



JULY 23, 2023

MISSION STATEMENT

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

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms

Baptisms are scheduled for individual families upon request, preferably during a weekend Mass. We request that parents attend a Baptismal class prior to the sacrament. Please register for class at <https://res-dbq.org/baptismal-preparation-class>

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

Monday 7:30 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

Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM

Holy Days & Weekdays:

Refer to Bulletin



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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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 | Facebook: facebook.com/resdbq

**MON, July 24***St. Sharbel Makhoul, Priest*

7:00 AM † John Goffinet

TUES, July 25*St. James, Apostle*

5:30 PM † All Souls

† Deacon Tim & Teri

LoBianco

WED, July 26*Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00 AM † Irene Rossman

THURS, July 27

7:00 AM † Lois Sweeney

FRI, July 28

7:00 AM † Msgr. Thomas Ralph

† Benny Martensen

SAT, July 29*Vigil of the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM † Jerry Oxenford

† Robert & Delores Link

SUN, July 30*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:00 AM Pro Populo

† William & Helene Byrne

9:00 AM † Loras Steffen

† Virgil & Helen Gaul

11:00 AM † Donald Anstoetter

† John Frick

REST IN PEACE

Lawrence Bird, brother of Karen (Bob) Knepper; **Loras Finn**, brother-in-law of Ann Gebhart; **Terry Maas**, brother-in-law of Linda Plowman; **Vivian Theresa Steffen**, sister-in-law of Mary Ann Steffen.

**DEAR PARISHIONERS,**

Here we are in the middle of July and it is a proven fact that the summer break wreaks havoc on the retention of classroom education. It is known as Summer Learning Loss.

It is hard enough within the school session when teachers are trying to impart a kernel of knowledge into those young minds. There are those times when students just can't get it. For some reason, they cannot grasp the relationship between sine, cosine and tangent; they just can't wrap their minds around the dominant and recessive gene theory; they are slow to understand the inappropriateness of using those dangling participles; and sometimes they don't know the difference between baking soda and baking powder.

However, through patience and persistence; through the use of different methodologies, images and other symbols there are times when the lesson finally breaks through that cloud of unknowing. When that finally happened, I am willing to bet that teaching is no longer frustrating but fulfilling. If any teacher has experienced that sense of frustration as they taught the subjects of math, science, languages and the electives in the classroom, I wonder if Jesus experienced the same sense of frustration as he taught about the Kingdom of Heaven. As we read the gospel selection from St. Matthew, it would appear to be so.

Jesus encountered minds that just didn't seem to get it. So, he used different images and symbols within the context of his style of speaking parables. First, he spoke about the parable of the weeds and wheat. Then he proposed another parable regarding the mustard seed. Then he again spoke another parable using the image of yeast for the leavened bread. And, even after speaking these parables and trying to impart this lesson onto the crowds that surrounded him, his disciples asked him to explain to them further what he meant by his teachings. "Those who have ears ought to hear," Jesus said after his explanation. You have to wonder if his teaching efforts were falling on deaf ears.

Matthew, the gospel writer, also presents these repetitive teachings (these multiple parables) regarding the kingdom of heaven in a literary form which emphasizes the significance of this lesson and places utmost importance on how the reader must grasp this concept for the sake of his or her own spiritual welfare. We read a good number of parables referring to the Kingdom of Heaven. Last Sunday we heard the parable of the sower and the seed. This Sunday we hear three more. And next Sunday we will hear yet three more as Jesus uses the images of the buried treasure, the pearl of great price and the casting out of the net.

Both Jesus and Matthew seem to be hammering away at this lesson regarding the Kingdom of Heaven because it is the apex of Jesus' teaching. And so, as we are all called to be teachers but we are yet perpetual students that sometimes struggle to grasp the concept, how do we understand these parables which lead us to further insight into the Kingdom of Heaven? I would like to offer a challenge of three points for your reflection today.

First, the Kingdom of Heaven is both present and not yet. It is something that we have an active part in bringing about and is also something that still yet awaits us. It is the mustard seed and the yeast. It is beautiful, it is of God and is born of the Holy Spirit which makes itself manifest through the hearts and minds of faithful people called together as Church. It is something that we are to understand and to make real however, it is also Mystery. In the midst of that Mystery, how are we dedicating ourselves to persistent, patient prayer in order to come to know it and reveal it through our own lives as well as within our own community?

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IN THE PARISH

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to make phone calls to some of our families we haven't seen at Mass in a while. For further explanation of what that entails and answer any questions you may have, please call Wendy at the parish office at 556-7511. Thank you!

Pilgrim Virgin Statue

The Pilgrim Virgin statue will be in Jan Geertsema's home at 16978 Thunder Ridge Dr., Peosta Iowa from Monday, July 24 through Friday, July 28. The Rosary will be said each evening at 7 PM. All are welcome.

