



DECEMBER 31, 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



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

Website: www.res-dbq.org | Facebook: facebook.com/resdbq

**MON, January 1***Mary, The Holy Mother of God*

9:00 AM † Carl & Kay Winter
 † Al & Millie Foxen

TUES, January 2

*Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory
 Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors*

5:30 PM † All Souls

WED, January 3*The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

7:00 AM † Tom Donovan

THURS, January 4*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*

7:00 AM † Bill & Rita McDonough
 Family

9:00 AM † Debbie Shurts

FRI, January 5*St. John Neumann, Bishop*

7:00 AM † Al Levin
 † Ruth Esser Recker

SAT, January 6*Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord*

4:00 PM † Eldon Bonifas
 † Don & Erna Schmidt

SUN, January 7*The Epiphany of the Lord*

7:00 AM † Pro Populo
 † Nancy Brown
 9:00 AM † William & Helene Byrne
 † Phil & Audrey Lambe
 11:00 AM † Jim & Bonnie Wolske

REST IN PEACE

Christopher J. Noonan, brother of
 Amy (Cy) Kluesner.

**DEAR PARISHIONERS,**

During this season of twinkling lights that are fading, wrapping paper that is gathered and discarded and Christmas Trees that are getting tired and beginning to dry out, I found this story about Christmas Tree Ornaments that I would like to share with you. I believe that it summarizes the importance of faith stories in the family setting and how we should pass those down through the generations.

The story is entitled "A Family Tale of Christmas Ornaments." It was written by Chyrsta Baker and published in July of 2012. I took the liberty to condense it.

"With every Christmas ornament I hold and place on the Christmas tree each year, I recall the stories my mother and grandmother used to tell as we decorated the Christmas tree when I was a child. From my great-grandmother to my grandmother to my mother to me and someday to my own children, our family Christmas ornament collection has grown both in number and in my heart over the years.

My great-grandmother came to the United States from Germany at the start of the 20th century. To picture a teenage girl today leaving her home and her family to work in a foreign city without even understanding the language or the culture seems nearly impossible. My great-grandmother did it, however, and in just a few short years she was married, had a child, and was living the life of freedom her parents had so desperately wanted her to live in America.

When my grandmother was a child, she told me that her mother (my great-grandmother) would cry every Christmas as she thought about her own parents back in Germany and how she knew she would never see them again. One Christmas, however, my great-grandfather gave my great-grandmother a beautiful mouth-blown, hand-painted glass ornament that had been made in her home country of Germany. This was the very first Christmas ornament that would eventually grow into the family collection I now have in my own home.

The little glass ornament that came from her own homeland in Germany must have made her feel like she was connected with her family back home. From that Christmas on, my great-grandfather would buy her a new ornament to add to her collection each year. Instead of crying, my great-grandmother would smile with joy as she placed each new ornament on the tree and tell stories of what it was like growing up in Germany as a young girl.

When my grandmother grew up, got married, and gave birth to my own mother my great-grandmother passed on her precious Christmas ornament collection to her. At first, my grandmother didn't want to take it because she knew how much it meant to her mother. However, my great-grandmother told her that passing on the ornaments to the next generation made her feel that her own parents and memories would be passed on as well and therefore never be forgotten. More and more Christmas ornaments were added to the collection over the years. The ones that remain are those that carry along with them a special story or meaning to them.

As a child, I remember hearing all the stories that went along with the Christmas ornaments that were in our collection and every time I placed a new one on its hook and selected a place for it on the Christmas tree, I was thoroughly fascinated with the stories and history that went along with each and every one of them.

Today, the family Christmas ornament collection has been handed down to me. Remembering the stories and thinking about how my children will eventually tell their children the stories that have been handed down since my great-grandmother always brings a tear to my eye. It's an awesome responsibility that I take very seriously and hope will continue on for generations. I am the newest keeper of the collection. I know that I'm making my great-grandmother proud and the memories that she held and we all hold will live on forever in our very special family Christmas ornament collection."

