



**NOVEMBER 28, 2021**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Be a Catholic Community that is a Visible Presence of Jesus.

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptisms**

Until further notice, baptisms are scheduled for individual families upon request. 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



**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

“Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” - Lk 21:27-28

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday–Thursday: 8:00 AM–4:30 PM; FRIDAY: 8:00 AM–2:00 PM**

**Website: [www.res-dbq.org](http://www.res-dbq.org) | Facebook: [facebook.com/resdbq](https://facebook.com/resdbq)**

**MON, November 29**

7:00 AM † Jo Ann McPoland

**TUES, November 30***St. Andrew, Apostle*

7:00 AM † All Souls

**Eucharistic Adoration** immediately following 7:00 AM Mass until Noon**WED, December 1**

7:00 AM † Al Merkes

**THURS, December 2**

7:00 AM † Pauline &amp; Eula Droessler

**FRI, December 3***St. Francis Xavier, Priest*

7:00 AM † Donald Kratz

† Jo Ann McPoland

**SAT, December 4***Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent*

4:00 PM † Tom Feltes

† Don Schmidt

6:00 PM † Pro Populo

† Joe &amp; Eleanor Vize

**SUN, December 5***Second Sunday of Advent*

7:00 AM † Lynn Krausman

9:00 AM † Jean Dunne

† Sandra Rudiger

11:00 AM † Richard Ruden

**PLEASE NOTE:****Due to the church pews being refinished:****Daily Mass:** will be held in the Upper Room during the month of December.**Adoration:** will be moved from Tuesdays to Sunday afternoon from 1-5 pm beginning December 5th.

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**  
**December 4 and December 5**  
**Following the weekend Masses.**

**REST IN PEACE**

Leo Dietz, parishioner.

**DEAR PARISHIONERS,**

I would like to explore the “End-Times” as this event is foretold in the Scripture readings and associated with the season of Advent. And I would like to make a connection of these words of Scripture – This message of the certain and cumulative conclusion to all of creation - with our tendency as humans to respond with disregard or apathy. You will find, as I have, that there is great similarity of our psychological responses to this message of the “End Times” as it compares to our responses to the threat of Global Warming or the Fiscal Cliff

Whether or not you agree with the reality of Global Warming or the Fiscal Cliff is not the point. The point is how our psychology reacts to these issues, how our brains perceive such things. There is a great You-Tube presentation entitled “Global Warming and Psychology” by Daniel Gilbert, a professor of psychology at Harvard University. I suggest that you search for it and watch it to get a better understanding of the points I hope to make.

In this presentation he explains that the human brains and how they function are still in the stages of development in regards to how we respond to threats that loom in an unseen future. He believes that we haven’t quite gotten the knack of treating the future like the present it will soon become. We lack foresight and vision because these threats are not interpreted by our brains as clear and present dangers. He says that our brains have been conditioned to respond to threats that have four distinct characteristics. These threats are intentional, immoral, imminent and instantaneous. All of which global warming is not. Let me explain.

The brain responds to threats that are intentional. We certainly respond to global terrorism. Intentional attacks against us have been and are met with swift and severe retaliation. Global warming, however, lacks a face and a race. If climate change had been inflicted on us by a brutal dictator or an evil empire, the war on warming would be this nation’s top priority. Global warming presents itself as accidental rather than intentional.

The brain responds to threats that are obviously immoral. When we feel insulted or disgusted we generally do something about it. We certainly get upset, emotionally stirred up, about child abuse, animal neglect, domestic violence and human trafficking. Global warming is bad, but it doesn’t make the majority of us feel nauseated or angry or disgraced and thus we don’t feel as compelled to do anything about it.

The brain responds to threats that are imminent. Clear and present dangers, in the moment, cause us to duck from a wayward baseball or to take cover when we hear a gunshot. We do have a fight or flight switch in our system that has saved many of us in the heat of the moment. However, global warming doesn’t flip that switch as we don’t perceive it as a threat in the immediate here and now.

Finally, the brain responds to threats that are instantaneous. We are super sensitive to changes in light, sound, temperature, pressure and just about everything else but if the rate of change is slow enough, the change will go undetected. If we barely notice changes that happen gradually, we accept these gradual changes as non-threatening. Global warming is not instantaneous but it is still threatening precisely because it fails to trip the brain’s alarm. Our sensibilities have been lulled.

