



**DECEMBER 19, 2021**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

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

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptisms**

Until further notice, baptisms are scheduled for individual families upon request. 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**

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41-42

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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 20**

7:00 AM † Penny M. Ward

**TUES, December 21***St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

7:00 AM † All Souls

**WED, December 22**

7:00 AM † Pauline &amp; Eula Droessler

**THURS, December 23***St. John of Kanty, Priest*

7:00 AM † Bill &amp; Jean Dunne

**FRI, December 24***Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord*

4:00 PM Pro Populo

4:00 PM † Ed Kiefer

6:30 PM † Dan Jasper

6:30 PM † Gregg G. Henkel

9:00 PM † Skip Hutton

9:00 PM † Marian Furst

**SAT, December 25***Nativity of the Lord*

8:00 AM † Dennis Funke

10:00 AM † Harry & Mary Jo Jorgensen  
† Ron Mussehl**SAT, December 25***Vigil of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

4:00 PM Pro Populo

**SUN, December 26***The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

7:00 AM † Leo Barton

9:00 AM † Mike Sievers

† Francis &amp; Mildred Heiderscheit

11:00 AM † Jim Kane

**INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION TIMES**

(Resurrection Church)

Mon., Dec. 20: 7:30-8:30 AM; 12:00-1:00 PM

Tues., Dec. 21: 7:30-8:30 AM; 12:00-1:00 PM

**REST IN PEACE****JoAnn Klauer**, parishioner;**Steve Weiland**, son of

Mary Weiland and brother

of Tammy (Rod) Link,

Melanie (Ken) Offerman;

**Chuck Seipp**, parishioner, husband of

Mary Seipp, father of Mike (Nicole)

Seipp and brother of Stephen (Ruth)

Seipp.

**DEAR PARISHIONERS,**

The gospel reading this weekend directs our minds immediately to the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. In our faith tradition, this particular scene serves as one of the joyful mysteries and it signifies a family reunion of sorts. Two cousins come together in a time of great anticipation. Mary signifies the new generation bringing forth a new covenant. She is the bearer of the Word made flesh, the Son of God. Elizabeth signifies the older generation who is the bearer of the final prophet, John the Baptist, who serves as the bridge to the new promise.

There is theological significance within the setting of the Visitation. There is also much physical and emotional reaction within this encounter of the new and virgin Mary and the old and once barren woman, Elizabeth. The gospel of Luke relates, "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice..." From the moment that Mary's greeting reached Elizabeth's ears, the infant, John the Baptist, joyfully leapt in her womb.

This Visitation is one of great comfort and one of kindred spirits. Both Mary and Elizabeth impart blessings and offer canticles of praise to God. And, as the gospel relates Mary remained with Elizabeth for about three months.

Not all visitations go that well nor are they all as enthusiastic. Perhaps within our own experience of visitations around the Christmas Season the reality of stress overpowers the joy and the chaos trumps the comfort. Some say that houseguests are like fish – they go bad after three days. Some folks can't image housing someone for three months like Elizabeth did with Mary.

Thirty-two years ago, in 1989, a Christmas movie was produced that I think speaks about the theme of Visitation on a more somber note during the Holiday Season. This film is the third in a series of four which features an unusual but famous family named the Griswold's who are the main characters in National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation.

Since its release in 1989, Christmas Vacation has been ranked on many top 10 favorite Christmas film lists and is considered a modern holiday classic. It has been on the television a number of times already and I would be surprised if you haven't seen it.

It features a modern-day family of four from the suburbs of Chicago (Clark, Ellen, Audrey and Russ). Clark is an idealistic yet gullible family man who sets very high expectations for himself. In the film there are **four distinct visitations** that contribute to the downward spiral leading to the disaster of the fun filled, old fashioned family Christmas that Clark Griswold has dreamed of for his family.

