

Why do you seek the living one among the dead?



He is not here, but he has
been raised.

Luke 24:5 & 6

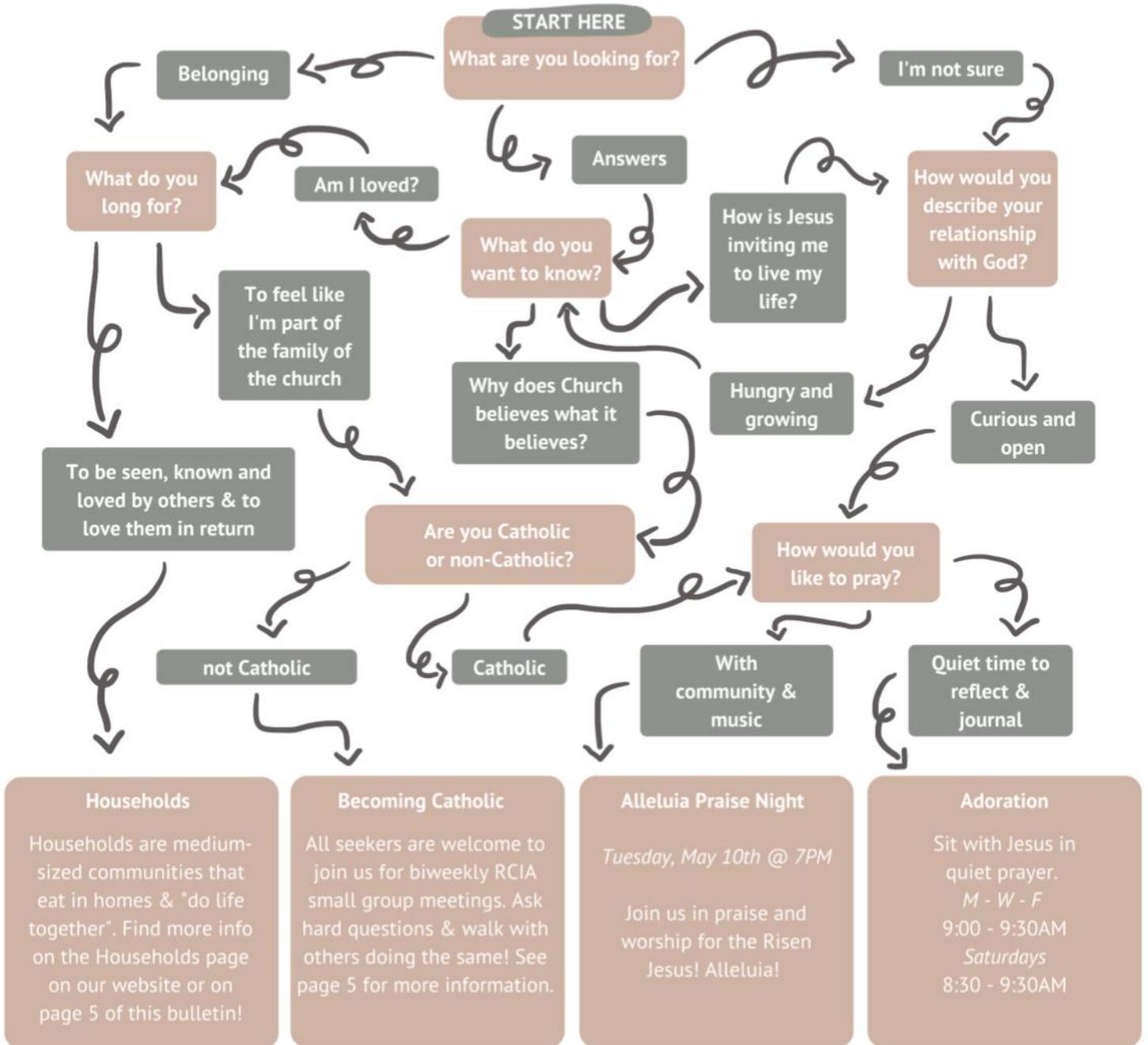
April 17th, 2022 | Easter Sunday



Jesus is Alive.