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IN THE PARISH

Dear Parishioners,

Blessings of peace and joy as well as good health and happiness to you all during this holy season of Christmas and throughout the New Year. Many, many thanks to all of you who have remembered your pastor and the parish staff on your Christmas list this year. All the cards, candies, cash gifts, baked goods and other beautiful expressions of your gratitude to and for us are deeply appreciated. We are so grateful to Jesus to have you as a parish family and we are honored to be able to serve you in the ways that we do. God bless you all.

Sincerely, Fr. Phil and the parish staff of the Church of the Resurrection.

SENIOR SOCIAL LUNCH & CARDS

The next Senior Social will be held on Monday, January 15, 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.



SATURDAY NIGHT EUCHRE

We sincerely hope to see you, friends, family and neighbors at 6:00 pm on Saturday, January 20, 2024, in the Church Social Space for our next "Resurrection Church Third Saturday Euchre Tournament." Please feel free to invite others.

MUSIC

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Coordinator of Liturgical Music
Amy Dolan



And a sincere "THANK YOU!" to all who helped in making our liturgical celebrations of Christmas as meaningful and prayerful as can be. Thank you

especially to all the wonderful music ministers: Our **Parish Choir** who sings throughout the liturgical year, and our **Bell Choir** who plays during Advent and Christmas season, to our talented **cantors, accompanists and instrumentalists** who lead music on all year long. We also look forward to hearing our **Children's Choir** who will be singing at the **11:00 AM Mass on January 7th** as we conclude the Christmas Season with the children helping perform the Christmas Story on the Feast of Epiphany. Which reminds us that...

CHRISTMAS CONTINUES...

Remember that December 25 is just the beginning of our celebration of Christmas. We continue to sing Christmas carols and reflect on the wonderful gift of Christ until the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 8th**. Keep the Christmas spirit going in all that you do! God bless!!

LITURGY

Liturgy
Deacon Mike Ellis

Upcoming Liturgical Events/Training/ Special Masses

December 30-31 Mass Schedule

December 30 – 4:00 PM

December 31 – 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

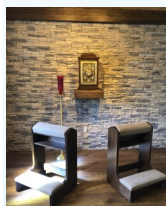
Monday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Mass – 9:00 AM

Sunday, January 7, 2024: 11:00 AM Mass – Epiphany
Play done by children.

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 at 563-556-7511.

HEALTH MINISTRY

Mary Schmidt, Parish Nurse

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER

Care for the Caregiver will meet Monday, January 8, 2024, 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

New Year's Resolution

Make it your New Year's resolution to learn more about our Catholic faith. Our parish has purchased a FORMED subscription for you to enjoy at no charge to you at home. Sign on today if you haven't done so already by visiting the website at signup.formed.org. Enter our parish zip code (52002), your name and email address and away you go! Start learning more about the faith with thousands of enriching Catholic movies, programs, audio, and books instantly on FORMED for free.



High School Confirmation Class

Our next high school Confirmation class will be held this Wednesday, January 3, from 6:30 – 7:45 pm in the Church. Candidates will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation at class.

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 or 556-7511.

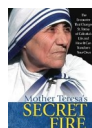


The Search

As Catholics, we know life is a beautiful mystery. Now explore the depths of that mystery and what it means for you. Join us for a 4-session video & discussion series study called The Search, a beautiful program that explores life's big questions. Sessions will be led by parishioner Mark Gates and held from 6:30-8:30 pm on Tuesdays starting January 23. RSVP is necessary before January 15. Cost for materials is \$15, payable at the first gathering. To RSVP, call Wendy at the parish office (563) 556-7511.

Res Readers

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 2 sessions. Jan 11, we will discuss Sections One & Two. On Feb 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.



