



# Welcome to **CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION**



*A Visible Presence*

## DECEMBER 28, 2025

### 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 the parish office 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

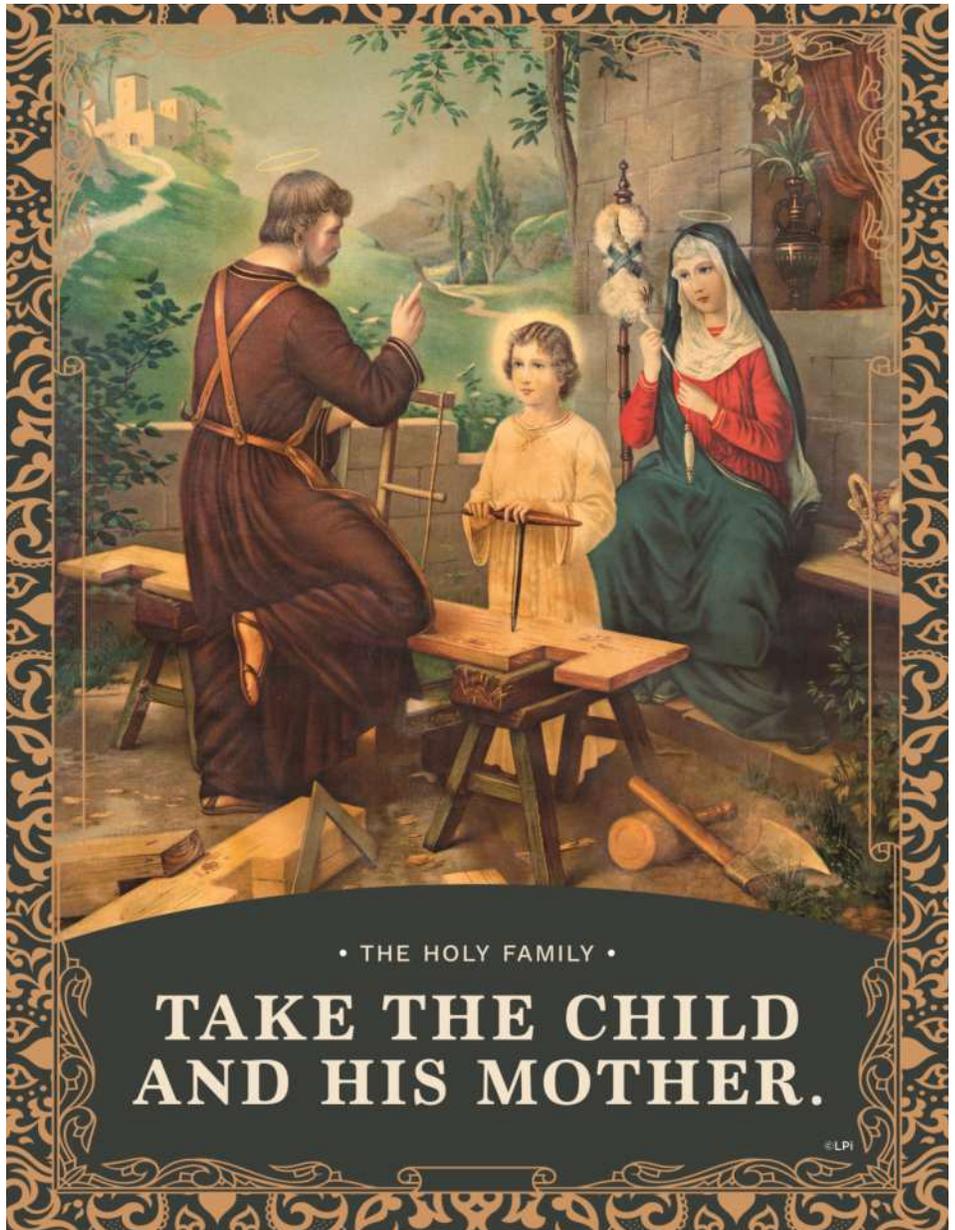
#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:00

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

#### Holy Days & Weekdays:

Refer to Bulletin



• THE HOLY FAMILY •

## TAKE THE CHILD AND HIS MOTHER.

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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 29**

7:00 AM † John & Marie Billmeyer  
† Chris Gibbs

**TUES, December 30**

5:30 PM † All Souls  
† Jim Steil

**WED, December 31**

7:00 AM † George & Ramona Esch  
† Carolyn Gibbs

**Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

5:30 PM † Fred Foxen  
† Al & Millie Foxen

**THURS, January 1****Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

9:00 AM † Duane Hagerty  
† Nikki Chapman

**FRI, January 2****No Week Day Mass**

6:30am – Nativity  
7:00am – No Mass at Resurrection  
7:00am – St. Columbkille  
7:30am – Cathedral, Sacred Heart, S.J. Key West  
7:45am – St. Anthony  
12Noon – S.J. the Worker

