



HE IS NOT HERE,
FOR HE HAS BEEN

raised

JUST AS HE SAID.
COME AND SEE THE
PLACE WHERE HE LAY.

MATTHEW 28:6 | EASTER 2023

April 9, 2023 | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Immaculate Conception

A Full Stewardship Parish ~ Partner Parish of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Dupon, IL

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Parish Office Information

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**You must Check In at the Parish Office
if you visit church during business hours.**

Sacramental Information

Baptisms: Parents/guardians are asked to attend a Preparation Seminar scheduled on the 2nd Sunday of the month after 9 a.m. Mass—at approximately 10 a.m.—in the lower-level library. We celebrate Baptisms on the 1st Sunday of the month during any Mass, and the third Sunday of the month after the 11 a.m. Mass. (No Baptisms are scheduled during Lent.) Please call the office to schedule: 281-5105.

Weddings: Please contact the Parish Office a minimum of four months prior to Marriage.

Anointing of the Sick & Funerals: Since individual needs differ, please contact the Parish Office at 281-5105 for pastoral care. Do not hesitate to call; we are grateful for the opportunity to open our hearts to you and your family and offer these sacramental services.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): The RCIA is for everyone who has been drawn by God to form a deeper relationship. Wherever you are in your faith practice – baptized in another Christian faith, starting from the beginning, or simply enriching your Catholic practice – consider the RCIA. Get to know God better and find out what it means to be Catholic. We meet in the Parish Office on Sundays, starting with "Breaking Open the Word" dismissal from 9 a.m. Mass, and catechetical sessions from 10-11:30 a.m. Contact **Lizanne Young**, at the Parish Office, 281-5105, ext. 354, or email lyoung@iccmil.org.

Reconciliation: Reconciliation is offered from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Saturdays and by appointment.

Important Volunteer Info!

Anyone who wishes to volunteer at school or church when there are children present **MUST be compliant** with the Diocesan Child Protection Policy. Please be proactive! ***EVERYONE must have an IL state background check, as well as doing the online refresher and filling out CANTS forms.** ***Coaches and employees will need to be fingerprinted in addition to the usual Child Protection paperwork. Contact Angie at the Parish Office if you have questions.** *The initial course is now available online. Please contact Angie at the Parish Office for directions. Not sure if you are compliant?? Contact Angie at the Parish Office. *The refresher course for 2022-2023 IS AVAILABLE ONLINE! Follow the link on our website! If you can't find it there, it is also on the diocesan website: <http://diobelle.org/b.aspx> Questions? Contact Angie at the Parish Office, 281-5105. *Sexual Abuse Hotline: Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a Priest or other Diocesan personnel, please call the hotline: 800-640-3044.

**Purchase Scrip Gift Cards from all of your favorite
stores, restaurants, etc... in the Parish Office!**

This Week's Liturgical Celebrations

Monday, April 10, 8:05 a.m.....We Remember Anna Lawlor
Tuesday, April 11, 8:05 a.m.We Pray For All Parishioners
Wednesday, April 12, 8:05 a.m...We Remember Herb & Betty Lehr
Thursday, April 13, 8:00 a.m.....We Remember George Naumann
Friday, April 14, 8:00 a.m.....We Remember Harold Stemler
Saturday, April 15, 9:00 a.m.We Remember Carl & Bernice Riebeling
Sunday, Apr 16, 7:00 a.m.....We Pray For All Parishioners
9:00 a.m.....We Remember Ray Ratajczyk
11:00 a.m.....We Remember Charles & Amelia
Menner



Weekly Reflections



April 16, 2023

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Second Reading:

First Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Little White Books

Please take a copy to help you on your Easter journey! These books are sponsored by:

Khoury Pharmacy,

101 N Main St. ~ 618-281-7133

Go see Paul for all of your pharmacy needs!

Prayer List Guidelines...

Please be mindful if your loved one no longer needs to be on the Prayer List and call the Parish Office: 281-5105.

Please Pray For...

Patty Pulcher
Danielle Dorlac
Donna Archambault-Kania
Arlin Stechmesser
Catherine Marlo
Margaret Ann Conrad
Peggy Schutt
Dakota Schutt
Mike Conrad
Janice McDermott
Delores Deleveski
Ginny Lambert
Brian Kreher
Rich Sambo
Catherine Sambo
Nicole Pennington
Ruth Herrmann
Bill Kutz
Chris Peel
Better health for all who are ill

Joan Thoma
Jodie Ward
Grace Nolan
Special Intention
Liam Pugh
Jill Bean
Baby Marcella
Norman Pautler
Don & Shirley Mehrmann
Heather Mestadagh-Muertz
Dolores G.
Elliana Cloin
Earl & Arlene Kruse
Mrs. Steele
Julien Wade Kinane
Charlie Hamilton
Brian Hirsh
Bob Frey
Sr. Mary Louise

Troops in Service...

