



**DECEMBER 17, 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



## 3<sup>RD</sup> 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–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, December 18**

7:00 AM † Clem Steele

**TUES, December 19**5:30 PM † All Souls  
† Paul & Mary Perrin**WED, December 20**

7:00 AM † Linda Jones

**THURS, December 21***St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church*7:00 AM † Ed & Gertrude Gibbs  
9:00 AM † Jon Atkinson**FRI, December 22**

7:00 AM † Carolyn Gibbs

**SAT, December 23***Nursing Home Mass at Dubuque Specialty Care*9:00 AM † All Souls  
*Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
4:00 PM † Dan Oberbroeckling  
† Earl & Lorriane McAllister**SUN, December 24***Fourth Sunday of Advent*8:00 AM Pro Populo  
10:00 AM † Carolyn Gibbs**SUN, December 24***Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord*4:00 PM † Bob Steffen  
† Harold Zimmerman  
9:00 PM † Allan & Brian Stoffel**MON, December 25***The Nativity of the Lord*8:00 AM Pro Populo  
† Lois Lex  
10:00 AM † Mike Leibfried  
† Harry & Mary Jo Jorgensen**REST IN PEACE****DEAR PARISHIONERS,**

The Prince and the Pauper is an English-language novel by American author Mark Twain. It was first published in 1881 in Canada before its 1882 publication in the United States. The book represents Twain's first attempt at historical fiction. Set in 1547, the novel tells the story of two young boys who are identical in appearance: Tom Canty, a pauper who lives with his abusive father in Offal Court off Pudding Lane in London and Edward VI of England, son of Henry VIII of England.

The novel begins with Tom Canty, an impoverished boy living with his abusive family in London. One day, Tom Canty and Prince Edward, the son of King Henry VIII, meet and, as a joke, switch clothes. While dressed in the pauper's rags, the Prince leaves the palace to punish the guard who knocked Tom down. However, the boys look remarkably alike and because they switch clothes, the palace guards throw the prince out into the street. The Prince fares poorly in London because he insists on proclaiming his identity as the true Prince of Wales. Meanwhile despite Tom's repeated denial of his birthright, the court and the King insist that he is the true prince gone mad. After the death of Henry VIII, Edward interrupts Tom's coronation and the boys explain, switch places, and Edward is crowned King of England...All's well that ends well.

This story is an illustration of what is commonly called, "A case of mistaken identity." In the gospel reading John the Baptist is asked, "Who are you?" We see that John the Baptist is asked this question in the specific context of the messianic expectations of the Levites and priests, who represent the religious establishment of the society of which John the Baptist is a part. This establishment expects a messiah who fits into its preconceived notion of the extraordinary. John almost falls into a case of mistaken identity. He could have taken full advantage of the situation but he doesn't.

Today's readings for the middle of Advent seek to bring us closer to an understanding of the coming Messiah by reflecting back upon us the problem of our own identity. This question, "Who are you?" is asked of us. We, too, could fall into a case of mistaken identity in a world where our existence could easily be misconstrued as either Christians who give witness in joy or consumers who live for the moment in selfishness.

John responds first by giving a negative definition of him self. He is not the Messiah. Nor is he the re-incarnation of figures like Elijah and Moses. We likewise need to be able to say who we are not. We need to have a healthy sense that we are not defined by the unfounded expectations of others, by our particular economic position, our job, what we can buy or the clothes we wear.

The Baptist then moves to a positive definition of himself. "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord'." This answer is as startling, as it is unique, poetic and beautiful. It is a response given from the stance of humility in his being in relationship to the coming Messiah. It speaks of John the Baptist's identity and responsibility while at the same time expresses his position as one of urgency and joy.

We too are called to find such a positive definition of ourselves and to demonstrate it in our daily living through our words and actions. With humility and joy we are to be, in relationship, with God who assists us in defining our self and helps us to discern or determine the life path we follow.

Christians are those who live in the context of their relationship with the Lord Jesus. We are called to be open to doing the will of God in joy. In Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, our second reading for today, we

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## IN THE PARISH

### VOCATION COMMITTEE

The vocations Committee is still looking to fill some of the dates for the 31 Club. Praying for vocations. The following dates are open for someone to pray each month: 3, 4, 7, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, and 25. If you are interested in praying for vocations on any of these dates, please contact Terry Friedman at 563-590-2030 or email tf50180@gmail.com

### SENIOR SOCIAL LUNCH & CARDS

The next Senior Social will be held on Monday, December 18, at 11:30 am in the Church Social Space. Cost is \$5 if you are not bringing a dish to pass. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space or call Julie at 563- 663-2034.



### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Thursday, December 21, from 6:30–8:00 pm, in the Parish Office Living Room. Anyone interested in sharing their talent of crocheting or knitting prayer shawls is welcome to attend. Participants enjoy working and praying in community, and sharing in the ministry of reaching out together to those in need.



## MUSIC

Coordinator of Liturgical Music  
Amy Dolan



It is the Third Sunday of Advent: GAUDETE!!! REJOICE!! We have only one more week until we celebrate the birth of Jesus! A wonderful tradition in our church is commemorating a

period of eight days, otherwise known as an Octave. This weekend we celebrate the last eight days of Advent. Today we will sing the great Advent Hymn, "Veni, Veni Emmanuel" or as we know it in English: "O Come O Come Emmanuel." This hymn has seven verses, one for each day of the Octave. We will conclude our Mass singing the contemporary hymn "Emmanuel" by Steve Angrisano, which uses the same text in a more lively musical setting. Our bell choir will ring the classic Advent Hymn, "People Look East" today along with a beautiful meditative version of "Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming." Our parish choir is working on a beautiful setting of "Of the Father's Love Begotten." The text is a doctrinal hymn based on the Latin poem "Corde natus" by the Roman poet Aurelius Prudentius in the 4th century. The music was written in plainchant during Medieval times, but the message tells of the story of the Divine Mysteries:

**Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
And that future years shall see, Evermore and evermore!**

## LITURGY

Liturgy  
Deacon Mike Ellis

### Upcoming Liturgical Events/Training/ Special Masses

#### Mass Schedule for Dec. 23 - 25

##### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 23: 4:00 pm

Sunday Dec. 24: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Sunday afternoon/evening Dec. 24: Christmas Eve

4:00 pm & 9:00 pm

Monday, Dec 25 Christmas Day

8:00 am & 10:00 am

**Readers, EM's Ushers and Greeters: please log in to MSP to assist at the Masses this weekend.**

#### Reconciliation Times this week:

Monday, December 18: 7:30 am – 8:30 am

Tuesday, December 19: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 20: 12:00 pm -1:00 pm

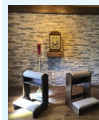
Thursday, December 21: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Friday, December 22: 7:30 am – 8:30 am

Saturday, December 23: 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

**Word Among Us: Please contact Deacon Mike if you are interested in receiving the Word Among Us.**

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



## PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

- Please join us for Morning Prayer on Tuesdays beginning at 7am and Evening Prayer on Tuesdays beginning at 4:30 pm.
- The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for private prayer before Our Eucharistic Lord.
- Please consider praying as your time allows. If 15 minutes is all the time you have the Lord will appreciate the visit.
- If you are able to commit to a time of prayer, please sign up using the Resurrection Website: <https://res-dbg.org>. Go to liturgy and prayer and then adoration. Please sign in as this will help us communicate. If you do not sign up on line, please sign up in the book.
- The outside door by the side of Church will be unlocked daily from 5:00 am – 8:00 pm. After 8:00 pm the door can be unlocked by using the security key pad to the left of the door on the outside wall. For the code password, call Deacon Mike in the parish office, 556-7511.
- The light switch for the Chapel is on the right wall inside the Chapel doors.
- Open the round tabernacle door on the actual tabernacle. If you are the only person in the chapel, upon completion of your visit close the round tabernacle door.
- If you hear the tornado siren, please take the steps to the bottom and hide yourself in the opening under the stairs.

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

## HEALTH MINISTRY

Mary Schmidt, Parish Nurse

### CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER

Care for the Caregiver will meet Monday, December 18, 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 & SACRAMENTS

Wendy Osterberger  
Director of Faith Formation

### The True Meaning of Christmas

Do you love Christmas traditions but don't know where they come from? Tune in for Dr. Michael Patrick Barber's Advent reflections called "The True Meaning of Christmas" and learn the meaning behind your favorite Christmas pastimes on FORMED at <https://watch.formed.org/the-true-meaning-of-christmas> Our parish has purchased a FORMED subscription for you to enjoy at no charge to you at home. Get signed on today if you haven't done so already by visiting [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) Enter our parish zip code (52002), your name and email address. That's it! No passwords or logins to remember. Start enjoying The True Meaning of Christmas series and thousands of enriching Catholic movies, programs, audio, and books instantly on FORMED for free.

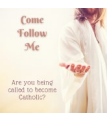


### Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation class starts in January for high school students wishing to receive the sacrament in April. Please contact Wendy at the parish office if you still need to get registered. A parent meeting will be held on Dec. 20 from 6:30-7:30 pm at the Cathedral Center.

