

Order of Christian Initiation of Children

St. Mary Catholic Parish, 2022-23

For: Children 8 years old and older who have not received any Sacraments in the Catholic Church (who need Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) or who were baptized in another Christian denomination and now wish to join the Catholic Church

- Because these children are past the age of reason, our Church requires them to **freely consent** to receiving the Sacraments and to be **fully initiated** into the Catholic Church (not just receive Baptism, but all 3 Sacraments of Initiation)

What OCIC is:

- **Weekly meetings** to learn about the Catholic faith and how to be a disciple of Jesus—either Wednesday afternoons (4:00-4:45) or Sunday afternoons (12:45-1:30), meeting in the Conference Room of the Parish Office
- **Participation in the Rites of OCIC/OCIA**—including the Rite of Acceptance on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, the Rite of Sending and the Rite of Election on the 1st Sunday of Lent, the Scrutiny Rites during Lent, and reception of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass (April 8, 2023)
- **Parental involvement** to strengthen parents and family in their Catholic faith—the best option is for parents to attend OCIA classes on Tuesday nights (6:30-8:00pm)
- **Participation in St. Mary Parish**—attendance at Mass on weekends and getting involved in other activities that connect the family to the parish (Religious Education, etc.)

Meeting Schedule

Date of Meeting (attend either Wed or Sun)	Topic	Chapter in <i>Totally Catholic</i>
Sept. 28 or Oct. 2	Introduction	Receive book, go over contents
October 5 or Oct 9	What is Faith?	Chapter 1
Oct 12 or 16	What is God Like?	Chapter 2
Oct 19 or 23	What Has God Revealed?	Chapter 3
Oct 26 or 30	How is the Bible God's Letter?	Chapter 4
November 2 or 6	What is the Trinity?	Chapter 5
Nov 9 or 13	Creation and the Fall	Chapter 6 & 7
Nov 16 or 20	Who is Jesus?	Chapter 8
Nov 23 or 27: No Meeting		
Nov 30 or Dec. 4	How Did God Become Man?	Chapters 9 & 10
Saturday, December 10: Rite of Acceptance at the 5:00pm Mass		
Dec 7 or 11	Jesus' Public Life	Chapters 11 & 12
Dec 14 or 18	Jesus' Passion & Resurrection	Chapters 13 & 14

December 21 through Jan 1: No Meetings		
January 4 or 8	Who is the Holy Spirit?	Chapter 15
Jan 11 or 15	What is the Church?	Chapter 16
Jan 18 or 22	Communion of Saints/Mary	Chapters 17 & 18
Jan 25 or 29	What Will Happen at the End of the World?	Chapter 19
Feb 1 or 5	Why is Liturgy Important? Why is the Eucharist Wonderful?	Chapter 20 & 23
Feb 8 or 12	What is Baptism?	Chapter 21
Feb. 15 or 19	Why be Confirmed?	Chapter 22
Feb. 22—Ash Wednesday (no meeting)		
Saturday, February 25—Rite of Sending at the 5:00pm Mass		
Sunday, February 26, Rite of Election at the Cathedral (probably 2pm)		
Mar 1 or 5	Sacraments of Healing	Chapters 24 & 25
Mar 8 or 12	Sacraments of Vocation	Chapters 26 & 27
Sunday March 12: First Scrutiny at the 9am Mass		
Mar 15 or 19	Making Good Choices, God's Laws	Chapters 28 & 29
Saturday, March 18: Second Scrutiny at the 5:00pm Mass		
Mar 22 or 26	Commandments 1 through 3	Chapters 30, 31 & 32
Sunday, March 26: Third Scrutiny at the 11:30am Mass		
Mar 29 or April 2	Commandments 4 through 6	Chapters 33, 34 & 35
April 5 or 9: Holy Week, no meetings		
April 8: Easter Vigil (rehearsal at 10:00am, Vigil Mass begins at 8:00pm)		
April 12 or 16	Commandments 7 through 10	Chapters 36 & 37
April 19 or 23	What is Prayer?	Chapter 38
April 26 or 30	What Does the Our Father Mean?	Chapter 39
May 3 or 7	Mass & Going to Confession	Review Chapters 23 & 24