And so, we need to inform and form our brains. We need to wake them up and develop them so that we can respond, in a timelier manner, to those threats that await us in the future. We need to practice more foresight and have a better vision for tomorrow rather than just live for the day. And, in terms of global warming and fiscal responsibility, in actuality we (the American people) are doing a better job than many other countries even though we may have a long way to go. We are more concerned about and engaged in recycling. The energy crisis has forced us to be more alert to the efficiency of our automobiles and our homes. We are becoming more careful about our carbon footprints. Increasing gas prices and going green have had some impact on our lifestyles. We are also more inclined to plan for our financial future, invest in a 401K and be a bit more frugal when it comes to the excesses that we have grown accustomed to having. Again, the threat of environmental and fiscal catastrophe has changed our behaviors.

But where are we at in regards to our spiritual well being in preparation for the coming and final day? Above and beyond our environmental concerns and financial insecurities should be our hope of getting into heaven. One would think that we would certainly be in preparation and, indeed, be ready for that day with firm resolve and strong faith convictions. How has this forthcoming future event impacted our lifestyles in the here and now?

We have scores of young people leaving the Catholic Church and abandoning their faith traditions altogether when, in reality and in response to this foretelling of the End Times, they should be returning in droves and seeking out reconciliation. We seem to have more and more people not heeding the warning signs of the impending return of the Lord and that Day of Judgment to which we will all be subjected. Remember the last paragraph of the gospel reading from Luke, “Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Are our hearts drowsy to this faith reality of the final day just as our brains are underdeveloped in responding to the consequences of global warming and fiscal irresponsibility? What do we need to do to wake up to this certain and cumulative conclusion – this time of fulfillment. Advent is a season of preparation, expectation and enlightenment not only as it relates to the coming days of Christmas but also in relationship to that final day. With this time and with these tools we should train our brains and awaken our hearts to make ready the way of the Lord and be prepared for a day and an hour that we least expect.

Fr. Phil Gibbs, Pastor

## YOUTH MINISTRY/CONFIRMATION

Darby Callahan, Coordinator of Young Adult & Youth Ministry

**YLT Next Meeting:** Dec. 1 at 6:30pm—8pm.



**Confirmation:** Dec. 5 and Dec. 15 6:30pm Confirmation Preparation. Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.



## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Adults in there 20s - 39 are invited to young adult Bible Study. No one will be turned down. Young Adult Bible Study will be 6:30pm on Tuesdays. If you are interested, please let Darby know by emailing [dbq058ym@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq058ym@dbqarch.org) or just show up in the living room (outside my office, up the stairs in front of the office doors).

*You're Invited!*

**Looking for a few more young adults to form the Young Adult Ministry Core Team as well as looking for a few couples to form a Young Adult Date Night Committee, please email Darby Callahan at [dbq058ym@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq058ym@dbqarch.org).**

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Fr. Philip Agyei & Deacon Mike Ellis

### YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

**December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021**

**Please Pray every Wednesday: Prayer to St. Joseph**

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

### YEAR OF SACRAMENTS WITH FR. PHILIP

**September 2021–August 2022**

**Thursdays, 4:00–5:30 PM, Upper Room**

The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen

December 2: Advent Light Lessons 8-14

November 9: Advent Light Lessons 15-21

To register please contact Fr. Philip Agyei at

[DBQ058AP@dbqarch.org](mailto:DBQ058AP@dbqarch.org).



### RCIA

RCIA is for Adults interested in being Baptized in the Catholic Faith. Adults who are wanting to become Catholic from another Christian Denomination. Adults who need Confirmation. Interested please contact Deacon Mike.

Meeting on Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm in the Upper Room

December 2: 2nd Sunday of Advent, Hope/Aointing of the Sick

December 9: 3rd Sunday of Advent, Moral Conversion

**Funeral Pre-Planning:** if you are interested in pre-planning your Funeral Mass please contact Deacon Mike.



## MUSIC & LITURGY

Music and Liturgy

### LECTOR WORKBOOKS

Please pick up your Lector Workbook located on the table in the Church Social Space.