### Your Prayers Are Needed

We are looking for several more volunteers to be prayer partners for the high school students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation starting in January. If you are willing to help, contact Wendy [dbq058FF@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq058FF@dbqarch.org) or 556-7511.

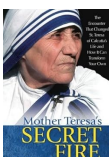


### Joining the Catholic Church

Interested in being baptized in the Catholic Faith or who are wanting to become Catholic from another Christian denomination? Let's get started on your journey together. Classes are offered year round. Contact Wendy at [dbq058ff@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq058ff@dbqarch.org) or 556-7511.

### Women's Conference

Register now and join us for the 2024 Archdiocesan Women's Conference Beauty in Christ: Reviving Our Hearts held virtually on January 27 from 9:00 – 1:30 pm. For more info about the speakers check out: <https://www.archwomensconference.org/>



### Res Readers Book Club

ALL are welcome to join us as we discuss our next book, "Mother Teresa's Secret Fire", by Joseph Langford. The book is available at River Lights Bookstore. Because of its length we are going to cover this book in two sessions. January 11, we will discuss Sections One & Two. On February 22, we will discuss Section Three and the Appendices. We will meet in the Small Meeting Room at the parish office from 7:30 am -9:00 am.

## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Emily Tatum  
Coordinator Youth Faith Formation

### Children's Liturgy of the Word



**ADVENT Week 3** - Today we learned about the Advent Wreath and lit our pink candle - The Angels' Candle - Joyful Sunday

Our Gospel taught us that the almighty has done great things and to testify to the light.



### 2024 Epiphany Play

All youth K-12th grade are invited to participate in the Epiphany play during the 11 am Mass on January 7. Our parent information night and part sign-up will be held this Wednesday, December 20, at 7:15 pm in the Resurrection School. The Mass will be youth-led as well so there will be plenty of opportunities to be involved. If interested, please let Emily Tatum know at 563-556-7511 or [dbq058ff2@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq058ff2@dbqarch.org).

## MIDDLE & HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

Brian Nilles, Coordinator of Youth Ministries

### Dec 17: YLT Family Christmas Party

6:00 pm — 8:00 pm. LoBianco Room Door #2

### Dec 17 YLT Christmas Party

All high school students and their families are invited for a Christmas party from 6:00 pm—8:00 pm with food, Secret Santa, and games. Please RSVP number attending from your family to Brian by Dec 16.

### Dec 20 Caroling and Delivering Presents

All 6th—12th grade families are needed to spread some Christmas cheer. We will be singing and delivering presents to a few of the retirement homes in the area. Meet in the Resurrection gym by 6:30 pm, enter through door #5.



### Summer Service Trip 2024

We are in the planning stages of putting together a service trip this summer. If you would like to be a part of the planning or are interested in going, please contact Brian. There are only 2 requirements: need to be 14 or older and love serving others.



### For more information, contact:

Brian Nilles 556-7511 or [dbq058ym@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq058ym@dbqarch.org)

## PARISH SUPPORT

### Adult tithe for December 10, 2023

Weekly contributions needed .....	\$34,615.38
<b>Collected from 256 out of 2342 envelopes .....</b>	<b>\$50,234.00</b>
Offertory .....	\$1,218.45
Electronic Fund Transfer (297 envelopes).....	\$31,008.67
Total collected .....	\$82,461.12
YTD collections needed (7/1-12/10).....	\$786,538.51
YTD collected in envelopes (7/1-12/10).....	\$776,005.45
YTD total over/short.....	(\$10,533.06)
Immaculate Conception Collection .....	\$1,890.01

**Have you remembered Resurrection in your will?**

*Thank you for your support!*

## 2024 STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

If you would like to make any changes to your current Tithe pledge or start a monthly Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), forms are available in the church or you can find them online with the following QR Code.



## SCRIP

The next scrip order date is **Monday, December 18**. Orders and payment must be received by 10:00 am on Monday.



**LAST SCRIP ORDER DATE BEFORE CHRISTMAS:  
DECEMBER 18.**

To sign up for a scrip account, or for any other questions related to scrip, contact the Resurrection Scrip Program at: [scripoffice@gmail.com](mailto:scripoffice@gmail.com)

## STEWARDSHIP

### Third Sunday of Advent

All of the people in today's readings – the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist – seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

## AROUND TOWN

All are welcome to join us at **St. Columbkille** for our communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Sunday, December 17**, at 4:00 pm. Receiving the gift of God's healing mercy will be all the more reason to rejoice on Gaudete Sunday!