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE TO CELEBRATE WITH US THAT JESUS CONQUERED SIN AND DEATH BY HIS RESURRECTION. HAPPY EASTER!

Easter Quiz





Beloved parishioners,

Happy Easter!

I get emotional whenever I watch Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ." Although a famed depiction of the gory Passion of Jesus, I believe it no way compares to the actual suffering Jesus endured. The scene that comes to mind as I write this reflection was when Jesus, battered, bruised and shaking, embraces the wood of the cross. He does so for love of you and me. Thank you Jesus, even though I am most unworthy of it, you did it all for me. For the Romans, the whole point of having Jesus carry the cross through the streets to his crucifixion was not pain, but shame. They did it to shame, dishonor and denigrate Jesus by exposing him to the ridicule, spit and taunts from the crowd. It was to serve as deterrent for others. Jesus was literally a dead man walking. Why would they subject him to such treatment if the end goal was to kill him? The soldiers tortured him for their amusement until he looked "like a worm and no man" (Psalm 22:6). But Jesus does not allow the pain and shame stop him from demonstrating his love. St. John has Jesus say, "Greater love than this no man has than for a man to lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). This love is unrivaled. It is this love that made God become man in the first place, and undergo such indignity at the hands of his own creatures. That is why we call the day on which he suffered and died "Good Friday." It is good because on that day love prevailed.

If the crucifixion was the end of the story, none of all we do as Christians would matter. But Jesus has been raised from the dead. So, we have reason to celebrate. St. Paul articulates this in no uncertain terms, "if Christ had not been raised from

death our faith would be in vain, our preaching but a waste of breath, and our sin and guilt remain" (1 Corinthians 15:14). Praise God, Christ did not remain in the grave; death could not hold him down, the soldiers could not prevent him from rising, and the stone could not keep him in the tomb. He arose victoriously as he promised on the third day. Christ is alive again, never to die. This is the joy we celebrate at Easter, that just as Christ died and rose again, he has brought life to all who believe in him. "We are an Easter people," as Pope St. John Paul II, said. "And Alleluia is our song!" The resurrection of Jesus commissions us to come out of our closets and be courageous witnesses of this mystery of our redemption.

In my bulletin column for last week I wrote that Jesus' closest friends abandoned him in his most vulnerable moment. But while his disciples were hiding behind locked doors out of fear that they could be next, Joseph of Arimathea, a secret disciple because of his own fears, and Nicodemus, a fearful Pharisee who visited Jesus under cover of darkness, both came out of hiding to give Jesus a dignified burial. This is what faith in Jesus looks like. It is making that journey from fear and hiddenness to courage and publicly proclaiming Christ truly risen from the dead.

Christos Anesti! - Christ is risen!
Alithos Anesti! - Truly he is risen!

Fr. Julius

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24th
3:00 - 4:00 pm, in the Church

Join us as we pray together the final day of the Divine Mercy Novena and spend an hour in adoration of our Lord's Merciful Heart present in the Holy Eucharist.

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This week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 16 Holy Saturday

9:00 pm The Parish Family of St. Thérèse, Little Flower

Sunday, April 17 Easter Sunday

9:00 am †Mr. Vincent Dinh
11:30 am †Betty Gough

Monday, April 18

8:30 am †Kathy L. Buszkiewicz

Tuesday, April 19

8:30 am Intentions of Andrew Whittington

Wednesday, April 20

8:30 am †Susan Perkins

Thursday, April 21

8:30 am †Deceased members of the Perkins family

Friday, April 22

8:30 am The healing of Theresa Tamandl

Saturday, April 23

8:00 am †Louise Recupero
5:30 pm The Parish Family of St. Thérèse, Little Flower

Sunday, April 24 Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00 am †Clem Tafelski
11:30 am †Norma Miller
8:00 pm †Geraldine Bandera

Readings for the week of April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8a; Jn 20:1-9

Monday

Acts 2: 14, 22-33; Ps 16: 1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28: 8-15

Tuesday

Acts 2: 36-41; Ps 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20 & 22;
Jn 20: 11-18

Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9;
Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9;
Lk 24:35-48

Friday

Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 & 4, 22-24, 25-27a;
Ps 118:24; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 & 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31



The Power of the Resurrection

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thinking about
BECOMING CATHOLIC?
Tell us about it!

