

# Adult Formation *Opportunities*

**Rescue Project:** This is a 7 week event that meets on Mondays at 6:30PM. We provided a meal, great conversation, watch a short video that leads to discussion on the Faith.

**Thinking About Becoming Catholic:** We meet on Tuesdays at 7PM to discuss the Catholic Faith. This is a journey of understanding without any pressure to become Catholic.

**Bible Studies** are offered on Thursdays at 9:30 AM and 7PM

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**Fellowship and Fun:** Play cards, dominos or other games with people of the parish at 1PM in the lower level of the Parish.

**Day Retreats** – Spend a day praying and learning about the Catholic Faith.

**Silent Retreat** – Advent three day silent retreat is offered at the Tipton Retreat Center

## Events Starting Dates

- September 9<sup>th</sup> - Thinking About Becoming Catholic studies begin.
- Sept 18<sup>th</sup> – Bible Studies begin
- September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Rescue begins Come to the Ministry Center or start a small group in your home.
- October 25<sup>th</sup> – Day Retrea 9:30AM-3PM
- December 5<sup>th</sup>=7<sup>th</sup> - Advent Silent Retreat
- February 21<sup>st</sup> - Lenten Day Retreat

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Click the QR code and look to the left side to find the apostolate you are interested in.



# Rescue Project

*Small Group in your home or you can come to the Church!*

## Small Groups in Your Home

Often people we are first getting to know to share the Faith may not be interested in coming to the Church but would love to be invited to your home for dinner and discussion. We ask people to consider offering a study in their home and invite them to do the Rescue Project. Everything is available and can be found on our website to help make this an easy and fund 7 weeks.

## Come to the Parish

We also offer the Rescue even at the Church for those who want to share Rescue with others but do not want to meet in their homes. We provide the food, greeters, setup and all that you need.

Click on the QR Code Below  
To Learn More About RESCUE



Questions on how to run a small group  
in your home?

All the answers can be found by  
clicking [here](#).

# Bible Studies

## INTRODUCTION TO THE DEVOUT LIFE

This study is for those who may be used to rote prayer and meditating on the Rosary but would like to enter into relationship with Jesus and learn how to pray on a deeper level. In this study we will learn by praying and studying the book INTRODUCTION TO THE DEVOUT LIFE by St. Francis de Sales. The cost of this study is \$25.

## DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS

This study is for those who have a good understanding of prayer and would like to go deeper by learning how to discern the will of God in their daily life. Through DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS we will learn the rules of discernment taught by St. Ignatius. The cost of this study is \$25.

# LEARN HOW TO PRAY



## Two Options for Bible Studies

**Starting September 18th**

**Discernment of all Desire**

Thursday Mornings from 9:30AM -11AM

Or

**Starting September 18th**

**Introduction to the Devout Life**

Thursday Evenings from 7PM – 8:30PM



# Thinking About Becoming Catholic?

*Tuesday Evenings at 7PM in the lower  
level of the parish starting September 9<sup>th</sup>*

This formation, gradually opens one to the inner transformation of the soul to the grace of a loving God. Each week you will be invited to go deeper into the beauty and awe of our Faith. We help each person make an informed decision. We will share what the Catholic Church teaches, what that means for your life, and how to pray and discern where God is calling you.

Many people begin this journey before we hear from them. God calls us in many different ways as seeds are planted throughout our lives by different people and different experiences. These seeds of faith take root and grow over time. Whatever your relationship with Jesus Christ is now, we invite you to go deeper by joining us on Tuesdays.

Conversion is a gradual process and we want to walk with you on this incredible journey of Faith.

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## OCIA vs RCIA

*The name of the process for becoming  
Catholic has changed.*

The United States of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) officially changed the initialism of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation to OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation). The Catholic Faith has a long tradition of using abbreviations in the original Latin. For example: The document by St. John Paul II on Redemptive Suffering is listed as *SD* because the Latin is *Savifici Doloris*. The dogmatic constitution on the Church is listed as *DV* because of the Latin title *Dei Verbum*.

Since the promulgation of the Christian Initiation process after Vatican II the title in Latin was *ORDO INITIATIONIS CHRISTIANE ADULTORUM*. "The name change applies both to the process by which one enters the Church and the book that contains the ritual text and prayers for those steps." (CNA Newsletter: 11/18/21).

Book by book, the bishops have been updating the language and translation of the different sacraments since St. John Paul II set it in motion) in May of 2001. He asked that there be an effort to translate the document to the closest Latin liturgical texts.

There are slight revisions in the new OCIA document and those will be put into effect by Lent of 2025.

# Retreats Offered at St. Louis De Montfort

In the noise of our daily life, it is sometimes hard to hear God speaking to us. We busy every minute of every day with duties for our children, our spouse and our neighbors. Sometimes we start to get lost in the noise of life and it becomes a background hum that drowns out our purpose and true self.

Spiritual Opportunities are exactly that, they are opportunities to hear God speak to us. Each of us hears God speak in a unique way. We are all different and have a personal relationship with God that is unique to who we are created to be. We are children of God who He longs to know in our inmost being. He desires to be in conversation with us – but God is always a gentleman and will not force His way into our hearts. He waits, patiently, for an invitation.

It is in silence that scripture can come alive in a personal way. It is in silence that we hear God speak to us. It is in silence that God reveals the extraordinary person we are created to be. It is in silence that we open ourselves to the graces God wants to pour into our inmost being. It is in silence that we invite Him into our hearts deeply.

Being gently guided into silence through scripture is a gift of the St. Ignatius Spiritually Exercises. Our retreats always are grounded in the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises.

- **October 25<sup>th</sup> Day Retreat 9:30AM to 3PM**
- **December 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>: Advent Three Day Silent Retreat at St. Joseph Retreat Center in Tipton**
- **February 21<sup>st</sup> Lent Day Retreat 9:30AM - 3PM**

At the Day Retreats participants are invited and encouraged to join us for 8AM Mass followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The three day silent retreat offers Mass, Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and five talks that help direct your silent meditation as you contemplate the mysteries of the incarnation. Staff is available if you have questions or need help with any of the meditations.



## Additional Offerings for Adult Formation include

- Exodus 90
- Barstool Theology
- Christ Renews His Parish
- Fellowship and Fun
- Magnify 90
- Marriage Enrichment
- The Third Option
- Father's Ministry