Important 2024 Dates to Add to Your Calendar

Jan. 20: Sacrament of Confirmation - held at Resurrection
Jan. 27: Virtual Archdiocesan Women's Conference
<https://www.archwomensconference.org/>
Feb. 18, 19, 20: Parish Mission at Resurrection
March 9: Archdiocesan Men's Conference in Cedar Rapids
<https://www.archmensconference.org/>
April 28: Sacrament of Confirmation - held at Cathedral
May 4 & 5: First Communion at all Resurrection Masses
Sept. 28 & 29: Christ Our Life Conference in Des Moines
<https://christourlifeiowa.com/>

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Emily Tatum
Coordinator Youth Faith Formation

2024 Epiphany Play

Our 2nd Annual Epiphany Play will be held next Sunday, January 7, during the 11 am Mass. Please join us as the children age PreK-5th grade show us how a star helped guide animals, shepherds and Magi to the baby Jesus. All are invited to share in cookies and punch after Mass.



School Year YFF Homeschool

Our School Year YFF Homeschool check-in will be January 14 at your choice of either after the 9 am or 11 am Mass in the Upper Room.



Summer Dates

Please mark your calendars for our summer PreK-5th Grade youth events:

Summer Youth Faith Formation June 17-20, 24-27
Vacation Bible School (VBS) July 8-12

MIDDLE & HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

Brian Nilles, Coordinator of Youth Ministries

Dec 31: No LoBianco Youth Room Happy New Year

Jan 8th— Planning Meeting 7:00 pm—8:30 pm

High school students are invited to a meeting to help plan January – June activities such as: a Lock-in, Bakeoff, Rescue Mission Meal, Sledding Party, & possibly a spring retreat, assist with Children Liturgy of the Word at 4pm & 9 am Mass and much more. Everyone who signs up for an activity will be entered into a drawing for gift card.

Come to the LoBianco Youth Room Door #2

Middle School Activities 2023—2024

Lock-in, Open Gyms, Service Trip (Catholic Heart Work Camp), Water Park trip, Board Game Night, Bible Study, "Foundation" Faith in Action Nights, Community Nights, Fishing tournament, Movie Night, Ping pong tournament, Youth-led Mass, Living Stations of the Cross. There is a lot more to come, and take part in the upcoming months. All activities are open to all 6th –8th grade students.

Service for school Hempstead, Senior & Wahlert

Need service hours for school? Please feel free to contact Brian who can direct you to organizations in the parish that do great work helping others.

For more information, contact:

Brian Nilles 556-7511 or dbq058ym@dbqarch.org

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult tithe for December 17, 2023

Weekly contributions needed	\$34,615.38
Collected from 214 out of 2344 envelopes	\$24,981.00
Offertory	\$826.14
Total collected	\$25,807.14
YTD collections needed (7/1-12/17)	\$819,230.82
YTD collected in envelopes (7/1-12/17)	\$801,812.59
YTD total over/short	(\$17,418.23)
Partner Parish Collection	\$1,857.00

Have you remembered Resurrection in your will?

Thank you for your support!

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult tithe for December 24, 2023

Weekly contributions needed	\$34,615.38
Collected from 221 out of 2339 envelopes	\$40,452.76
Offertory	\$3,565.75
Electronic Fund Transfer (187 envelopes)	\$19,609.33
Total collected	\$63,627.84
YTD collections needed (7/1-12/24)	\$851,923.13
YTD collected in envelopes (7/1-12/24)	\$865,440.43
YTD total over/short	\$13,517.30

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Thank you for your support!

SCRIP

On December 18, 2023 there were 51 Scrip orders with profit of \$1,954.93.



The next scrip order date is Monday, January 8, 2024. 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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Resurrection Elementary School is seeking a part-time, 2nd shift custodian to join our team! We offer a starting wage of \$16.00 per hour. Hours are Monday - Friday, 15-20 hours per week. Interested candidates should contact Jeff Rusch, Director of Building and Grounds, at jrusch@holyfamilydbq.org or 563-582-5456 (ext. 224).

STEWARDSHIP

Feast of the Holy Family

"Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, "...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through Him." And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit."

ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS

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

MONDAY, January 1

Parish Office Closed

TUESDAY, January 2

6:30 PM Liturgy Committee..... Community Room

WEDNESDAY, January 3

7:30 AM Building & Grounds..... St. George Room

6:00 PM City-Wide Catechist Retreat.....

