



Curious about the Catholic Faith?

RCIA is a program for adults and older children who are thinking about becoming Catholic. Everyone starts out as an **Inquirer**. When ready to make a commitment, you become a **catechumen** or **candidate**.

Inquirers: Tuesdays - 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Meets June to March
Will resume June 4th

Catechumens & Candidates:
Sundays - 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Please pray for these adults who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation this weekend at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 20th:



- David Pierce (Bap, Conf, FC)
- Carol Pittner (Bap, Conf, FC)
- Karil Courtenay (Conf, FC)
- Kathy Rivera (Conf)



Family Faith Formation Schedule

PreK to Grade 5:

Sundays - 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

Grades 6 to 12 - Youth Group:

Sundays - 6:15 to 8:00 p.m.

April 28th - Unit 5

June 2nd - End-of-Year Party 12-2 p.m.

Save the Date for CTK's Roar! Vacation Bible School!

July 22nd to July 26th

9:15 a.m. to 12 noon - Ages 5 to 12

A mandatory Volunteer Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 2nd @ 7 p.m.



- The size of our program is completely dependent on the number of adult volunteers.
- We will add the preschool program for 4 & 5 year olds who are going into Preschool 4 or Kindergarten if we have enough adult volunteers.
- Set designers and a music director are also needed.

Sacramental Preparation



Please pray for those who will be receiving **First Holy Communion** over the next several months:

- **Lauren Litkowski** - April 27th @ 5:30 p.m.
- **Alice VanDelden** - May 12th @ 11 a.m.
- **Caela O'Connell** - May 19th @ 5 p.m.
- **Arthur Benier, Elinor Harrison, & Ethan Schneider** - to be scheduled

Upcoming Youth Group Events

Sundays 6:15 to 8 p.m. in Ashland House

ALL public and Catholic school students in middle & high school (Grades 6 to 12) are welcome.

- Sun, April 21st - Handout Easter treats at 8:30 & 11 a.m. Masses
- Sun, April 28th - **Youth Group**: Emotional Virtue, Part 2
- Sat, May 4th - Filipino Night - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Sun, May 5th - **Youth Group**: Emotional Virtue, Part 3
- Sun, May 12th - **Youth Mass** @ 11 a.m. - No **Youth Group** in the evening



EASTER MESSAGE



Easter is the most important feast in the Church because:

- 1) **The Resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our Christian Faith.** His resurrection verifies his prediction that on the third day he would rise from the dead. (Lk 24:7; Jn 2:19). It is the “guarantee that those who sleep in death will also be raised.” (1 Cor 15:20).
- 2) Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of suffering. It makes life meaningful and worth living. So, we should eliminate self-pity, negativism, hopelessness and anxieties. Let us rise from revengefulness, unforgiveness, addiction, bad habits, anger, impatience, quarrels, individualism, scrupulosity, suspicions or discouragement.
- 3) Easter gives us the joyful message that we are a “Resurrection people.” This means that we are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the living presence of the Risen Lord in all the events of our lives and amid the boredom, suffering, pain and tensions of our day-to-day life.
- 4) We need to honor our bodies, keeping them holy, pure and free from evil habits and addictions, because they are to rise and be glorified. Our conviction about the presence of the Risen Lord in our neighbors and in all those with whom we come into contact should encourage us to respect them, and to render them loving, humble and selfless service.
- 5) Much as we await the final resurrection of our bodies, we know that our resurrection began in baptism. Therefore, St. Paul advises us: “You have been raised to life with Christ, so set your hearts on the things that are in heaven, where Christ sits on his throne...” (Col 3:1). Let us prayerfully persevere in receiving the sacraments. Let nothing draw us away from the Church where Jesus remains working on the salvation of sinners.
- 6) Whatever our background may be, whatever our situation may be, we were created to rise to eternal happiness. Let us keep working on it. We shall make it.

A fruitful Easter to you all!

Fr. Matthias