**SAT, January 3****Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord**

4:00 PM † LaVern & Luella Pape  
† Amy Brouner

**SUN, January 4****The Epiphany of the Lord**

7:00 AM † James Kasper, Jr.  
† Carolyn Gibbs  
9:00 AM Pro Populo  
† Chris Gibbs  
11:00 AM † Jim & Diane Small  
† Frank, Mary, Yvonne  
Coohy

**REST IN PEACE**

**Bill Steger**, father of Mark (Carol) Steger, grandfather of Laura (Royce) Dague and great grandfather of Emma, William, Maggie and Lucy Dague and brother-in-law Allen Lex;  
**Linda Nash**, sister of Kathie Kirkpatrick; **Deb Laugesen**, sister-in-law of Mary Konrardy and Mark (Julie) Laugesen.

**DEAR PARISHIONERS,**

We are probably familiar with the author, Charles Dickens, as he is mostly well known for his story entitled, “A Christmas Carol” a.k.a. “The Scrooge.” This is one of my all-time favorite classical Christmas reads and holiday movies. It tells of the transformative power of Christmas past, present and future.

Perhaps some of you also know that Charles Dickens wrote the book, “The Tale of Two Cities?” There is a famous quote that comes from that story as it reads, “It was the best of times and it was the worst of times.” Considering these days after Christmas, I wonder if he wrote this with his family in mind? You love them so much and then you just want to wish them away sometimes.

The best of times and worst of times qualify as defining moments in family life. As we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph we are urged to reflect upon our own family life. There within lies a reality that is simple, sacred and serene yet, at the same time, complex, caustic and chaotic. As we celebrate the examples of Jesus, Mary and Joseph we remember that they are models for our own families even in the midst of unholy influence. They were also beset with external circumstances that were beyond their control. We give witness to these circumstances through the gospel account of the Flight to Egypt away from the oppressive regime of Herod and his successor and son Archelaus. Through it all, they prevailed as God leads them and sustains them.

Although not a literary classic, Pope Saint John Paul II wrote an Apostolic Exhortation in 1981 regarding the “Best of Times and the Worst of Times” in family life. It is entitled, “Familiaris Consortio,” translated as, “The Fellowship of the Family” a.k.a. “The Role of the Christian family in the Modern World.” The Holy Father points out the substantial threats (the proverbial Herods) to the integrity of the family. In paragraph #6 subtitled, **The Situation of the Family in the World Today** he explains the best of times and the worst of times in this modern day and age as it applies to the human family. The following is a direct quote from the source:

*“The situation in which the family finds itself presents positive and negative aspects: the first are a sign of the salvation of Christ operating in the world; the second, a sign of the refusal that man gives to the love of God.*

*On the one hand, in fact, there is a more lively awareness of personal freedom and greater attention to the quality of interpersonal relationships in marriage, to promoting the dignity of women, to responsible procreation, to the education of children. There is also an awareness of the need for the development of interfamily relationships, for reciprocal spiritual and material assistance, the rediscovery of the ecclesial mission proper to the family and its responsibility for the building of a more just society.*

*On the other hand, however, signs are not lacking of a disturbing degradation of some fundamental values: a mistaken theoretical and practical concept of the independence of the spouses in relation to each other; serious misconceptions regarding the relationship of authority between parents and children; the concrete difficulties that the family itself experiences in the transmission of values; the growing number of divorces; the scourge of abortion; the ever more frequent recourse to sterilization; the appearance of a truly contraceptive mentality.*

*At the root of these negative phenomena there frequently lies a corruption of the idea and the experience of freedom, conceived not as a capacity for realizing the truth of God’s plan for marriage and the family, but as an autonomous power of self-affirmation, often against others, for one’s own selfish well-being.*

*Worthy of our attention also is the fact that, in the countries of the so-called Third World, families often lack both the means necessary for survival, such as food, work, housing and medicine, and the most elementary freedoms.*

*In the richer countries, on the contrary, excessive prosperity and the consumer mentality, paradoxically joined to a certain anguish and uncertainty about the future, deprive married couples of the generosity and courage needed for raising up new human life: thus, life is often perceived not as a blessing, but as a danger from which to defend oneself.*

*The historical situation in which the family lives therefore appears as an interplay of light and darkness.*

*This shows that history is not simply a fixed progression towards what is better, but rather an event of freedom, and even a struggle between freedoms that are*

## IN THE PARISH

### Recycling Christmas Lights

The Resurrection Creation Care Team will again be recycling those burned out Christmas lights. Red bins will be placed at each of the church entrances. If you have lights that are working but not being used, please consider donating them instead.