Resurrection Class of 1983 Eighth Grade 40th Reunion

September 1-2, 2023 including Friday night social, 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and dinner to follow. Alumni, former teachers, staff & administrators all invited to participate. Please contact Tom Robbins at 262-388-1045 or tomjrobbins@mediacommb.net

Social Justice Committee Facebook Group

The Resurrection Social Justice Committee would love to hear from you! Check out our Facebook group below to find out about what we are doing and to share your own experiences and ideas.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/922909382036597>



MUSIC

Coordinator of Liturgical Music
Amy Dolan



WANTED: CHIME CHOIR DIRECTOR

We are looking for someone to lead our Chime Choir for the 2023-24 School Year. Director would be responsible for preparing and leading a weekly rehearsal and directing choir at monthly Mass. Music/Ed.

Degree helpful. For more information contact Amy Dolan.

Here are a few of the upcoming dates:

JULY 29 at 4 PM

AUG. 5 at 4 PM

For a complete list of choir dates, you can visit the parish

website. Just go to <https://res-dbq.org/liturgical-ministries>, look for the music ministry schedules and menus to find dates and music. Any parishioner age 16 or older wanting to sing with the choir should arrive one hour before Mass for rehearsal.



WHY DO WE SING AT MASS?

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops says in "Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship," *when the church prays and sings, Christ is present.* In our participation in word and song, Christ is revealed and made present to us. Our singing serves as a crucial part of the greater mystery we are celebrating: Christ's sacrifice being united to the Father through the Holy Spirit. Why sing at Mass? To make this a reality!

LITURGY

Liturgy
Deacon Mike Ellis

Upcoming Liturgical Events/Meetings:

Tuesday, August 8, 6:30 pm: Liturgy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 15, 5:30 pm: Feast of the Assumption Mass
Holy Day of Obligation

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

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Picture of Stain Glass picture being made:



Please join us for Morning Prayer on Tuesdays beginning at 7am and Evening Prayer on Tuesdays beginning at 4:30 pm.

Volunteers Needed: We would like to have prayer leaders lead Morning Prayer at 7:30 am on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We also need prayer leaders for Evening Prayer beginning at 4:30 pm Monday – Friday. If interested please contact Deacon Mike.

We want to keep a record of people who are attending adoration. Please if you are comfortable, sign in on the table in the chapel.

Questions: Contact Deacon Mike Ellis in the parish office at 556-7511.

HEALTH MINISTRY

Mary Schmidt, Parish Nurse

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER

Care for the Caregiver will meet Monday, July 24, 2023, from 1:30–2:30 pm in the Community Room.

Respite care is available for your loved one during the meeting. Please contact Mary Schmidt at 563-556-7511 if you plan to utilize this benefit.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Wendy Osterberger
Director of Faith Formation



IMPACT 2023-2025

What: Two Years of Formation for Adults

Where: Resurrection, Dubuque

When: Saturdays, once a month

Who: Any Catholic Adult Wanting to

Grow in their Faith and Serve their Parish

Learn more and apply at: www.DBQArch.org/IMPACT

Bible Study Starting Soon

On August 15, we will begin the second part of our two-part study series titled "The Gospel According to John" from the Little Rock Scripture Study group. It will meet on Tuesdays from 1:00-2:15 pm in the Faith Formation Room over at the new section of the school. If you are interested in joining this study, please RSVP to the parish office before August 1 at 556-7511. There will be a small fee for materials that is dependent on the number of people participating.



Becoming Catholic

Interested in being baptized in the Catholic Faith or wanting to become Catholic from another Christian denomination? Classes are offered year round. To get started on your journey, contact Wendy at 556-7511 or dbq058FF@dbqarch.org.

SACRAMENTS

Wendy Osterberger
Director of Faith Formation



Welcome Liam Alfred & Hudson Berkley!

Congratulations to the parents and family of **Liam Alfred Behnke and Hudson Berkley Fritsch**, who were both baptized on Sunday, July 16, 2023.



May our community provide Christian witness to Liam and Hudson, and assist their parents Evan & Sarah Behnke and Layton & Allison Fritsch as they raise their child in the faith.



Congrats Mr. & Mrs. Bacher!

Congratulations to Abby Morales and Luke Bacher, who were united in Holy Matrimony at Church of the Resurrection on Saturday, July 15, 2023. May God richly bless their marriage.

Wanting Sacraments for Your Child?

