



**DECEMBER 20, 2020**

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## SACRAMENTS

### Baptisms

The first and third weekend of each month after the 11 AM Sunday Mass. We request that parents attend the Baptismal Program. Please register with Deacon John Robbins at 563-556-2580, ext. 294.

### 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 & 5:15 PM  
Tuesday 7:30–8:30 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 & 6:00 PM,  
Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM

### Holy Days & Weekdays:

Refer to Bulletin



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,  
and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:31

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday–Friday: 8:00 AM–4:30 PM

Website: [www.res-dbq.org](http://www.res-dbq.org) | Facebook: [facebook.com/resdbq](https://facebook.com/resdbq)

**MON, December 21**

*St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

7:00 AM † Judy Kraus

**TUES, December 22**

7:00 AM † All Souls

**Eucharistic Adoration** immediately following 7:00 AM Mass until Noon

**WED, December 23**

*St. John of Kanty, Priest*

7:00 AM † The Morgan Family

**THURS, December 24**

*Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord*

4:00 PM † Dan Jasper

† David Osterberger

4:15 PM Pro Populo

6:30 PM † Matt & Rita Loch Family

† Kelly Stecklein & Ron Nauman

9:00 PM † Carol L. Pins

**FRI, December 25**

*The Nativity of the Lord*

8:00 AM † Don Fischer

† Loras Steffen

10:00 AM † Harry & Mary Jo Jorgensen

**SAT, December 26**

*Vigil of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

4:00 PM † Mike Sievers

† Darlene McDonald

6:00 PM † Paul Okeke

† Bill & Marlene Schrobilgen

**SUN, December 27**

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

\*7:00 AM † Pro Populo

\***Recorded Public Mass**

9:00 AM † Francis & Mildred Heiderscheit

† Don & Pat Balk

11:00 AM † Patricia Freihoefer

† Jim Theisen

**RECORDED MASS**

Resurrection's weekend Mass is recorded and can be viewed by visiting:

- [facebook.com/resdbq](https://facebook.com/resdbq)
- [youtube.com/user/ResparishDBQ](https://youtube.com/user/ResparishDBQ)
- [res-dbq.org/resurrection-online-daily-weekend-mass/](https://res-dbq.org/resurrection-online-daily-weekend-mass/)

**REST IN PEACE**

**Neal Recker**, son of Mildred Recker; **Leota Kircher**, parishioner, sister of Mary (Bob) Lewis and aunt of Lynn (Tom) Biver; **Pat McDonough**, sister-in-law of Char Hawks; **Kathy Stahr**, former parishioner, wife of Doug Stahr; **Claire AbouAdal**, mother of Fadi Alkhoury.

**DEAR PARISHIONERS,**

On September 17, 2011 about a thousand protesters marched through the streets of lower Manhattan with an estimated 100-200 people staying overnight in cardboard boxes. The movement I am referring to has an acronym of O.W.S. (Occupy Wall Street.) In mid-October, tens of thousands around 900 cities worldwide joined the movement; set up encampments (tent cities) and occupied the grounds of college campuses, financial institutions and government properties.

To put it quite succinctly, the movement's main purpose and point is to thrust issues of inequality and abuses of corporate power into the public discourse. However, for the sake of further reflection of the scriptures for this weekend and the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, I would rather focus not so much on the movement's purpose and point but rather its tactics.

The Occupation Movement by its very name and nature "occupies" a certain specific area, location or environment in order to make its presence as well as its agenda known. In a web blog article entitled, "The Future of the Occupy Movement" submitted by the Occupy Los Angeles web team on 12/14/11 one of the five main attributes of the Occupy Movement are its visible, not transitory presence.

In the article it was written that the "occupations," unlike one-shot demonstrations, have continual visual staying power. The occupiers put no end date to their presence. This makes them an ongoing real presence which could not be ignored, neither by the media nor by public opinion. The first definition of the term "occupy" in Webster's dictionary is "to engage the attention or energies of," and the occupy movement succeeded in this "engagement" by its continued visual presence gaining the public's attention for better or for worse.

It is this "occupying presence" we are drawn into as we reflect upon our scripture readings as we hear the first reading from the second book of Samuel and the gospel reading from Luke. In the Old Testament, God's desire to dwell among the Chosen People took many forms but we notice they are transitory: God's occupying movement is noted in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night as God led Moses and the people out of Egypt to freedom. God took up residence in the burning bush on Mt. Sinai. God then dwelled in the Ark of the Covenant that traveled with the people and was kept in a tent.