### Impact Blood Drive

The Impact Blood Drive held at Resurrection on November 24, 2025, brought in 22 lifesaving blood products with 11 at the center which equals a LifeSaving grant for Resurrection School of \$283.00.

Thanks so much to all who donated.

### It's never too early to think about next year's 60th Annual Festival!



- Are you handy and want to share your work with the Resurrection Community? The Festival Committee is always looking for items to put in our Silent Auction. Maybe you have time this winter to make an extra blanket, wood project or other unique item?
- Downsizing your fall or Christmas decor? Make an appointment to drop off a box to the office for the Country Store. Donations can be accepted all year.

Contact Melissa at the office for questions or to schedule a drop off time - 563-556-7511.

### 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>

## LITURGY

Liturgy  
Deacon Mike Ellis

### Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope



### Upcoming Meetings/ Trainings/ Masses

#### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, December 31: 5:30 pm

Thursday, January 1, 2026: 9:00 am

**Liturgy Committee:** January 6, 2026 5:00 pm, Community Room

**Eucharistic Minister Training:** January 13, 2026, 6:00 pm Church

**Reader Training:** January 13, 2026, 7:00 pm Church

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

**Marriage Validation:** If you were married civilly but not married in the Church and you would like your Marriage blessed in the Church please contact Deacon Mike.

## PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



Please join us for Morning Prayer on Tuesdays beginning at 7 am 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 note: Chapel will be cleaned Monday's from 3:00 pm-3:30 pm.**
- ◆ Please consider praying as your time allows. If 15 minutes is all the time you have the Lord will appreciate the visit.
- ◆ The outside door by the side of Church will be unlocked daily from 5:00 am – 6:00 pm. After 6:00 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. **Please do not bring food into the Chapel.**
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Please be aware during these winter months that if there is a winter storm most likely the church will be locked and you will need to use the outside door.
- ◆ 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 29, 2025, 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.



## FAITH FORMATION

Melissa Tucker  
Coordinator Adult & Youth Faith Formation

### Res Readers

Our next gathering will be January 29, 8:00 am-9:30 am. This gathering will be held in the Community Room Located in the Parish Office. We will be discussing "He Leadth Me" by Walter J. Bissek, SJ. This Book maybe purchased at River Lights Book Store.

### THANK YOU

Thank You to all who joined us for our Advent event "Unwrapping the Gift."

### Faith Formation and CGS

There will be NO Faith Formation or CGS classes on Wednesday Dec. 24, 31, or Jan. 7. Classes will resume on Wednesday Jan. 14.



### Epiphany Play

Does your child have an interest in participating in the Epiphany Play? Please Email Melissa Tucker at dbq058ff2@dbqarch.org to let me know. We are looking to practice Friday, Jan. 2, and have our performance on Sunday, Jan. 4, at 12:30 pm.

### Young Adult Bible Study

We are looking to get a Young Adult Bible Study started. Are you between the ages of 20-39 and looking to be in a bible study in the new year? Or do you now of someone in that age range looking to join a group study? Please reach out to Melissa Tucker dbq058ff2@dbqarch.org or Brian Nilles dbq058ym@dbqarch.org.

### Afternoon Fun for Everyone

Mark your Calendar for Sunday, January 25, Noon until 2 pm. We will be serving a light lunch and hosting a few family friendly fun rounds of BINGO. Hosted by the Faith Formation Youth and Team.

### Women's Conference

#### Beauty in Christ: Grace for the Journey

**Saturday, January 31, 2026, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm**

Dynamic speakers Kitty Cleveland and Kelsey Kaiser, will share insights on how we can be filled with "Grace for the Journey!" This conference, attended virtually or at a parish near you, begins with Archbishop Zinkula leading us in prayer and includes great speakers, conversation, and more! Invite your sisters and friends, and be ready to have your faith strengthened! Please email Melissa Tucker dbq058ff2@dbqarch.org if you are interested in attending.

## SACRAMENTS

Wendy Osterberger  
Director of Faith Formation

### Welcome to God's Family!

Congratulations **Clara Lynn Nohr**, daughter of Matt & Abbie Nohr, who was baptized on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025. May our faith community provide Christian witness to Clara and assist her parents as they raise their children in the Catholic faith. Are you wanting to have your child baptized? Go online to: <https://res-dbq.org/baptismal-preparation-class> and sign up for our next Baptismal Prep class on Jan. 14 at 5:30 pm in the Church's Upper Room.