A few days before Christmas, the many members of Clark's extended family begin arriving to stay with him. And, it is the first sound that reaches their ears that should have been an indication of the impending disaster of this visitation. Clark's and Ellen's outspoken and obnoxious parents are the first to arrive. When they ring the door bell it comes across as a somber and ominously descending death toll. In this scene, at that moment, before they opened the door to greet the extended family, everyone in the house paused and appeared to do a "gut-check." Rather than leaping for joy as does John the Baptist in the womb of Elizabeth, these characters appear as though they would rather run for cover.

Shortly thereafter and secondly, Ellen's cousin-in-law and cousin, Eddie and Catherine, along with their children and dog unexpectedly show up and threaten to stay with them for a month, with their dilapidated, rusty RV parked in the driveway the whole time.

Thirdly, on Christmas Eve, the family's eldest members, cynical, cigar-smoking Uncle Lewis and confused Aunt Bethany, arrive for dinner. Numerous disasters occur that evening: The turkey is cooked for far too long; the aunt's cat is electrocuted when it chews on a strand of Christmas lights and the tree goes up in flames.

Finally, a delayed delivery from the company arrives at the door that evening. Clark expects it to be the long-awaited bonus that he plans to use to put in a pool at his house. Unfortunately, Clark's boss cut out bonuses without informing his employees. As a substitute, Clark is enrolled in the "Jelly of the Month" club which Eddie proudly proclaims as "the gift that keeps on giving." Clark has now reached his boiling point, going through several outbursts out of severe frustration.

However, all is well that ends well in this saga of humorous highs and lows within the Griswold family. Although the house is virtually destroyed, the work bonus is restored and the family is reunited in good spirits for a happy ending and a Merry Christmas after all those visitations.

This fourth Sunday of Advent is also a time of Visitation. As people of faith we focus not so much on the story of the Griswold's visitations nor of our own family visitations but really, we focus on the family encounter in the Visitation of Mary and Elizabeth. As a faith family, we are called to embrace their enthusiasm and rejoice in their good news. We are encouraged to do a gut-check when we hear the words of scripture and the sounds of the season. Do they cause our insides to leap for joy and make ready our hearts for Jesus who is better than any bonus check we could ever imagine?

As we prepare our hearts and homes for Christmas with open arms to family and friends we should make sure, even more so, that we are opening our hearts and homes for Jesus. We should be more inclined to enter into the Christmas season and greet Him by responding with a joyful and uplifting noise rather than reacting to a doorbell that emits the sound of a somber and ominously descending death toll. Don't run for cover, but rather, Rejoice in the Lord!

Merry Christmas everyone!

Fr. Phil Gibbs, Pastor

## YOUTH MINISTRY/CONFIRMATION

Darby Callahan, Coordinator of Young Adult & Youth Ministry

**YLT Next Meeting:** Jan. 5 at 6:30pm—8pm.



**Confirmation:** Jan. 9 and Jan. 12 at 6:30pm Confirmation Preparation. Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.



## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Adults in there 20s - 39 are invited to young adult Bible Study. No one will be turned down. Young Adult Bible Study will be 6:30pm on Tuesdays. If you are interested, please let Darby know by emailing [dbq058ym@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq058ym@dbqarch.org) or just show up in the living room (outside my office, up the stairs in front of the office doors).



**Looking for a few more young adults to form the Young Adult Ministry Core Team as well as looking for a few couples to form a Young Adult Date Night Committee, please email Darby Callahan at [dbq058ym@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq058ym@dbqarch.org).**

## MUSIC & LITURGY

Music and Liturgy



**Incense will be used at the 4pm, 6:30 pm, 9 pm, and 10 am Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.**

**Advent Reflections with Fr. Philip Agyei  
Thursdays, December, 23, 2021**

**6:30 pm in the Upper Room**



December 23

Reflection on the Fourth Candle of Advent:  
Peace or Angel's Candle

**\*PLEASE SIGN UP FOR MINISTRIES FOR CHRISTMAS/  
NEW YEARS MASSES IN THE CHURCH SOCIAL SPACE.\***

**Adoration:** will be Sunday, December 19, 2021, Noon to 5:00 pm



**Christmas Decorating  
Thursday, December 23, 7:30 am  
All are welcome!**

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Fr. Philip Agyei & Deacon Mike Ellis