But we see a shift in this weekend's first reading, King David brings up the concept of permanent occupation in a temple which was eventually finished by King Solomon. There was also a second temple built after the Exile. In the context of the first reading, we learn of God's response to David's intention of building a house for God as God tells Nathan, "Go, tell my servant David, "Thus says the Lord: Should you build me a house to dwell in?" It was as if God was saying, "Thanks, but no thanks!" It seems that God certainly wanted to occupy the grounds but not be solely confined to bricks and mortar.

God's plan from the beginning was to take up residence among us closer than any building could be, whether it was as magnificent as Solomon's temple or as humble as the simplest parish church like Resurrection. But this was nothing compared to God's decision, as we read in the gospel, on the day when the angel Gabriel was sent to a town of Galilee called Nazareth to a sinless virgin named Mary. There was something about Mary.

What God intended was to dwell with us as one of us, taking on human flesh and blood. In the fullness of time, God came asking if one of us would be willing. We don't know how long it took for Mary to answer. We only remember the important thing was that she said, "Yes." It was through her "Yes," God's occupying movement really took hold through the annunciation and Nativity. This was the incarnation of God becoming one with us in Jesus Christ. As I mentioned before remember one of the five main characteristics of the Occupy Movement is its visible, not transitory presence. God's occupy movement happens through Mary as God takes on our humanity. This movement then spreads throughout the world.

To this day, God has continual visual staying power among us and within us through the power of the Holy Spirit in the Church and Sacraments, especially in the Eucharist. God has an ongoing real presence that simply cannot be ignored. Remember the first definition of the term "occupy" in Webster's dictionary is "to engage the attention or energies of..." God has succeeded in doing this through the person of Jesus Christ and in the institution of the Church as a continual visual presence that engages the public's attention.

Yet, we do not forget of God's hesitancy in the first reading from Samuel. God is not solely in some building confining but God's occupying presence longs to take up permanent residence in the hearts and minds of the believer. Let us pray today God makes His dwelling place in us everyday. Let the world recognize we are people chosen to be a sign of God's loving, merciful, justice seeking, and reconciling presence in the world. Let us allow God's occupying movement come to its fruition and fulfillment in us and through us. Let us be the embodiment of our parish mission statement, "Be a Catholic Community that is a Visible Presence of Jesus" as we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel."

Fr. Phil Gibbs, Pastor

**IN THE PARISH**  
**SCRIP**

The next scrip order date is Monday, January 4. Orders and payment must be received by 10:00 am on Monday. On Dec. 14 there were 69 orders with profit of \$2,099.55. 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)

**Blood Drive Results**

The blood drive resulted in 29 total units to the blood center. As Erica, the Donor Relations Consultant said, "An amazing turn out for an in-center drive!" There were 4 first time donors. If you were unable to donate this time, please keep it on your calendar for the need is great.

**THANK YOU** for the generous support of the Retirement Fund for Religious held last weekend.

**Time is Running Out!**

Still not sure about this "STO" thing? It's simple. If you file an lowa income tax return, your contributions to the *Our Faith* STO receive a 65% tax credit. That means for every \$1000 you donate, you receive an lowa income tax credit of \$650. Thus, a \$1000 contribution reduces your lowa tax liability by a whopping \$650 AND the gift may qualify as a charitable contribution on your federal income tax return. The gift you made helps make a Catholic education affordable for every child. Please visit [www.ourfaithsto.org](http://www.ourfaithsto.org) or call the Archdiocese of Dubuque at 800-876-3546 ext. 219 to learn more or have questions about this fantastic program.

**BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to the parents and family of **Brook James Esser**, baptized on December 13.

**RECYCLE OLD CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** There are containers near the entrances at church for your old Christmas lights. ~Green Team



**Capital Campaign**

If you are ready to make a commitment, please do so. Initial funding is essential to paying upfront construction building design and campaign costs. You can make a gift by requesting a commitment card from the parish office. Please contact Deb Kalb at [dbq058s3@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq058s3@dbqarch.org) or 563-556-7511. We will then mail you a commitment card to fill out.

**BAPTISM PREPARTION CLASS**

For information, call Deacon John Robbins at 563-556-2580, ext. 294. *Attendance is requested prior to baptism.*

**ADVENT**

Please remember that during the Advent Season, **incense** is used at 4:00 pm, 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses every weekend. If you suffer from any breathing issues, such as asthma, you may wish to attend Mass at 6 pm and 7 am Masses, which are incense free.

**THE PARISH BOOKS**

The parish books will close at 4:00 pm on December 31, 2020.

**PARISH SUPPORT**

**Adult tith for December 13, 2020**

Weekly contributions needed .....	\$31,830.00
<b>Collected from 198 out of 2409 envelopes .....</b>	<b>\$28,570.00</b>
Offertory .....	\$151.00
Total collected .....	\$28,721.00
YTD collections needed (7/1- 12/13) .....	\$763,920.00
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