For more info and to sign up your child to receive sacraments, go online to the following webpages:

Sacrament of Baptism:

<https://res-dbq.org/baptismal-preparation-class>

Reconciliation & Eucharist (2nd grade on up):

<https://res-dbq.org/first-reconciliation-and-eucharist>

Sacrament of Confirmation (High school on up):

<https://res-dbq.org/confirmation-preparation>



YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Emily Tatum
Coordinator Youth Faith Formation

School Year Faith Formation

Don't forget to register for school year faith formation at <https://res-dbq.org/school-year-yff-registration>. We have 3 different options available this year. In Person Early: 4:00 pm -5:15 pm in the Church; In Person Late: 6:30 pm-7:45 pm in the School; and Homeschool. Please let Emily Tatum know if you have any questions about these options.



Crafts People Needed

We are looking for wood workers, bargain shoppers and people who can sew for a project to benefit the children of our parish. If this sounds like you, please reach out to Emily Tatum or Wendy Osterberger at the Parish Office.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We will be holding 2 different Information and training sessions for anyone interested in volunteering for our Children's Liturgy of the Word ministry. Current volunteers are welcome to attend. Many are needed as we prepare to bring this ministry back to both the 9 am and 11 am Mass beginning in September. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 8 at 6 pm or Sunday, August 13, after the 9 am Mass.



MIDDLE & HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

Brian Nilles, Coordinator of Youth Ministries

YLT (9th – 12th grade)

July 23rd— all 9th –12th students welcome to get together in LoBianco Youth Room
6:00 pm—8:00 pm Enter door #2

August 20—Parish Festival 2023

All 9th—12th students put a team together for our Parish Festival Kickball Tournament. First 5 teams registered guaranteed entrance. \$20 entrance fee.

Contact Brian Nilles for more information



All 6th –12th Graders "Prayers for July"

28th—Service around Parish grounds. We will be doing some weeding, trimming, and picking up the Church grounds. Come when and as long as you can. Bring gloves and wear old clothes. 9:00 am—2:00 pm. Lunch at noon.

August 2nd for all 6th –12th graders

Dubuque Area Youth Ministry (DAYM) is sponsoring a trip to Lost Island Water Park in Waterloo, Iowa. Transportation, ticket, snacks, and drinks included. Limited transportation \$40 a person. Contact Brian



For more information, contact:

Brian Nilles 556-7511 Ext. 229

Email: dbq058ym@dbqarch.org

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult tithe for July 16, 2023

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| Weekly contributions needed | \$34,615.38 |
| Collected from 190 out of 2362 envelopes | \$50,950.00 |
| Offertory | \$925.85 |
| Total collected | \$51,875.85 |
| YTD collections needed (7/1-7/16) | \$100,000.00 |
| YTD collected in envelopes (7/1-7/16) | \$128,779.99 |
| YTD total over/short | \$28,779.99 |

Have you remembered Resurrection in your will?

Thank you for your support!

SCRIP

On Monday, July 17, 2023 there were 33 Scrip orders with profit of \$1,386.29.

The next scrip order date is Monday, August 7, 2023. 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

If you are not currently involved with the Scrip program, please consider it. Order forms are available in the parish office or on the parish website. **If you choose, 75% of the total profit of your order will go to your choice of your Holy Family, Parish Faith Formation, Sacramental Prep, or Early Childhood account.** The other 25% will go to Resurrection Parish. You may also choose to have your entire 100% go to Resurrection Parish. Resurrection Parish needs every family to join this parish-wide fundraising program. If you have any questions, contact the Scrip Office at scripoffice@gmail.com



Festival Raffle Drawing for \$50 HyVee Gift Card
Gary & Deb Osthoff
Turn in your raffle tickets for a chance to win!

AROUND TOWN

Dubuque Area Totus Tuus

The Dubuque area Totus Tuus at Nativity is July 30-August 4 and there's still time to sign up! All children entering grades 1-6 are invited to the day program which runs 9 am-2:30 pm, Mon-Fri. Teens entering grades 7-12 are invited to the evening program which runs 6:30-8:45 pm, Sun-Thurs. Go to nativitydbq.org/totus-tuus-2023 for more details and to sign up!

Tri-State Area Women Religious Sponsor Two Performances with Earth Mama in August

The Dubuque tri-state area women religious congregations are sponsoring two performances of Joyce Johnson Rouse, a.k.a. "Earth Mama" in August. "Songs and Stories with Earth Mama" will be held at 2 pm, Sunday, August 6, at Steeple Square, 101 E. 15th St., Dubuque; and 7 pm, Monday, August 7, at Shalom Spirituality Center, 1001 Davis St., Dubuque. Both performances are free and open to the public and free-will offerings will be accepted. For more information about Joyce, visit <https://earthmama.org/>. For more information on the events, contact Sister Nancy Miller at justice@bvmsisters.org.

ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS

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

MONDAY, July 24

1:30 PM Care for the Caregiver
 Community Room
 6:00 PM High School YM
 Deacon Tim LoBianco Room

TUESDAY, July 25

1:00 PM Bible Study Adult FF Room

WEDNESDAY, July 26

5:45 PM Stretching to God Lower Level SS

THURSDAY, July 27

7:30 AM M.E.S.S. Church Social Space
 6:00 PM Cantor Workshop Church

FRIDAY, July 28

No Events

SATURDAY, July 29

No Events

SUNDAY, July 30

6:00 PM YLT Deacon Tim LoBianco Room

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE



Parents plant values in their children anticipating the tiny seeds of honesty, respect, commitment and fidelity will grow with their child and one day become "a safe haven" to many. —Bud Ozar

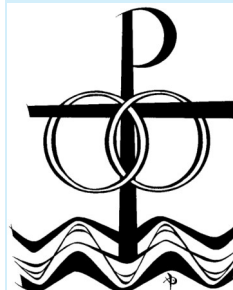
MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT



"For we do not pray as we ought" (Romans 8:26). Many couples are afraid to pray together. It may feel like letting another into one's private world.

Try to start by praying the "Our Father" together as a couple.

Do you know a couple who have been married 70, 75 or more years?



Worldwide Marriage Encounter highlights and honors couples who have very long marriages. Every state in the US will honor one nominated couple who is married the longest. Please nominate a couple by going to wwme.org and nominate them at the top of the page. Nominations should be in by September 15. For questions call 641-753-6953.

CONTACT US

Parish Office: 563-556-7511 **Website:** www.res-dbg.org

PARISH STAFF

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Resurrection Site

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Vocations Committee, Terry Friedman 563-556-3121

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL VOUCHER CENTER NEEDS

End Poverty Through Systemic Change



Thank you for your continued support of our Resurrection St. Vincent de Paul Conference as we serve our neighbors in need. In June, our Resurrection team provided help to 74 local neighbors. The following items are needed most right now at our downtown voucher center:

- Cooking oil
- Ketchup and mustard
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Small jugs of laundry soap
- Hygiene products (shampoo, body wash, bars of soap)
- Cleaning supplies



Please be sure to return the blue bags with your donations. If you, or someone you know, is in need of assistance, please call the St. Vincent de Paul Voucher Line at 563-584-2226.

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Secondly, as mentioned before, the kingdom of heaven is beautiful because it is of God. That being said, it is worthy of personal and communal sacrifice. After all, it is the buried treasure and the pearl of great price. If we want a share in it, what are we willing to give up in order to get it? How do we make sacrifices of ourselves, in various ways, to put emphasis on the kingdom of heaven and have it as the center piece of our lives? Is it our priority and does it define our purpose in living as it should?

Thirdly, although we are charged with the responsibility of teaching about the kingdom of heaven, the gospel reading today and the one next week give emphasis to our role as preaching repentance. God takes in the good and the bad but there will be judgment where God will eliminate the sinful. At the final harvest the wheat will be gathering into the barn and the weeds will be tied in bundles for burning. When the nets are hauled onto the shore, the good will be collected into the bucket while the bad will be thrown away. There will be judgment and this is a serious aspect of our faith that I think we often neglect or downplay because we are afraid to face it.

Have we taken the courage to be reconciled and then to preach repentance to those who follow evil ways and are under the influence of sin? Have we been patient and persistent the examination of our own conscience and presenting challenges for the spiritual welfare of others?

Please reflect upon the mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven. It is a crucial lesson that Jesus wishes to impart upon us and that Matthew, the gospel writer wishes to emphasize. And using the final words of the gospel reading today that Jesus speaks puts all that much more critical meaning to it as He says, "Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Fr. Phil Gibbs, Pastor

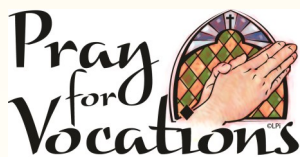
VOCATION VIEWS

Yeast which a woman kneaded...Say thanks today to that special woman who has kneaded yeast of God's love into your life. Pray God's blessing on all people who bring leaven and light. (Matthew 13:24-43)

Please pray for all seminarians of the Archdiocese of Dubuque and those in formation for religious life.

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



FASTING BROTHERS

Why it matters:

Holy Mother Church is under attack like never before. **Our priests daily face the brunt of Satan's brutal assault.** Like officers bravely leading the charge into battle, our priests need the support of the entire Church Militant. Jesus tells us of how to fight the most powerful devils: "But this kind is not cast out but by prayer and fasting" (Matthew 17:21). The Seven sisters provide the prayer and the Fasting Brothers complement it with their fasts. **We need both!**

Marriage is a journey!!

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. For more information call 563-920-9419 or you can sign up at wwme.org. Upcoming Experiences are September 22-24 in Dubuque, Iowa and April 12-14 in Epworth, Iowa.

RAFFLE

Have you picked up your raffle tickets? They can be found on the main entry way of the church. Thank you.