### Advent Reflections with Fr. Philip Agyei

**Thursdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 2021**

**6:30 pm in the Upper Room**

Meaning of the signs and symbols of Advent Candles and Wreath.



December 2

Reflection on the First Candle of Advent:

Hope or Prophet Candle



December 9

Reflection on the Second Candle of Advent:

Faith or Bethlehem Candle. Prayers for vocations.



December 16

Reflection on the Third Candle of Advent:

Joy or Shepherd's Candle



December 23

Reflection on the Fourth Candle of Advent:

Peace or Angel's Candle

### "THE WORD AMONG US"

Parishioners interested in a subscription to "The Word Among Us" for 2022 please contact the parish office or Deacon Mike. The subscription fee is \$20.00.

### VOCATION VIEWS

Please pray for all seminarians of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, those in formation for religious life, especially parishioner John Yiga.

## FAITH FORMATION

Wendy Osterberger  
Director of Religious Education

### Sunday REfreshers Next Sunday

After the 9:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, the Summer YFF and Home School YFF students in grades K-5th will head into the Upper Room for a monthly refresher class. The New Testament character we will be learning about this month will be Mary. All students will be dismissed at 10:45 a.m. to the Social Space.



First Reconciliation

### First Reconciliation Service

This coming Tuesday, November 30th, students and their families will gather in the church for a reconciliation service at 6:30 PM. We ask that our Resurrection community pray for all of these students as they receive for the very first time this beautiful sacrament of healing.

### December Faith Formation Schedule

Dec. 1: School Year YFF Class

Dec. 5: Sunday REfreshers Class

Dec. 8: NO Class - Holy Day of Obligation

Dec. 15: School Year YFF/Foundation Faith in Action

Dec. 22 & 29: NO Class - Christmas Break



### 1st Sunday of Advent: Children's Liturgy of the Word



This week, children who attended CLW learned not only about the Gospel of the day, but also opened a box to reveal a special guest to the manger scene. Ask your child who the special guest was.

**PARISH SUPPORT**

**Adult tithes for the weekend of November 21, 2021 was not available at press time. The November 21, 2021 adult tithes will be published in the December 5, 2021 bulletin.**

**Have you remembered Resurrection in your will?**  
*Thank you for your support!*

**SCRIP**

The next scrip order date is Monday, December 6. Orders and payment must be received by 10:00 am on Monday.

**Only 2 Scrip Order Dates Before Christmas!**  
**December 6 and December 13**



**Welcome back the following local retailers: Culvers, Designworks, KwikStop/DQ, Pancheros, and Theisen's.**

Questions related to scrip, contact the Resurrection Scrip Program at: [scripoffice@gmail.com](mailto:scripoffice@gmail.com)

**ST. PEREGRINE PRAYER GROUP**

The next meeting of the St. Peregrine Prayer Group is Sunday, December 5, at 1:30 pm in the Resurrection Church Gathering Space.

**HEALTH MINISTRY**

If you or a loved one are in the hospital and are not visited by the pastoral staff from Resurrection, please notify the parish office.

**Parish Office: 563-556-7511**

**Website: [www.res-dbq.org](http://www.res-dbq.org)**

**PARISH STAFF**

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**ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS**

*Parish Offices are closed Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday.*

**MONDAY, November 29**

- 1:00 PM Blood Drive .....Church Social Space
- 1:30 PM Care for the Caregiver .....Upper Room
- 5:45 PM Stretching to God.....
- ..... Lower Level Social Space
- 6:30 PMYM High School Bible Study .....2nd Floor
- 6:45 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal ..... Church

**TUESDAY, November 30**

- 7:30 AM Adoration Until Noon..... Church
- 6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study .....2nd Floor
- 6:30 PM First Reconciliation ..... Church

**WEDNESDAY, December 1**

- 5:30 PM Pastoral Council ..... St. George Room
- 6:30 PM Faith Formation ..... Church
- 6:30 PM YLT .....Church Social Space