SGM Joseph Pope, US Army



Parish Events & News...

Kids Easter Egg Hunt...

After the 9 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday!
All children ages 0-10 are welcome! In case of inclement weather, the hunt will be held in the Garden Level.
Sponsored by ICY.



Dear Friends in Christ,

As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, I extend to each of you my wishes for a joyous Easter. I am remembering all the people of our diocese as I stand before the altar at Easter and assure you of my prayers asking that the Risen Lord will bless you abundantly.

I encourage each of us to allow the joy of Christ's victory over sin and death to fill our hearts, and then spread that joy when we greet one another with: "Happy Easter!" Like the first Christians who saw the empty tomb in Jerusalem and encountered the Risen Lord, let us spread the incredible news that Jesus shares his triumph with us so that we can live as God's children forever. May the Lord lift every burden or sadness in our hearts and fill all of us with his most incredible gift of peace. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!

In the Risen Christ,
Bishop Michael McGovern

SVdP Thank You!...

To all who donated food to the food drive! We collected over 300 items to feed the hungry!! What a blessing to the less fortunate!

SAVE THE DATE

Fr. Carl's Golden Jubilee

September 17, 2023, 11:00 A.M.
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Columbia, IL

Formal Invitation To Follow

Parish Office Closures...

The Parish Office will be closed Easter Monday.
We will re-open on Tuesday, April 11, at 8 a.m.

Bulletin Deadline...

All submissions for the bulletin will need to be in to Angie **two Fridays before** you need it in the bulletin.
If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 618-281-5105.

D.C. Pretzel and Donut Sales...

The Next Pretzel and Donut weekend will be **April 15 & 16**.
All proceeds to the 8th graders trip to Washington DC.

Farm Blessing...

Bishop Michael McGovern invites you to the Annual Diocesan Spring Blessing of the Farm on Wednesday, **April 26**, at 1:00 PM at the Farm of Paul and Jan Blankenberger. The Farm is located at the Corner of US-Hwy 45 & County Hwy 1850 N in Enfield, Illinois 62835.

"Farm Blessing" signs will lead you to the farm. Those attending are invited to bring seed and soil in marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. Food will also be collected for the needy of the area.

We look forward to having you join us!



Landscaping Committee...

Our Landscaping Committee is going to be meeting again soon! If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please call Kara at the Parish Office! 618-281-5105.

Baptismal Prep Announcement

Due to Easter being on the 2nd Sunday of the month, there will be no Baptismal Prep in April. We will resume the second week of May.

Ministry News & Happenings

Women's ACTS...

✝ The next Women's ACTS Retreat will be Thursday, **April 20, through Sunday, April 23, 2023**, at the King's House in Belleville, IL. This parish-based retreat offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality, to strengthen your faith, and to build and deepen lasting friendships throughout your parish community. Registration forms can be found online at <http://www.icc-columbia-il.us/acts>. If you need further information on the retreat weekend, please contact one of the following:
Director: Laura Whelan - 618-698-2462.
Co-Director: Penny Prindiville - 314-707-0783.

Coming Soon — Welcome Reception...

Thank you to Kevin Glasscock who has volunteered to head up our new Welcoming Committee! We are planning to have the first Welcoming Reception on June 4, after the 9 a.m. Mass in the Garden Level. Come join us in the welcoming of our new parish family members. All are welcome!!

Mother's Day Right To Life Ad...

The Sanctity of Life Committee is collecting signatures and money for the annual Mother's Day Right to Life Ad. The Ad will be published prior to Mother's Day in the *Waterloo Republic-Times*. To have your name published as someone who supports the Right-to-Life, please mail a donation to Monroe County Right to Life, 521 S. Church St., Waterloo, IL 62298. Please print your name exactly as you want it to appear, a \$5.00 per line donation is suggested. Must be post marked by Monday, May 1, 2023. Thanks for your support.

Theology on Tap Upcoming Events...

