



Welcome to CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

A Visible Presence

JANUARY 3, 2021

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



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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–Friday: 8:00 AM–4:30 PM

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

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

7:00 AM † Joseph Nehl

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

7:00 AM † Tom Weiland

† All Souls

Eucharistic Adoration immediately following 7:00 AM Mass until Noon**WED, January 6***St. André Bessette, Religious*

7:00 AM † Laura Kaas

THURS, January 7*St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest*

7:00 AM † Eugene Wiest, Vincent & Rose Wiest

8:45 AM † Aileen Klinck

FRI, January 8

7:00 AM † Sandra Whalen

SAT, January 9*Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord*

4:00 PM † Darlene McDonald

† Al Chidley

6:00 PM † Gene Neuses

SUN, January 10*Baptism of the Lord*

*7:00 AM † Eldon Bonifas

† James Kasper, Jr.

***Recorded Public Mass**

9:00 AM Pro Populo

† Jim Theisen

11:00 AM † Tom Ryan

† Bill & Marlene Schrobilgen

RECORDED MASS

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

- facebook.com/resdbq
- youtube.com/user/ResparishDBQ
- res-dbq.org/resurrection-online-daily-weekend-mass/

REST IN PEACE

Dorothy Kisting, parishioner, sister of Pat Torgler and Mary Ann Burbach;

Frank Kumor, father of Ben (Stephanie) Kumor.

**BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to the parents and family of Evelyn Louise Jean Gilles, baptized on December 27.

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I was and still am a big fan of M.A.S.H., a television series that ran for eleven seasons from 1972-1983. I am such a big fan I once, some years ago, bought a coffee table book that highlighted each episode. Over the course of a year I intentionally watched each and every rerun, checking them off in this book, as time transpired. This was before binge watching was a thing.

One episode stands out in my memory I equate with the Feast of the Epiphany which I believe is worth mentioning. The setting was a cold and blustery Christmas season in the winter of 1951 among the mountains and valleys of Korea. The Korean Conflict had been in session for well over a year and American medical personnel, as is always the situation, are stationed close to the front lines.

One young American doctor, a major in rank, a certain Charles Emerson Winchester III, comes from the well to do area of Boston. During this particular Christmas season his memories and his spirit are back home with family and friends but reality informs him his place this Christmas is near the battle front in Korea.

During a lull in fighting he sets his mind to carrying on a Christmas tradition he and his family have been doing for many, many years. He has the most wonderful chocolate bars shipped in from his home area, the same ones he and his family gave to poor children in their neighborhood every year, so they may be distributed to the many Korean children living in an orphanage near their camp.

A few days before Christmas he delivered them to the orphanage. Such delight he took in delivering them and such glee filled his heart. He saw the look of gratefulness in the faces of the children and of the man who was their caretaker and guardian. This was truly an extravagant gift for such simple children.

It was just a few days later, Christmas day to be exact, he noticed something peculiar. He saw American soldiers passing through who had possession of chocolate bars, the ones you can only get from his neighborhood area in Boston, the same exact ones he had earlier given to the orphans. When he questioned the soldiers as to where they acquired these chocolate bars he became irate when they told him they bought them on the black market.

Incensed, he went directly to the orphanage and confronted the adult caretaker and guardian. How dare he take this extravagant gift away from the mouths of these children, literally taking candy from a baby. How dare he rob them of this pleasure in the midst of all this pain of war. How dare he take this gift and use it for anything else besides its original intention.

The Korean adult caretaker/guardian, a bit shaken by the confrontation then offered calm words of apology mixed in with words of gratitude as he informed the American doctor he sold these chocolate bars on the black market for the sake of the children and not for his own personal gain. He continued to profoundly thank the doctor for his extravagant gift which may have been enjoyed for one night but, sold on the black market, was able to practically provide enough rice and beans to fill the stomachs of the children for a whole month. The American doctor was completely humbled and in turn offered his apologies stating far be it from him, a doctor, to deny the essential nutrients to a child before they indulge in sweets.