**YEAR OF SACRAMENTS WITH FR. PHILIP  
September 2021—August 2022**

**Thursdays, 4:00–5:30 PM, Upper Room**

Advent Light

December 23: No Session

December 30: No Session

To register please contact Fr. Philip Agyei at [DBQ058AP@dbqarch.org](mailto:DBQ058AP@dbqarch.org).



### RCIA

RCIA is for Adults interested in being Baptized in the Catholic Faith. Adults who are wanting to become Catholic from another Christian Denomination. Adults who need Confirmation. Interested please contact Deacon Mike.



Meeting on Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm in the Upper Room

December 23: No Session

December 30: No Session

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



**Romans: The Gospel of Salvation** is a new eight-week Bible study we are offering that will help you make sense of the difficult passages regarding faith, works of law, and justification. It will give you an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand this challenging epistle. We will begin the study of **Romans** on Tuesdays, January 11 - March 1, from 8:30-10:00am in the Resurrection Church Social Space to view an engaging video presentation by Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins, followed by group discussion and fellowship. Cost is \$36.00 for the workbook and access to the online videos for one year. If you would like more information or would like to register please contact Chris Vondra at 815-821-2299 or [cmvondra@gmail.com](mailto:cmvondra@gmail.com). We hope you can join us!

## FAITH FORMATION

Wendy Osterberger  
Director of Religious Education

**4th Sunday of Advent: Children's Liturgy of the Word**

This week, children who attended Children's Liturgy the Word learned not only about the Gospel of the day, but also opened another box to reveal a special guest to the manger scene. Ask your child who the special guest was.



**School Year YFF Reminder**

Just a reminder there will be no YFF Class this Wednesday, December 22, due to Christmas Break.



**A women's Bible study will be offered on Sunday evenings** from 6:30-8pm, January 9-February 13. It is a Walking with Purpose study called "Reclaiming Friendship" that lasts 6 weeks. The book costs \$20.00. It will be held at Resurrection. If you are interested and/or would like more information, please email Maggie Kramer at [makramerdds@aol.com](mailto:makramerdds@aol.com)

**PARISH SUPPORT**

**Adult tithes for December 12, 2021**

Weekly contributions needed .....	\$31,731.00
Collected from 180 out of 2387 envelopes .....	\$20,289.00
Offertory .....	\$869.49
Total collected .....	\$21,158.49
YTD collections needed (7/1– 12/12) .....	\$793,275.00
YTD collected in envelopes (7/1– 12/12) .....	\$786,090.95
YTD total over/short .....	(\$7,184.05)

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

**THE PARISH BOOKS**

The parish books will close at 4:00 pm on December 30, 2021.

**SCRIP**

On December 6 there were 62 Scrip orders with profit of \$2,190.41.  
 On December 13 there were 59 Scrip orders with profit of \$1,562.94.

The next scrip order date is Monday, January 3, 2022. 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)



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**Website: [www.res-dbg.org](http://www.res-dbg.org)**

**PARISH STAFF**

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**ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS**

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

**MONDAY, December 20**

- 1:30 PM Care for the Caregiver .....Upper Room
- 5:45 PM Stretching to God.....
- ..... Lower Level Social Space
- 6:30 PMYM High School Bible Study.....2nd Floor
- 6:45 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal ..... Church

**TUESDAY, December 21**

- 6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study .....2nd Floor

**WEDNESDAY, December 22**

No Events

**THURSDAY, December 23**

- 7:30 AM M.E.S.S.....Church Social Space
- 7:30 AM Art & Environment ..... Church