Email Abby for more information on our "Becoming Catholic" small group at: abby@littleflowerchurch.org

Questions about Catholicism?

Have you always wondered "Why do Catholics do that?" Are you longing to know more about who Jesus is? Do certain teachings of the Church frustrate you or not make sense to you? Are you curious what the earliest Christians believed about the Eucharist, infant baptism, Mary, or the structure of the Church? Or perhaps you are just new to the area and looking to belong to a Christian community, but not sure which one?

We'd love to hear from you! Reach out to us anytime with your questions (even the difficult ones), your hopes, or your curiosity about Christianity and Catholicism. We'd love to hear from you and to walk with you.

Abby Kyle
Director of Evangelization
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Household Life: April Dates

- Upcoming Household dates:**
Rooted in Love— Monday, April 18th, 6:00 pm
Jireh— Wednesday, April 20th, 6:30 pm
House of Praise—Friday, April 29th, 6:30 pm

Sign up for the Household newsletter to receive monthly gathering details by scanning the code or visiting bit.ly/3dK45oi



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Get Involved with Faith in Indiana!

Join people of faith and goodwill on **April 24 at 4:00 pm** for a Faith in Indiana "We Make Indiana" public action. We will celebrate the progress we have made in establishing a crisis response system and engage our state representatives in helping create sustainable funding streams so that our family members in crisis get help, not handcuffs. And we will unveil our "Families First" agenda for our county. The event will be at Berean SDA, 1936 Altgeld St in South Bend. **If you want to join the team helping our congregation have a voice in the public arena contact Pete Webb at petewebb50831@gmail.com.**

Amazing Generosity

Giving to the poor and hungry has been central to the life of St. Thérèse Little Flower since the inception of the parish. In its present form, the Whatsoever You Do [based on Matthew 25:31-46] Outreach Program has existed some 30 years. It has provided assistance in a variety of areas over that time; currently, its focus is primarily assistance with utilities and rent payments. The generosity of parishioners has been amazing. Just in the last three years – 2019-2021 – the Outreach Program has received \$183,726.46 – \$4,500 through a parish tithe, \$10,000 through designated non-parish gifts, the remainder, \$169,226.46 through individual parishioner gifts. The extraordinary generosity of parishioners has been a lifeline to many families in the community living on the verge of losing their lights, heat, water, or a place to live. What more can be said other than...THANK YOU!

Parish Food Pantry

Are you or someone you know in need of food? Our parish food pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30-3:15 pm. Please bring a photo ID and official piece of mail as proof of address.

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Saturday May 21st

Bouquets and The Blessed Mother

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Healing Prayer Corner: Be Bold

At the end of the Gospel of Luke proclaimed during the Easter Vigil, we hear, "then he went home amazed at what had happened." They were spoken by Peter when he ran to the tomb "and saw the burial cloths alone." Even knowing what Peter didn't initially know, are we amazed by the risen Lord? The first response from Mary of Magdala, the first to see the empty tomb, was "we don't know where they put him" (Sunday Gospel of John). Which raises the question – Where have we put the risen Lord in our lives?

Dear friends, the Lord is doing amazing things today. He is healing all sorts of people of physical, emotional, and spiritual infirmities. When you give your heart over to him, if you let him get close to your wounds, if you let him embrace you, if you let him lavish his abundant love upon you, if you will trust him unconditionally, then he will run to you as the father did with the prodigal son who returned home (Luke 15:11-32).

As Monica said in our recent amazing parish mission, "be bold in asking, pursuing, and expecting healing."

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