

# **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



# **JANUARY 7, 2024**



# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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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 8

The Baptism of the Lord
7:00 AM † Gregory Dolter

# TUES, January 9

**5:30 PM** † All Souls

† Al Chidley

# WED, January 10

7:00 AM † Earl "Dusty" Rhodes

# THURS, January 11

7:00 AM † Gerald Schmitt 9:00 AM † Carolyn Gibbs

# FRI, January 12

7:00 AM † Judy Howe

# SAT, January 13

Nursing Home Mass at Hawkeye Care 9:00 AM † Carolyn Gibbs Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM † John & Dorothy Markham

† George Westercamp

#### SUN, January 14

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM Pro Populo

† Herb Ernst

9:00 AM † Joseph & Mary Behnke

† Joe & Mary Ann Ward

11:00 AM † Nick & Lorene LeGrand

† Wayne Konrardy

# **REST IN PEACE**

Jerome "Jerry" Alois
Vorwald, father of Deb
(Mark) Gremmels and
Deanne (Steve) Arthur
and grandfather of
Mackenzie (Leighton) Hackert; Richard
Wachter, parishioner, husband of Janaan Wachter and father of Jeff
(Ann) Wachter and grandfather of
Emma and Maya Wachter.



# **DEAR PARISHIONERS,**

Please welcome the following families who joined Resurrection parish in December, 2023:

Joann Page Mitchell & Kayla Evens & Family
Douglas Stillings Robert & Meghan Leibfried & Family
Doris Kedley TJ & Betsy Houselog & Family

Ben & Lynsi Duehr & Family Jared & Morgan McGovern & Family

Did you know that there are only about 353 shopping days until next Christmas? Do you know of anyone who actually gets excited about Christmas day this far out even though we are still officially in the Christmas season? I would have to say that my Mom might be one. In terms of planning and preparing for Christmas gift giving, she is very deliberate and thoughtful. The gifts that she gives are always ready to go and are both reflective of her sentiments toward and fitting to the recipient. She is also quite the bargain hunter.

I, on the other hand, am not particularly motivated by the fact that there are 353 shopping days left until next Christmas. I generally don't get really excited until it is about 3 hours and 53 minutes before we gather for the holiday. It is then when I realize that I forgot to get a gift for someone. I have, as embarrassing as it may seem, stopped by the local convenience store on my way home and scrambled to find a gift on Christmas day. These were the days before gift cards.

Is anyone else guilty of stopping at Casey's to grab a lottery ticket, a couple of Slim Jims, and a pine scented air freshener for the car hoping that grandma would appreciate your Christmas spirit and the thoughtfulness you put into her Christmas present? It is a rather embarrassing situation in which to find one's self. As a result, you feel not only cheap and inadequate but also disrespectful.

The gifts of the wise men to Jesus are very reflective of the whole world's sentiments toward the Christ Child and fitting to his position among us: Gold for a true king; frankincense for a high priest; and myrrh for one who was to die as our Savior. These gifts are deliberate and well thought out. They are not "spur of the moment" or last minute. One could only imagine if the wise men brought Jesus a lottery ticket, some Slim Jims, and a pine scented air freshener for the donkey ride to Egypt?!

The feast of the Epiphany – the manifestation of the light of Christ to the whole world – has significant implications to it. We celebrate the fact that God has shone his light on this world through the birth of his Son. God has dispelled the darkness of sin by making manifest his true love, hope and devotion to the entire world by inviting all to be his chosen people through Jesus Christ and not just exclusively to the Jewish nation of Israel. We are all to come and adore him.

The gifts offered to the Christ child not only express his rightful position among the people of the world but also puts us in our place. As he is king, so we are his subjects. As he is high priest, so we are his obedient followers. As he is our Savior, so we are his dependents. The gifts offered are not only reflective of our sentiments and fitting toward him but they are also reflective and fitting to us as we are to be in relationship to him.

In the second reading for this weekend we hear St. Paul words to the Ephesians to the effect that Paul, as well as others (people in other generations, apostles, prophets and Gentiles) are coheirs, copartners and stewards of God's grace and the promise of Jesus Christ.

It is that whole notion of being responsible stewards of God's grace and coheirs, copartners to the promise of Christ that has captured my attention concerning further reflections. We have received this great gift of a savior and through rite of our baptism we share, not only the rewards of these beliefs but also

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# IN THE PARISH

#### **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.

#### 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, 16, 18, 20, 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

#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Resurrection Elementary School is seeking a part-time, 2nd shift custodian. 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 & Grounds, 563-582-5456 (ext. 224).