Extravagant gifts put to practical use addressing essential needs at that place and time is the lesson the American doctor from Boston learned with the poor orphans in war torn Korea. The extravagant gift given with good intentions and with symbolic significance is utilized in practical ways for a perduring purpose. Pure, plain and simple.

We celebrate the Epiphany - the feast of God's light and love to all the nations. The symbolic nature of the three kings and the gifts they bear is strong and lasting. The Magi represent the promise of God to all the gentile nations and not solely to Israel. The gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh speak of extravagance to the newborn king (gold), the high priest (frankincense) and the anointed one (myrrh).

The intention of these extravagant gifts is well noted. The message they send to all the believers is clear. However, given the situation and circumstance of Jesus, Mary and Joseph during those cold nights in the hills and valleys of Bethlehem, one wonders whether or not they didn't exchange or sell these for the practical needs they had at that moment.

No one knows and scriptures do not reveal what happens with those three extravagant gifts but I am willing to bet they were used as a means of attaining practical things necessary at that moment. Warm shelter, clean clothes, offerings for the temple at the time of the presentation of the child, food and transportation during the flight to Egypt - just to name a few.

Extravagant gifts put to practical use addressing essential needs at that place and time is perhaps one of the lessons we can learn from this feast of Epiphany. The feast of the Epiphany provides the distinct opportunity to encourage you to give extravagant gifts unto the Lord. Give generously to Him through your Church with your time, your talent and your treasures. Like the wise men, you too come before the Lord on bended knee, open up your coffers and give from the heart all you are able.

Better yet, give him your entire self, heart mind and soul. **You are the extravagant gifts** that should be given unto the Lord which need to be put to practical use addressing essential needs of this place and time in and through discipleship. On this feast of Epiphany please give the Lord your whole self, pure, plain and simple.

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

2021-2022 Registration Information for Holy Family Schools
Families interested in enrolling their child at Holy Family Catholic Schools for the 2021-2022 school year should contact Director of Enrollment Rebecca Mueller at (563) 582-5456 or rmueller@holyfamilymbq.org.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS
William & Vida Hilby
Aloysius & Emma Berning Family

St. Vincent de Paul Voucher Center Needs
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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 this month at the downtown Voucher Center:

- Peanut butter and jelly
- Pasta and pasta sauces
- Cleaning products and Laundry detergent

Consider helping our fellow neighbors by returning a blue bag to our St. Vincent de Paul donation closet with these items along with other canned goods. Contact Andy Benko at 556-3272 if you have an interest in learning more about St. Vincent de Paul volunteer opportunities at Resurrection.

BAPTISM PREPARTION CLASS

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

The Capital Campaign for a New School is Resuming!
In April, we paused our Building A Visible Presence Capital Campaign for a new school building due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Campaign Committee has continued to meet and discuss when Resurrection should relaunch. After discussions with the Archdiocese of Dubuque, Holy Family School System and Resurrection Parish leadership, we have decided to resume our campaign! A new school building is too urgent to delay. Numerous parishioners have made commitments, demonstrating a strong enthusiasm for this effort. We are over \$1 million in pledges and financial gifts!

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 or 563-556-7511. We will then mail you a commitment card to fill out.

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult tithe for December 20, 2020

Weekly contributions needed.....	\$31,830.00
Collected from 177 out of 2407 envelopes	\$20,826.50
Offertory.....	\$176.60
Electronic Fund Transfer (186 envelopes)	\$17,991.33
Total collected.....	\$38,994.43
YTD collections needed (7/1- 12/20).....	\$795,750.00
YTD collected in envelopes (7/1- 12/20).....	\$794,758.20
YTD total over/short.....	(\$991.80)

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Adult tithe for December 27, 2020 was not available at the time of publishing. Thank you for your support!

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