**THURSDAY, December 2**

- 7:30 AM M.E.S.S.....Church Social Space
- 4:00 PM Year of Sacraments .....Upper Room
- 6:30 PM Advent Reflections.....Upper Room
- 6:30 PM RCIA .....Upper Room
- 7:00 PM Vocations Committee ..Community Room

**FRIDAY, December 3**

No events

**SATURDAY, December 4**

- 6:30 AM That Man is You .....Church Social Space

**SUNDAY, December 5**

- 10:05 AM Sunday ReFresher Class.....Upper Room
- 1:30 PM St. Peregrine Group ... Gathering Space
- 6:30 PM Confirmation .....Church Social Space

**IN THE PARISH**

**BLOOD DRIVE**

Blood Drive at Resurrection on November 29th. Sponsored by ImpactLife. Schedule your Blood Donation at the following link: <https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive/schedule/100650>

You can also call Mary Schmidt: 556-7511 or email: [dbq058n@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq058n@dbqarch.org), to schedule an appointment.

**Stretching to God, zoom or in person!**

Classes will take place MONDAY EVENINGS, in the lower level, 5:45-6:30pm, \$5. Join Zoom Meeting <https://dbqschools.zoom.us/j/81603630113> Meeting ID: 816 0363 0113

**CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION GRANT PROGRAM**

Are you part of a non-profit 5013c organization that has been funded by basket collections at Resurrection in the past? The Church of the Resurrection Grant Program Application deadline, **December 15, is quickly approaching.** The grant request is a simple one-page form which must be sponsored by a current registered parishioner. For more information or to find the form go to the Resurrection website: [res-dbq.org/tithing-grants](http://res-dbq.org/tithing-grants) or contact a member of the Grant Tithing Committee, Rod Bakke, Penny Ehlinger, Craig Schaefer, Mary Moothart

**Church of the Resurrection is looking for** an experienced Business Manager to lead and oversee the overall operations of the office, including oversight of general staff, church facility, communications and technology. Responsibilities will include fostering an effective stewardship model. The ideal candidate will have supervisory experience, advanced accounting and payroll skills, fiscal planning and management. Requires a minimum 4-year degree in Business Management, Finance or Accounting, with at least 4 to 5 years of finance and accounting experience. Or, a 2-year degree in Business Management, Finance or Accounting, with 10 years of experience in finance or accounting. A minimum of 5 years of experience in office management/administration preferred, which includes success in accounting, management, computer integration and volunteer management. Prior experience with Sage BusinessWorks software is preferred. A full job description is available on the parish website: [www.res-dbq.org](http://www.res-dbq.org) For consideration email your cover letter and resume to Pastor at [dbq058@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq058@dbqarch.org)

### THE SHARING TREE

St. Vincent de Paul Society is sponsoring the Sharing Tree again this year to share Christmas gifts with those less fortunate. **Beginning November 22, the tree will be located in the main entrance of the Church and small trees at the side entrances.** **If not attending Mass at this time, please stop at church to pick up a tag.** Church is open weekdays 6:30 AM until 1:00 PM, Saturday 3:30 to 7:00 PM and Sunday until 1:00 PM. Tags are the same as in the past with tags of various colors on the trees: PINK (girls), BLUE (boys), GOLD (food gift certificate from any grocery store), GREEN (family gift certificate from any store, restaurant, or family activity), WHITE (laundry basket with cleaning supplies and paper products), PURPLE (Resurrection nursing home residents—see back of tag for items). We ask that you spend between \$15 and \$20 for the gifts. Each child is given two articles of clothing and two toys. Please wrap your gifts and securely attach the tag to the outside of the gift. Do NOT wrap the GOLD food gift certificates—just put in a white envelope with the gold tag taped to the outside of the envelope. The food gift certificates are distributed according to the size of the family. **Gifts must be returned to the tree by 11:00 AM on Sunday, December 12th.** Cash donations are also accepted and used throughout the year for help with utilities and rent. Thank you for your continued support.



### RECYCLE OLD CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Res Green Team encourages parishioners to recycle burned-out holiday lights! Find the green collection bin outside the front entrance of the church with recycling signs. Please remove any plastic or paper bags from the old lights before tossing in the bin. Thank you.



**Please return your Stewardship forms in the boxes provided in the gathering space or to the parish office. Thank you.**