**FRIDAY, December 24**

Parish Office Closed Christmas Holiday

- 7:00 AM Art & Environment ..... Church

**SATURDAY, December 25**

No Events

**SUNDAY, December 26**

No Events

**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS**



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

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

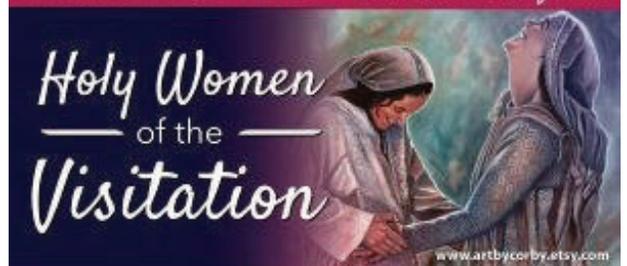
Religious give thanks. A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible." Thank you for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for Religious. Visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org) to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

**ARE YOU STILL LOOKING FOR GIFT IDEAS?**

**An Our Faith STO contribution is two gifts in 1!**

Your donation can provide the gift of Catholic education for qualifying Archdiocesan families, while you'll receive the gift of a 75% Iowa income tax credit. There is still time to donate, but you must do so now to receive your 2021 Iowa income tax credit. Donate online at [www.OurFaithSTO.org](http://www.OurFaithSTO.org), or contact Deacon Brian Zeman- Our Faith STO Director at (563) 556-2580 x296.

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**Beauty in Christ**  
 January 29, 2022  
 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Church of the Resurrection is looking for** an experienced Business Manger to lead and oversee the overall operations of the office, including oversight of general staff, church facility, communications and technology. Responsibilities will include fostering an effective stewardship model. The ideal candidate will have supervisory experience, advanced accounting and payroll skills, fiscal planning and management. Requires a minimum 4-year degree in Business Management, Finance or Accounting, with at least 4 to 5 years of finance and accounting experience. Or, a 2-year degree in Business Management, Finance or Accounting, with 10 years of experience in finance or accounting. A minimum of 5 years of experience in office management/administration preferred, which includes success in accounting, management, computer integration and volunteer management. Prior experience with Sage BusinessWorks software is preferred. A full job description is available on the parish website: [www.res-dbq.org](http://www.res-dbq.org) For consideration email your cover letter and resume to Pastor at [dbq058@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq058@dbqarch.org)

**Capital Campaign Update**

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Building A Visible Presence Capital Campaign to fund a new school building! Below is an update on pledges and dollars collected.

As construction is now underway, Resurrection still hopes to reach \$3.05 million. This would cover our portion of the building's total cost without reaching into cash reserves. As a reminder, we received a matching gift of \$2.5 million from an anonymous parishioner and Holy Family Catholic Schools System has committed \$3.05 million to this project as well. If you have not yet returned your commitment card or are willing to increase your previous gift, please do so by completing your pledge card online <https://res-dbq.org/capital-campaign-update>

We are excited about the impact a new school building will provide students, teachers and our parish. Thank you once again to all who have helped make this vision a reality!

\$3,000,000		
\$2,500,000	2,784,780	
\$2,000,000		
\$1,500,000		
\$1,000,000		
\$500,000		
0	Dollars Pledged	Dollars Collected
		\$1,897,690



**RECYCLE OLD CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The Res Green Team encourages parishioners to recycle burned-out holiday lights! Find the green collection bin outside the front entrance of the church with recycling signs. Please remove any plastic or paper bags from the old lights before tossing in the bin. Thank you.



**Please return your Stewardship forms in the boxes provided in the gathering space or to the parish office. Thank you.**  
**If you did not receive your Stewardship forms please call the parish office.**



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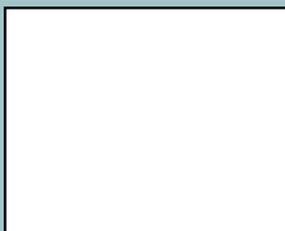
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