..... Adult FF Room

6:30 PM Confirmation Reconciliation..... Church

THURSDAY, January 4

7:30 AM M.E.S.S. Church Social Space

5:00 PM Choir Church

5:00 PM Green Space Development Committee..

..... Community Room

FRIDAY, January 5

No Events

SATURDAY, January 6

8:30 AM Epiphany Play Practice Church

8:30 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal Church

SUNDAY, January 7

1:30 PM St. Peregrine Group

..... Church Gathering Space

6:00 PM YLT Deacon Tim LoBianco Room

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE



The gospel today shows Mary and Joseph weren't 'perfect' parents. If you have ever been 'amazed' and 'astonished' at what came out of your child's mouth, then you are in good company. If there were times you 'didn't understand' your children or felt 'anxious' about their behavior so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough but it is also the stuff of holiness. - By Bud Ozar

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT



Today we celebrate the Holy Family: Joseph, Mary and Jesus. They are powerful intercessors for marriages and families! Pray to them today, and consider placing an image of the Holy Family in your home.

Romance and Excitement?

That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information call Denise and Greg: 563-920-9419. Upcoming weekends are February 16-18 in Marshalltown, April 12-14, 20 in Epworth, and September 27-29 in Dubuque.

CONTACT US

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

- Cleaned 1 gallon ice cream buckets to use at St. Pat's when we serve meals
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Small jugs of laundry soap
- Hygiene products (shampoo, body wash, bars of soap)
- Cleaning supplies
- 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>



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As we come together in faith this weekend after Christmas on Holy Family Sunday our attention is drawn to the forbearers of our faith. They are our ancestors of the Old Testament world who established a covenant with God that has been fostered down through the generations. At the same time, recipients of that Old Testament faith tradition remain intent on passing this great tradition on to the new generation in the New Testament.

Simeon and Anna were both faithful prophets but also responsible bearers of an extended faith tradition. They represent the respected elders of the community preparing us by the power of prayer and passing down precious stories of salvation to the next and newest generation. The next and newest generations is, in turn, responsible for presenting those same time-honored stories to the generations that follow. Now, those faith stories are ours and it is our awesome responsibility to share them and pass them on.

Our faith stories are more precious than any ancient Christmas ornaments handed down through the generations. We have such a rich deposit of faith that is so much more unique, beautiful and ornate. We are the newest keepers of this collection of these treasures of faith. We, through powerful prayer and shining example of faithfulness, must keep that legacy alive so that we make all our ancestors of faith - proud. We must make sure these memories live on forever. Through the intercession of the Holy Family, let us pray for that grace.

Fr. Phil Gibbs, Pastor

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

We thank the parishioners who contributed to our Christmas Liturgical Environment Fund in memory of their loved ones. Please pray for those listed below.

Kathy Badger
Delbert Miller
Dick Kausal

Jack Sabers
Reece Shaw

CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS

Friday, January 5, at 7:00 pm, the Cathedral of Saint Raphael will offer an evening prayer service of "Lessons and Carols." Prelude music will begin at 6:30 pm. This service of scripture readings (lessons) and responses (choir and assembly carols) will guide us through the story of salvation history from the fall of Adam and Eve to the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Cathedral's 12 year tradition of "Lessons and Carols" continues this Christmas season! At a time when there is great need for beauty, peace and good cheer, the experience of "Lessons and Carols" can offer you just that! Plan on joining us.

For more information contact: Jim Mendralla, Director of Music, dbq054S1@dbqarch.org, 563.582.7646 x214



VOCATION VIEWS

Yours may not be THE Holy Family, but you are still a holy family. Share an expression of gratitude for the gift of your family today.

Pray for wholeness and holiness for all members of the family of God. (Colossians 3:12-21)

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.

FAMILY-TO- FAMILY

Next Class: Monday, January 8, 2024, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm for 8 weeks.

Location: NAMI Dubuque Program Center- 225 W6th Street, Dubuque, Iowa 52001

Register here: namidubuque.org/f2f Questions: Barb@namidubuque.org / 563-590-2512