**4/17 -- Catholic Trivia
(with prizes!)**

5/1 -- St. Ignatius' Teachings

****All events begin at 7 p.m.**

and are held at Sunset Overlook. **

ICY Odd Sundays

Every Sunday with an odd date is an Odd Sunday ICY Meeting. Check out the QR code for more details!



ICY Hosting Bra Drive...

Please consider donating your clean, gently used, ill fitting and overlooked bras. A box will be in the vestibule of the church for you to drop off these needed items. The organization we will donate them to is I Support the Girls, a national organization, but the items donated stay local. Help less fortunate ladies with this item of clothing. You can also donate feminine hygiene products as well. If you have questions, please contact Laura Whelan, 618-698-2462. **The drive goes thru the end of April.**

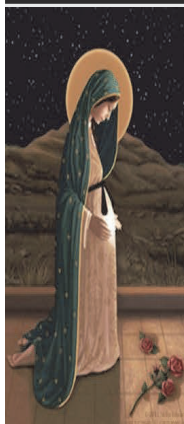
Women's Bible Study



Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the library. All are welcome! Contact Lizanne for more info—618-281-5105, ext 354.

Meals From The Heart...

Meals from the Heart is still available to those in need! We have volunteers ready to provide meals on a temporary basis to any parishioners experiencing a death, illness or trauma in their family. Please contact the Parish Office for assistance.



IC-CCW News...

Don't forget to send in your ICCCW raffle tickets!!

Raffle #1 for Quilt, afghan or
\$100 Linneman Oil gas card

Raffle #2 for over \$300 of scratch off
lottery tickets

If you've misplaced your tickets? Don't worry, tickets will be sold at Mass on April 22/23 and April 29/30. Drawing May 4.

**East Vicariate CCW Spring Meeting &
Day of Prayer**

Thursday, April 20, from 8:30 – 2pm at St. Peter's Cathedral in Belleville. Please contact glenda/sexauer@gmail.com or 618-281-8452 if interested in attending. Carpooling will be available.

Discipleship Corner...

Our eternal salvation is possible only by the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus, who, on our day of judgement "... will manifest the motives of our hearts..." (1 Cor 4:5) to determine how well we have carried out His Father's will. Our Church, based on Scripture and sacred tradition, helps us to understand God's will and guides us along a well-established and well-maintained path to eternal salvation. Church "rules" help us from wandering away from this path. It is our choice to follow this "straight and narrow" way or to meander. But as we meander, we risk our eternal salvation if we cease to do God's will.

Vocation Corner...

Hallelujah!! He is Risen! All our souls have been redeemed. What a wonderful legacy! We need to share this Redemption story with others – our Calling as Catholics. This is what we commemorate through each celebration of the Eucharist which allows us to receive our Lord in Holy Communion. We need to witness to this fact through our daily lives – talking with our classmates, taking care of our spouses and children, engaging with our friends and family, with our co-workers – in all we do! This is our vocation

– a Call to Holiness.

God Calling: Vocation Awareness

Moms and dads, how often do you speak to your children about becoming a priest or a sister? They are wonderful vocations! It's never too early to start the conversation.

Eucharistic Adoration...

Eucharistic Adoration is held
Tuesdays from 5-8 p.m.
Come and join us!

Pope Francis Says...



"If we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously."

~(LS 11)



Prayer Shawls Available!

Do you know someone who needs prayers?? Why not bring them some comfort with a handmade prayer shawl, from our Prayer Shawl Ministry??

Each Shawl will wrap your loved one in the prayers of our parish! Even during this vastly different time with COVID, we can get your loved one a prayer shawl. We deliver in sanitized bags and will leave on a porch or you can still pick up at the office during office hours. Call Marsha Narzinski at 314-517-4927 or Angie at the Parish Office, 618-281-5105.

Quilters' Corner...



Join our super fun quilters' group on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11:30 a.m. All skill levels welcome and appreciated, even beginners! Contact Carlene at 281-5877.

Pro-Life/Pregnancy Resources...

~Free and confidential pregnancy testing, counseling, and practical support: **-Life Network** of Southern Illinois (in Waterloo & Red Bud) 618-939-4224 mylifenet.org

~**Birthright Counseling STL** (3 locations in St. Louis) birthrightstl.org

~Free and confidential counseling for anyone hurt by abortion-**Project Rachel**, 618-722-5068 hopeafterabortion.com

~A caring place for women who are pregnant and experiencing homelessness-**Fontebella Maternity Home**, 618-406-4355.