### CEW 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration-Prime Rib Dinner

Come and celebrate 50 years of CEW!

When: January 13, 2024; Social 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Catered by: Poor man's: Prime Rib, potato, vegetable, salad, dinner rolls, dessert, milk, and coffee

Where: Sacred Heart Church-Kriebs Hall

Cost: \$40-Open to the first 70 people

Purchase tickets at Sacred Heart Parish office or online at [www.holyspiritdbq.org](http://www.holyspiritdbq.org)

## ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS

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

### MONDAY, December 18

10:00 AM SCRIP Due.....	Parish Office
11:30 AM Senior Social .....	Church Social Space
1:30 PM Care for the Caregiver .....	..... Community Room
3:30 PM Children's Choir .....	Church
5:45 PM Stretching to God .....	LL Social Space
6:00 PM High School YM .....	..... Deacon Tim LoBianco Room
6:45 PM Bell Choir.....	Church

### TUESDAY, December 19

1:00 PM Bible Study .....	Adult FF Room
2:00 PM Rosary Makers .....	Upper Room
6:00 PM Individual Reconciliation .....	Church

### WEDNESDAY, December 20

12:00 PM Individual Reconciliation .....	Church
3:00 PM Sharing Tree Gift Distribution ...	Garage
4:00 PM YFF Class.....	Church Social Space
6:30 PM High School Open Topic Night.....	..... LoBianco Room
6:30 PM YFF Class .....	School
6:30 PM Epiphany Play Parent Meeting.....	..... School Music Room

### THURSDAY, December 21

7:30 AM M.E.S.S. ....	Church Social Space
3:30 PM Altar Server Practice.....	Church
5:00 PM Choir .....	Church
5:00 PM Individual Reconciliation .....	Church
6:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul .....	St. George Room
6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry .....	2nd Floor

### FRIDAY, December 22

7:30 AM Individual Reconciliation .....	Church
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### SATURDAY, December 23

2:30 PM Individual Reconciliation .....	Church
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### SUNDAY, December 24

No Events

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE



Today's gospel reports "there is one among you whom you do not recognize." It is hard to believe Christ is present in a family with crazy schedules, suppers that start too late and end too early, cars that don't start, misunderstandings, frustrations, piles of laundry, unmatched socks and stretched food budgets. The list is endless. The words spoken at Mass, "The Lord is with you," are not a hope, they are a fact. By Bud Ozar

## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT



"He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted" (Is 61:1). Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, reminds us of God's gift of joy ("gaudium" in Latin), no matter what trials we are experiencing in our family.



## CONTACT US

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## SCHOOL

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### Resurrection Site

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Preschool/Daycare Office ..... 563-583-5206

**Principal,** Sara Weires..... sweires@holymfamilydbq.org

## RESURRECTION PRAYER CHAIN

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**St. Vincent de Paul Society,** Andy Benko ..... 563-556-3272

**Vocations Committee,** Terry Friedman ..... 563-556-3121

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL VOUCHER CENTER NEEDS



### End Poverty Through Systemic Change

The following items are needed most right now at our downtown Voucher Center:

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



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

### 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>



## VOCATION VIEWS

*Rejoice; never cease praying.* Let us never cease praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.  
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-24)

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.

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understand that the will of God is to give thanks which will leave us open to the spirit.

In the words of St. Paul, by rejoicing in the Lord; praying without ceasing; being thankful and giving thanks; listening to prophetic utterances; retaining what is good and refraining from every kind of evil, we will indeed, come to know ourselves in relationship with our savior.

If this is indeed our reality, then there won't even be the slightest possibility that we fall into a case of mistaken identity.

Fr. Phil Gibbs, Pastor

## STO

**The State of Iowa is offering 75 cents for every dollar you donate back on your Iowa taxes:** For every \$1 you donate to Our Faith STO, you get 75 cents of that donation back on your Iowa taxes. It is that simple. Your donation helps families with qualifying financial needs attend schools in the Archdiocese of Dubuque. If you have questions, or think this offer from the State of Iowa is too good to be true, talk with your tax advisor, or call Steve Kane, Director of Our Faith STO at (563) 556-2580 x296. For information on how to donate visit [www.ourfaithsto.org/donor](http://www.ourfaithsto.org/donor)

## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

**Our women and men religious offer gratitude.** A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org).

## THE SHARING TREE

**All gifts for the Sharing Tree must be brought to the main entrance of church by 11:00 am on December 17.**

A sincere thank you to all who have taken gift tags from the tree or have given cash donations. St. Vincent de Paul Society

