, helps us appreciate the complexity and uniqueness of family life. A Tribute to our Ancestors by Roy Stockdill called "Rhyming Relations: Genealogy in Verse."

THEY did not choose us, nor we them; we never knew them, nor they us; yet we are inextricably bound together for all eternity and there is no law in the universe, no metamorphosis physical or spiritual, that can ever alter this inalienable truth.

OFTEN, we may wish for different ones and feel moved to deny the ones we have, but this is as futile as it is foolish to invent spurious ones, for our deception will surely be unmasked, if not by others, ultimately by our own conscience.

WE owe everything, our very existence, to our ancestors, and yet we know next to nothing of them because mostly their lives were so humbly recorded. It is good we seek to expand our knowledge of their lives so we may better understand our own.

THEY made us, body and soul, and we must accept without complaint or rancor what they were and what we are, for nothing and no-one can ever change this fact and it is barren folly to dwell obsessively upon it.

WE recognize that the legacy of genetic inheritance is a double-edged sword. We should be grateful for those gifts of personality and disposition our ancestors bestowed upon us which we find beneficial and not rail against those traits we find less appealing, for it is surely in our own hands to change them.

WE should take pride in our ancestors and their achievements wherever possible, whether high-born or low, rich or poor, prince or pauper, and not seek arbitrarily to revile or condemn them for acts of which we know nothing of the causes.

WE must learn from them, from their mistakes as well as their successes; from their tragedies as well as their triumphs; from their sins as well as their virtues; from their hopes as well as their fears.

POSTERITY and history are irrevocably intertwined in the present. No coherent vision of the future can exist without an affinity for the past and cognizance of the lives of our forebears. REMEMBER that we, too, are the ancestors of those yet unborn and we should seek to leave for them a heritage of which they can be as proud as we are of that which our forebears bequeathed to us. WE bless and thank our ancestors for the legacy of the good things they gave us, forgive them their errors and pray that we will endeavor to use wisely the knowledge which they handed down to us.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Holy Family of God, pray for us.

Fr. Phil Gibbs, Pastor

The Capital Campaign for a New School is Resuming!



In April, we paused our Building A Visible Presence Capital Campaign for a new school building due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Campaign Committee has continued to meet and discuss when Resurrection should relaunch. After discussions with the Archdiocese of Dubuque, Holy Family School System and Resurrection Parish leadership, we have decided to resume our campaign!

A new school building is too urgent to delay any further and numerous parishioners have already stepped forward and made commitments, demonstrating a strong enthusiasm for this effort. We are now over \$1 million in pledges and financial gifts! This is a wonderful beginning to our campaign.

Year-end Capital Campaign Gifts & Naming Opportunities

If you would like to make a year-end commitment, please do so. Remember that all dollars contributed, up to \$2.5 million, will be matched by an anonymous donor. You can make a gift by visiting www.res-dbq.org/stewardship or mailing a check to Resurrection with capital campaign in the memo line. Must be dated on or before December 31, 2020 to be counted as this year's giving.

We encourage donors to take advantage of the numerous naming opportunities available, either through an outright gift or pledge. You may also choose to honor a family member or others through these opportunities.

For questions on giving or naming opportunities, please contact Deb Kalb at dbq058s3@dbqarch.org or 563-556-7511.

We are excited to continue this effort and please know all will be updated throughout the process. Thank you for your interest and please pray for the Lord's guidance regarding this effort.

IN THE PARISH

SCRIP

On December 14 there were 69 Scrip orders with profit of \$2,099.55. The next scrip order date is Monday, January 4, 2021. Orders and payment must be received by 10:00 am on Monday. To sign up for a scrip account, or for any other questions related to scrip, contact the Resurrection Scrip Program at: scripoffice@gmail.com



**May the Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph Bless your families this
Christmas Season.**

Thank You! - On behalf of the parish staff, I wish to thank all of you for the Christmas cards and holiday goodies you have so generously provided to us here at the Resurrection office. They are sure signs of your affection toward us and appreciation for all we do for the parish. Your kind words, well wishes and tasty confections fill us with the joy of the season and remind us of the joy of serving Jesus through you. Sincerely, Fr. Phil

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

BAPTISM PREPARTION CLASS

For 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 20, 2020 was not available at the time of publishing. *Thank you for your support!*