If you, or someone you know, have an unborn baby diagnosed with "fetal abnormalities" or an "adverse prenatal diagnosis," please refer to: BeNotAfraid.net or PrenatalPartnersforLife.org. Both offer free parent-centered case management and parental support for parents carrying to term following a prenatal diagnosis. Birthrightstl.org offers their Melissa's Smile program, a counseling and supportive resource for mothers and fathers whose baby has been diagnosed prenatally with a genetic abnormality or whose baby has been born with a disability or serious medical condition.

Divine Mercy Sunday...

April 16

Please come early to Mass this weekend and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. To learn more about Divine Mercy Sunday and St. Faustina, check out the link below.
<https://www.usccb.org/prolife/divine-mercy-sunday>



Want to Make a Difference in the Life of a Child?

Retired too soon and still want to teach and/or lead? Why not collect your retirement and work in a Catholic school? We want you and our students need you!

Come share your expertise and passion in a faith-based setting! Contact the Diocese of Belleville, Office of Education at: Officeofeducation@diobelle.org for More info!



Stewardship Of Treasure...



Thank You For Sharing Your Blessings!



Due to early Easter bulletin deadlines, we will include the financial information from April 2, in next week's bulletin. Thank you!

The 2023 CSMA

*The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord -
Psalm 15*

"Each year, the faithful of our Belleville Diocese are asked to help the works of Christ continue and grow through their support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. By making a gift, you are helping build up the Body of Christ in our various ministries and providing help for the poor and vulnerable."

-Bishop Michael McGovern

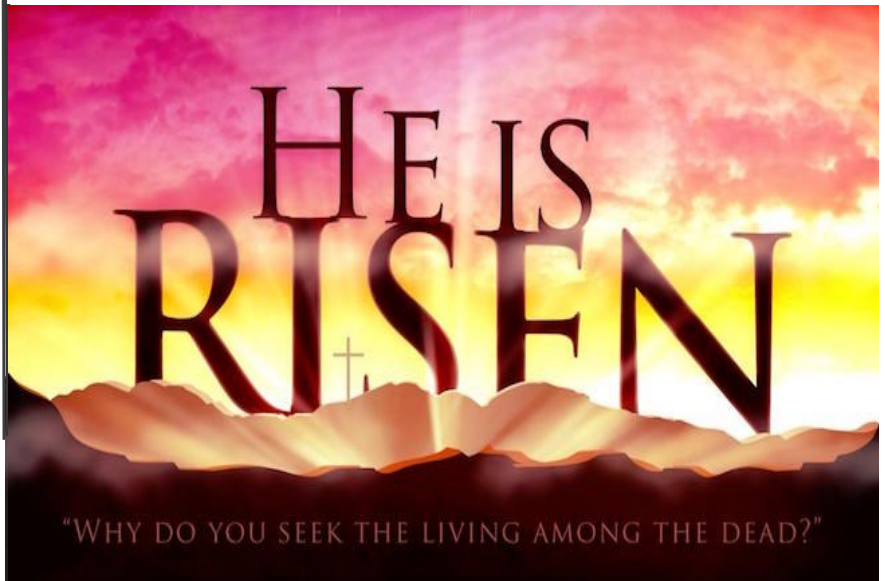
Please consider a gift to the appeal today!

So far, we have 85 donors.

Let's reach our goal of 200 donors before summer!!

Stewardship Commitment Renewal

Even if you do not have kids in ICS or PSR, this information is VERY important to us! Your completed form will help with budget planning, ministry planning and contact info updating. We are a full-stewardship parish. In order for us to have the most accurate info, we need everyone to fill out a *form*. **Thank you!!**



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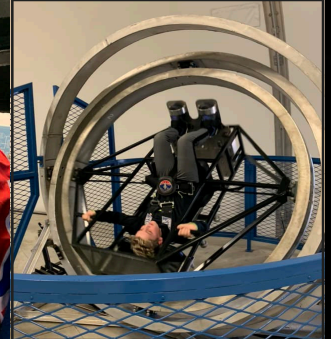
409 Palmer Road ~ 281-5353

~ School Principal: Dave Gregson, Ext. 202 ~ dgregson@icsmail.org

~ School Secretary: Beverly Epplin, Ext. 200 ~ bepplin@icsmail.org



Space Camp



The last week of March brought the exciting adventure of SPACE CAMP!! Our 7th grade students, Mr. Gregson and chaperones travelled to Huntsville, AL to experience just some of the things that astronauts experience when travelling to space! How cool is that?!!