### Planning Your Wedding

Are you newly engaged? Congratulations! Be sure to contact Fr. Phil at Church of the Resurrection at dbq058@dbqarch.org or (563)556-7511 to schedule your ceremony and begin sacrament preparations for your upcoming marriage and life together.



### Becoming Catholic

Wanting to become Catholic? Contact Wendy at dbq058ff@dbqarch.org or 556-7511 to begin the journey.



## MIDDLE & HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

Brian Nilles, Coordinator of Youth Ministries

### Jan 5: High School meeting 7:00 pm—8:30 pm

High school students are invited to a meeting to help plan January – June activities such as; pastry bakeoff, Rescue Mission meal, sledding party, a summer retreat, and much more. Come to the Deacon LoBianco Youth Room Door #2

### Mark your calendars EPIC & ICYC 2026

The Iowa Catholic Youth Conference (ICYC) is a collaborative event, co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Dubuque and the Diocese of Davenport to bring a high-energy event to the young people of eastern Iowa. ICYC originally targeted only Middle School youth in 2022. In 2025 ICYC expanded to add an event for High School youth as well.

EPIC for High School teens - Saturday, March 21, 2026, 5:30 - 9:00 pm

ICYC for Middle School youth - Sunday, March 22, 2025, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Both events are held at St. Ludmila Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa and feature Scally Brothers!

For more information please visit: <https://dbqarch.org/icyc>

Contact: Brian Nilles 556-7511 or  
Email: dbq058ym@dbqarch.org

## PARISH SUPPORT

### Adult tithe for December 14, 2025

Weekly contributions needed .....	\$34,615.38
<b>Collected from 243 out of 2356 envelopes .....</b>	<b>\$28,755.00</b>
Offertory .....	\$1,188.23
Total collected .....	\$29,943.23
YTD collections needed (7/1-12/14).....	\$830,769.23
YTD collected in envelopes (7/1-12/14).....	\$742,322.25
YTD total over/short.....	(\$88,446.98)
<b>Immaculate Conception Collection .....</b>	<b>\$2,295.00</b>
<b>Partner Parish Collection .....</b>	<b>\$1,787.64</b>

### Adult tithe for December 21, 2025

Weekly contributions needed .....	\$34,615.38
<b>Collected from 239 out of 2355 envelopes .....</b>	<b>\$23,383.44</b>
Offertory .....	\$1,208.76
Electronic Fund Transfer (182 envelopes).....	\$18,944.67
Total collected .....	\$43,536.87
YTD collections needed (7/1-12/21).....	\$865,384.62
YTD collected in envelopes (7/1-12/21).....	\$785,859.12
YTD total over/short.....	(\$79,525.50)

**THE PARISH BOOKS WILL CLOSE AT NOON  
ON DECEMBER 31, 2025.**

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

#### Visiting - Forgot your envelope - Want to make a One-Time gift:



Please scan the QR code, scroll to the bottom and click on "One-time" and add a donation amount through our secure site. Any amount of support and generosity is appreciated.



## ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS

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

### MONDAY, December 29

- 1:30 PM Care for the Caregiver .....  
..... Community Room
- 5:00 PM Balance Class ..... LL Social Space
- 5:45 PM Stretching to God ..... LL Social Space
- 7:00 PM High School Bible Study . LoBianco Room

### TUESDAY, December 30

No Events

### WEDNESDAY, December 31

5:30 PM Mass Vigil Solemnity of Mary..Church

### THURSDAY, January 1

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

9:00 AM Mass Solemnity of Mary.....Church

### FRIDAY, January 2

7:30 AM St. Vincent de Paul Prayer Group .....  
..... Church Social Space

### SATURDAY, January 3

No Events

### SUNDAY, January 4

12:30 PM Epiphany Play ..... Adult FF Room

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE



Today's gospel says Joseph "made his home in Nazareth." A "home" is built on the foundation of love, commitment and a shared history and is decorated with forgiveness, acceptance, rituals, discipline and mutual support. The Holy Family challenges us today: Don't live 'anyplace', live at HOME!

## SCRIP

On Monday, December 15, 2025, there were 51 Scrip orders with profit of \$1,755.47.



**The next scrip order date is Monday, January 5, 2026.** 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](mailto:scripoffice@gmail.com)

## STEWARDSHIP

Joseph's obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel's warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God's will assures the best use of my talents, too!