# **MUSIC**

Coordinator of Liturgical Music Amy Dolan

the Epiphany, followed by the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, we will enter into the first weeks of Ordinary Time. We only have a little over 5 weeks this year before we will begin the season of Lent on February 14. Yes, that's right on Valentine's Day! It always feels a little strange to be marked with ashes on your forehead the same day you exchange cards and candy with your loved ones, right? But I am getting ahead of myself! This weekend is our last chance to join in singing our Christmas carols, as we recall the coming of the Three Wisemen. The children of our parish will act out the Christmas story at our 11 AM Mass! If you can join us, please come! The Children's Choir will sing many classic Christmas hymns along with a wonderful hymn called "The Friendly Beasts." This hymn is a traditional Christmas song about the gifts that a donkey, cow, sheep, and dove give to Jesus at the Nativity. The song seems to have originated in 12th -century France, set to the melody of the Latin song "Orientis Partibus." It tells how each animal helped take care of the baby Jesus. In our play there is also the "Star" who lights the way for

As the Christmas Season comes to an end with our celebration of



the wisemen to find the baby. May all of us continue to let our light shine throughout the new year, so that others may find the love of Christ. May we live out our parish mission and be a Visible Presence of Jesus in 2024!

# **LITURGY**

Liturgy Deacon Mike Ellis

**Upcoming Liturgical Events/Training/ Special Masses** 

**Sunday, January 7, 2024: 11:00 am Mass** — Epiphany Play done by children.

**Sunday, January 7, 2024: 12:30 pm** – All are welcome to come help take down the Christmas Decorations.

**Poinsettias:** You are free to take a poinsettia after the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, January 7. They will remain in the social space through the week.

#### **Upcoming Trainings**

**Usher/Greeter:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 6:30 pm Church **Reader's:** Monday, January 22, 2024, 6:30 pm Church **Eucharistic Minister's:** Tuesday, January 30, 2024, 5:30 pm in the Church

**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: <a href="https://res-dbq.org">https://res-dbq.org</a>. 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, 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

# **RSVP** by January 15th

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 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.

# **High School Confirmation Class**

Confirmation interviews will be held this upcoming week on January 8, 10, 11, and 15. Check your email for your specific date, time, and location.





# **BAPTISM** Baptism Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Prep Class will be held virtually on Sunday, Jan. 14, from 7–8:00 pm, via Zoom.

To register, go online to https://res-dbq.org/baptismal-preparation-class Attendance is requested prior to baptism.

#### First Eucharist Preparation Meeting

In preparation of the Sacrament of Eucharist, all parents, along with their child who will be making their first holy Communion this May, are asked to attend a preparation meeting on Tuesday, January 16, at 6:30 pm at the church. Please bring your blue bag, bible, and a writing utensil.



#### Are you Wanting to Become Catholic?

Interested in being baptized in the Catholic Faith or who are wanting to become Catholic from another Christian denomination? Classes are offered year

round. To begin your journey, contact Wendy at dbq058ff@dbqarch.org or 556-7511.

Start the New Year off right!

Register for the 2024 Archdiocesan Women's Conference Beauty in Christ: Reviving Our Hearts! Saturday, January 27, 2024, 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Revive your heart in Jesus! Mari Pablo and Mary Pedersen will share their stories of Eucharistic revival! Their witness will captivate our hearts and lead to conversation, praise, and thanksgiving. Check out our website, find a host parish, invite your sisters and friends, and be ready to be revived!! For more info https://www.archwomensconference.org/

# YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Emily Tatum
Coordinator Youth Faith Formation

# 2024 Epiphany Play

Thank you to all the students, parents and parishioners that helped make our play so wonderful.





#### School Year Homeschool YFF

Our School Year Homeschool YFF check-in will be January 14 after the 9 am and 11 am Mass in the Upper Room.

#### **Substitute Catechists Needed**

We are in need of 2-3 adults that would be interested in being a substitute catechist on Wednesday evenings. For both our Early (3:45pm-5:15pm) and Late (6:15pm-7:45pm) Sessions. If interested please contact Emily Tatum at dbq058ff2@dbqarch.org or 563-556-7511.

#### MIDDLE & HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

Brian Nilles, Coordinator of Youth Ministries

Jan 7—LoBianco Room open 6pm—8pm

# Jan 8— 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 4 pm & 9 am Mass and much more. Everyone who signs up for an activity will be entered into a drawing for a gift card.

Come to the Deacon LoBianco Youth Room Door #2

#### Jan 17—Saint Patrick Meal

Our youth will be helping with serving the meal at St. Patrick's Church from 3:00 pm—6:00 pm. If you are interested in helping, please contact Brian.

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 a great job of helping others.
Watch for up coming events such as;









#### For more information, contact:

Brian Nilles 556-7511 or dbq058ym@dbqarch.org

## **PARISH SUPPORT**

# Adult tithe for December 31, 2023

Weekly contributions needed	\$34,615.38
Collected from 200 out of 2336 envelopes	\$35,979.00
Offertory	\$925.78
Total collected	
YTD collections needed (7/1-12/31)	\$884,615.44
YTD collected in envelopes (7/1-12/31)	\$902,345.21
YTD total over/short	\$17,729.77
Christmas Collection	\$63,450.00

Have you remembered Resurrection in your will?

Thank you for your support!