Secure Your Spot At Camp Invention TODAY!

Register at INVENT.ORG/CAMP or
800-968-4332 Grades: K - 6th

Location: Immaculate Conception School,
409 Palmer Rd., Columbia, IL 62236;

Date: June 12 - 16, 2023

Time & Cost: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
\$260 (before discount)

Extended Day Hours Available:

7:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. / Additional \$100

Camp Director: Ashley Wright, awright@icsmail.org

If these dates/times don't work for you, please
visit invent.org/camp for other locations near you.



The 2023 Zac Epplin Memorial Golf Tournament

Friday, April 28. Lunch begins at 11:00 a.m.

Golf starts at 12:00 noon. For more details, and to
register your team and/or sponsor the event, please visit
icsfathers.square.site.

Elite Fitness Training Summer Soccer Camp...

July 18-21— Oerter Park —

1 Gall Road, Columbia

Pre-K-Age 3 — 5:45-6:15 p.m.

Age 4 — 6:15-6:55 p.m.

Grades K-8 — 6-8 p.m.

Pre-K camps- \$85; K-8- \$135.

We now have payment plan options!



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month...

Did you know... Child abuse comes in many forms. Most people identify child abuse as physically hitting a child. Neglect is also a form of abuse. Failing to provide a child with proper nutrition, housing, and supervision can cause irreparable harm. Expectations that a child be an active participant in the care of home and family, or even age-appropriate jobs is a part of healthy development. But excessive demands can cross into a form of servitude that is beyond societal norms. Child pornography is a form of sexual abuse, with real victims in every image. The viewing of these images is an offense against human dignity.

What 's Happening At Gibault?

Enrollment News

It's an exciting time to be a Gibault Hawk! Shadow visits for 7th-8th graders and transfer students are open through the end of April, so contact us to get on the calendar! Get started at: <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>. Still enrolling for the Class of 2027! Visit <https://bit.ly/GCHSApply>.

Post Prom Raffle

Take a chance on this "Family Adventure Ready" Raffle and support Gibault's Post Prom. Prize pack includes a Blackstone Tabletop Griddle, a Tundra Wheeled Yeti, and a

\$100 Kenrick's Meats & Catering Gift Card. All proceeds support Gibault Catholic High School's safe and substance-free Post Prom activities! Winner drawn on April 28. (Need not be present to win.) Stop by the Gibault office for tickets during school hours. For electronic entry, venmo Angie Kesler, @Angie-Kesler.

Poker Run

The Gibault Women's Club invites you to be part of their Poker Run on April 23.

Diocesan And Area Interests...

Reconciliation on Weeknights in Our Area

Every Tuesday evening, 6-7 p.m., St. Clare, O'Fallon.
Every Thursday evening, 6-7 p.m., St. Peter Cathedral, Belleville.

Journey to Justice Retreat:

Catholic Reflections on Our Call to Address Racial Inequity Developed by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Sponsored by the Belleville Diocesan Racial Justice and Equity Committee **Saturday, April 22, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** (Continental Breakfast Available at 8:30 a.m.) Cabrini Hall, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 104 N. 17th St., Herrin, IL
Cost: \$15 (Includes Lunch and Continental Breakfast) Register at forms.gle/WgyqHf1y239zhMoz7 or email chddiobelle@gmail.com

The Serra Club of St. Clair County

Serra Club is an organization of Catholic men and women dedicated to foster and affirm vocations to the Priesthood and vowed religious life.

Our purpose is to pray for vocations and inform our community about the need for vocations. We provide many social events for our Priests, Deacons and Nuns. We sponsor occasional visits to the Seminaries for our grade and high students guided by a priest or a seminarian. You are most welcome to be a part of our organizations. Our group meets every first and third Friday of the month at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. We begin Mass at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch and a brief meeting, with a prominent speaker.

For additional information, please call Marvin Winkeler (402-214-1155) or Mel Lucash (618-531-4244). Serra has a new web page: serrastclair.org . PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

The Harp Twins

As the world's only identical twin professional harpists, Camille and Kennerly were trained classically, but have a passion and flair for arranging and performing rock, metal, and soundtrack music for Harp Duet. The Harp Twins perform on statuesque acoustic Concert Grand Harps as well as Electric Harps. We are pleased to have the Harp Twins return to Columbia for an evening of amazing music!