## AROUND TOWN

"End the year with Jesus! Join us from 6pm-7pm at Nativity for a New Year's Eve Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration in gratitude for 2025 and in prayer for the new year! Confessions will be available. *Due to the nature of this Holy Hour, prayer teams will not be available.*"

## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT



"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another..." (Col 3:12-14). St. Paul reminds us that God's holy family is brought together whenever we choose to act in this way toward one another. How might you help your spouse and family to "put on" these things?

### MARRIED COUPLES - WANT TO GIVE A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING?



Register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend - it's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage! For more information contact Denise and Greg at 563-920-9419 or visit [wwme.org](http://wwme.org). Upcoming Dates: February 13-15 in Dubuque, April 10-12 in Marshalltown, October 9-11 in Epworth, IA.

## CONTACT US

Parish Office: 563-556-7511 Website: [www.res-dbg.org](http://www.res-dbg.org)

### PARISH STAFF

#### Priest

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## SCHOOL

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## RESURRECTION PRAYER CHAIN

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## 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 November our downtown Voucher Center filled 313 vouchers that helped 906 people with over 2,500 pounds of donated goods and products. The following items are needed most right now:

- Ketchup and mustard
- Canned pasta (SpaghettiO's, etc.)
- Boxed meals (Hamburger Helper, etc.)
- Cleaning supplies
- Hygiene products (shampoo, body wash)



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 pew. If you, or someone you know, is in need of assistance, please call the St. Vincent de Paul help line at 563-584-2226.

## VOCATION VIEWS

*"Rise, take the child and his mother,  
and go to the land of Israel." (Matthew 2:20)*

Joseph's obedience to God protected the Holy Family. In marriage, spouses are called to protect and nurture each other in faith. Reflect on how God might be guiding you to build a family rooted in His love. Pray and ask God how you can better serve and protect your family this week.

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.

Continued from page 2. *in mutual conflict, that is, according to the well-known expression of St. Augustine, a conflict between two loves: the love of God to the point of disregarding self, and the love of self to the point of disregarding God.*

*It follows that only an education for love rooted in faith can lead to the capacity of interpreting "the signs of the times," which are the historical expression of this twofold love."*

The Holy Family helps us know that God consecrates the Human Family. There within is an indwelling of the Most Holy in the unity of the family that, unfortunately, we often times cannot perceive because we will not submit to God's primacy in our lives. Quite simply and sadly, God doesn't come first in many of our families. But let's take heart because, though not perfect, our families can be holy, honorable, trusting, forgiving and loving if we allow God to take the lead. We pray: Jesus, Mary and Joseph help us trust in God above all other things. Assist us in letting God take His rightful place in our families. Amen.

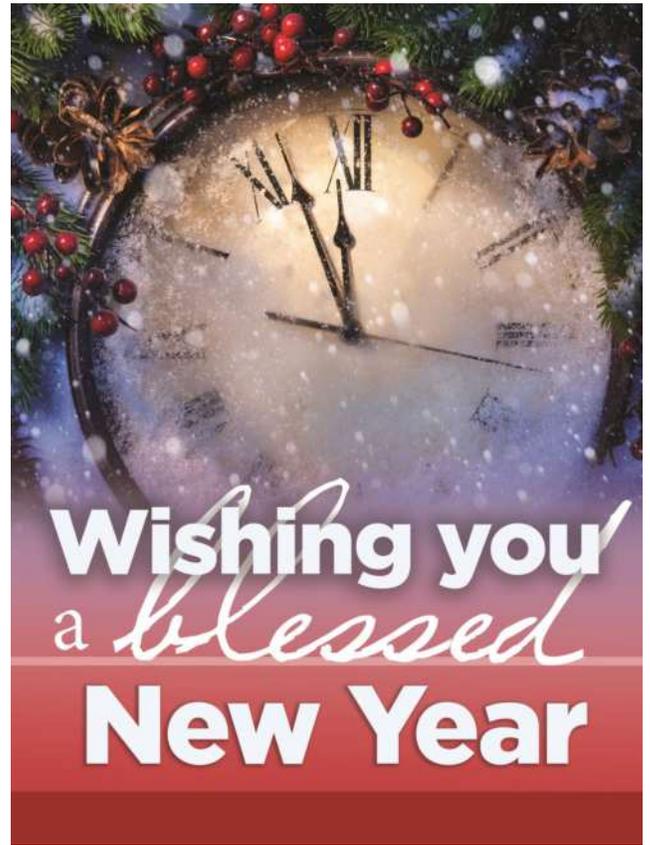
Fr. Phil Gibbs, Pastor

**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.

- Robert & Edna Bauer
- Francis & Mildred Heiderscheit
- Cletus & Marie Hein
- Sharon Law
- Victor & Myrtle Leibfried
- Delbert & Lucille Link
- Howard & Dorothy Meyer
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