# **SCRIP**



The next scrip order date is Monday, January
8, 2024. Orders and payment must be received by 10:00 am on

**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: <a href="mailto:scripoffice@gmail.com">scripoffice@gmail.com</a>

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, Religious Education, Confirmation, 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 <a href="mailto:scripoffice@gmail.com">scripoffice@gmail.com</a>

# **AROUND TOWN**

#### **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

#### **HOLY SPIRIT CEW WEEKEND**

The 2024 women's weekend will be held March 1-3, and the 2024 men's weekend will be held March 8-10. Both are held from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, at the Shalom Spirituality Center in Dubuque. For more information contact Tina Flaherty at 563-210-3079 or Jeff Schmidt at 563-543-3536. You can register online at <a href="https://www.holyspiritdbq.org/CEW2024">https://www.holyspiritdbq.org/CEW2024</a>

# **STEWARDSHIP**

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

# **ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS**

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

# MONDAY, January 8 7:30 AM St. Vincent de Paul Prayer Group...... ...... Church Social Space 10:00 AM SCRIP Due......Parish Office 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 6:45 PM Bell Choir.....Church TUESDAY, January 9 1:00 PM Bible Study..... Adult FF Room WEDNESDAY, January 10 3:30 PM Confirmation Interviews..... ...... Church Social Space 4:00 PMYFF Class......Church Social Space 6:30 PM High School Confirmation Class ..... ...... Church Social Space 6:30 PM YFF Class .....School THURSDAY, January 11 7:30 AM M.E.S.S......Church Social Space 7:30 AM Res Readers.....Small Meeting Room

FRIDAY, January 12

No Events

SATURDAY, January 13

No Events

SUNDAY, January 14

3:00 PM Dubuque In	terfaith Green Coalition
•••••	Church Social Space
6:00 PMYLT	Deacon Tim LoBianco Room

5:00 PM Choir......Church

5:00 PM Finance Council.....St. George Room

# A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE



The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New

Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children. By Bud Ozar

# MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT



"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Mt 2:11).

Do you and your family support the church or any charities financially? If

you are not in a position to donate money, offer gifts to the Lord through your service to others.

#### **CONTACT US**

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

#### **PARISH STAFF**

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#### PARISH CHAIRPERSONS

# 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. Through the generosity of the Parish our Christmas Sharing Tree provided gifts and items to 222 people this year. This includes 40 families and 123 children, 40 residents at local nursing homes, and gifts for women at Mary's Inn. The families were given 2 gifts for each child and 2 articles of clothing, a tote of food from the Thanksgiving food collection, a laundry basket with cleaning supplies, a family gift certificate and a food gift card averaging \$50 per family. A single father had this thank you, "Thank you very much my kids and I appreciate it, well they won't find out till Christmas day. But thank you very

much, bless you." Thank you also to the St. Vincent volunteers who help make the Sharing Tree possible. If you, or someone you know, is in need of assistance, please call the St. Vincent de Paul Voucher Line at 563-584-2226.



Continued from page 2. the responsibility – as good stewards – to pass on this gift of faith to the next generation.

In order to realize the importance of being coheirs, copartners and stewards we have to, first, recognize what we have received before we go out and give. Have we successfully realized the impact of the incarnation? Do we realize or are we still unaware of the significance of this event in our salvation history? If so or not, then is our offering to Christ, through his Church, reflective of how we understand and embrace the Christmas miracle?

Do we subject ourselves to truly live in submission to him as our king? Do we humbly follow him as our high priest? Do we offer authentic worship and praise to him who is our Savior? In the spirit of good stewardship, we recognize that all we have comes from God and we are obligated by our sense of gratitude to offer something back in return. In a sense, we are to offer a gift in return for the gift given.

Do we offer him anything at all? Do we merely offer him a token of our appreciation by giving minimally to a charity or occasionally attending church services? Or do we really give of ourselves through the gifts of our time, talent and treasure in response to his generosity and in honor of our loving God?

If you were to take the place of one of the three wise men, what would you have in your coffer to offer? Would it be reflective of your sentiments toward Jesus and fitting for his place in your life? Or would it be something that you might pick up at a convenience store that would prove to be embarrassing, cheap, inadequate or disrespectful.

There are only about 353 shopping days left before next Christmas day, but the Lord only knows how many days we have left before our final Christmas. Start now, shop smart, be wise and be ready.

Fr. Phil Gibbs, Pastor

# **VOCATION VIEWS**

The Magi brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What gifts do you have to give? Is God calling you to be a priest, brother, or sister? (Matthew 2:1-12)

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.

#### **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

# From Zach Reed, ImpactLife Account Manager:



We had a great day saving lives on Nov. 28 Blood Drive at Resurrection. There were 30 scheduled donors, 5 walk-ins, 1 no-show, and 2 deferrals. Total collected was 34 units with 3 first time

donors! At the Blood Center an additional 3 units were collected making our grand total 37! I can't thank you enough for continuing to host with us during the holidays, when we need it the most. You have a great group of dedicated donors! Those 34 units will help impact the lives of 102 patients at our local hospitals. On top of that you have secured the life savings grant!

# **Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition**

The Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition will meet on Sunday, January 14, at 3:00 pm in the Resurrection Church Social Space. Our guest speaker will be Laura Roussel from Dubuque Trees Forever. She will be talking about a tree/orchard project scheduled for this spring. Anyone interested in environmental stewardship is welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.