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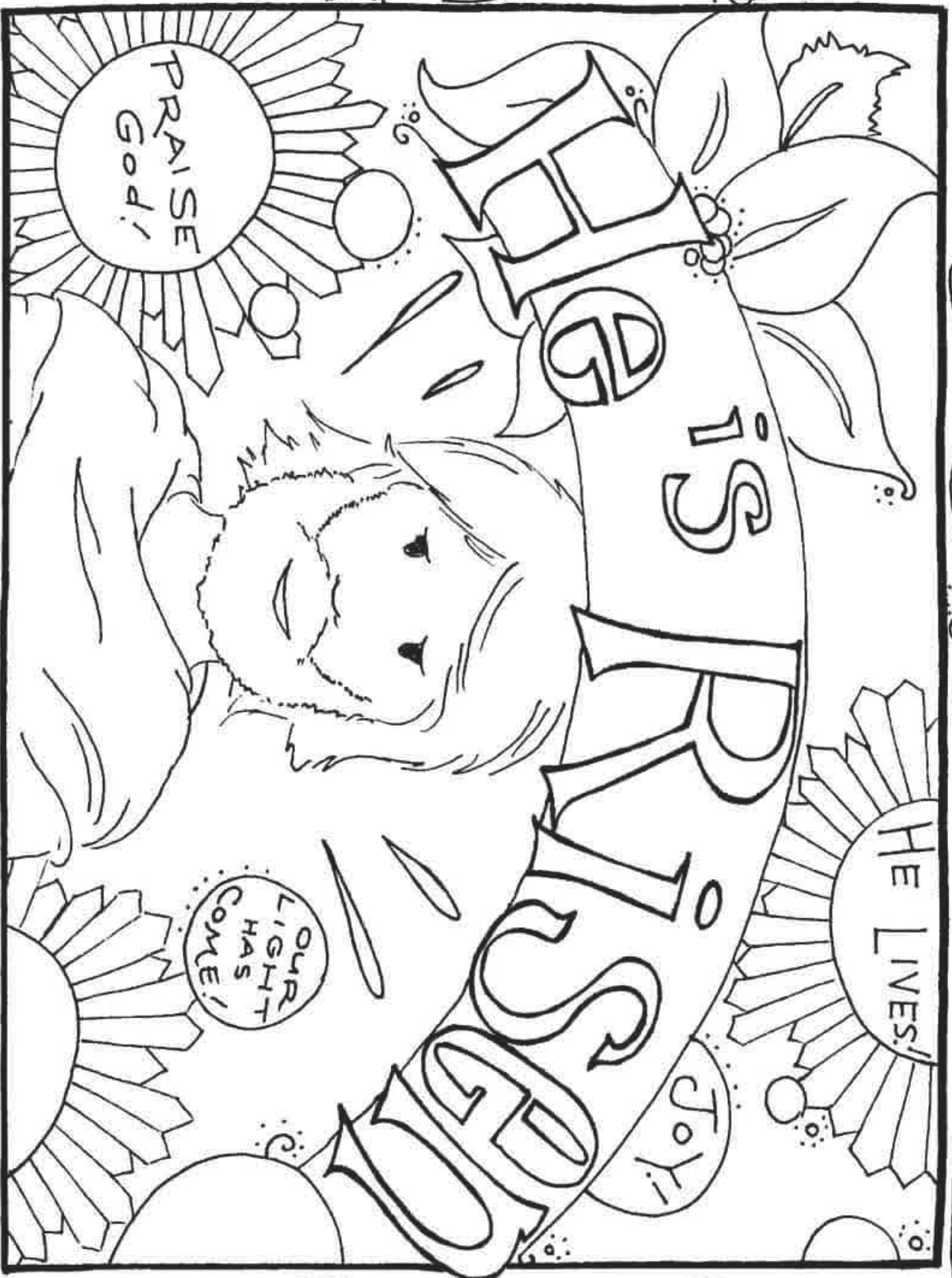
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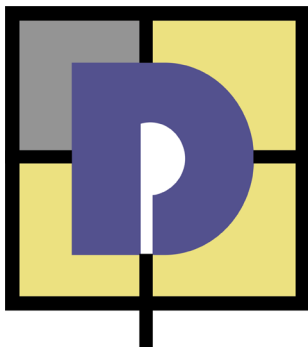
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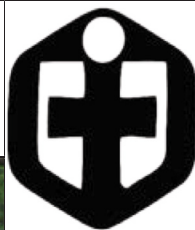


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