

Inquiry (Pre-catechumenate)

A time of questions and discernment

Held year round. Please call Barbara Heininger at 248-446-8700 for exact dates.

Catechumenate

A time of prayer and preparation

Topics

- 8/24 Breaking Open the Word
- 9/1 LABOR DAY WEEKEND
NO OCIA
- 9/7 Breaking Open the Word
- 9/14 God's Invitation and Faith
- 9/21 Jesus
- 9/28 The Trinity and the Holy Spirit
- 10/5 Bible Part I:
OT & Salvation History
- 10/12 Ten Commandments/
Examination of Conscience
- 10/19 The Creed/Four Marks of the Church
- 10/26 Mary & the Saints— w/Rosary
- 11/2 HOLY DAY: All Saints Day/
Catholic Social Teaching
- 11/9 The Mass
- 11/16 Forms of Prayer/Prayer Life
- 11/23 RITE OF ACCEPTANCE IN
THE CHURCH/Bible Part II: New Testament
- 11/30 THANKSGIVING –No OCIA
- 12/7 **NOON MASS** Topic: :
Places in the Church
- 12/14 Sacrament of Marriage
- 12/21 Star of Bethlehem Video
- 12/25 HOLY DAY: Christmas
- 12/28 CHRISTMAS BREAK—No OCIA
- 1/1 HOLY DAY: Solemnity of Mary 1/4
Epiphany/Angels
- 1/11 Sacrament of Holy Orders/Church
Hierarchy
- 1/18 Sacrament of Baptism
- 1/25 Sacrament of Confirmation
- 2/1 Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 2/8 The Beatitudes

- 2/15 Rite of Sending in Church /Purification and
Enlightenment AND Sponsor Class

- 2/18 ASH WEDNESDAY—Mass together

Purification and Enlightenment

A time of reflection and sacramental preparation

- 2/21 Rite of Sending and Election at
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral (Saturday)
- 2/22 Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
- 3/1 Intro to the Scrutinies/Creed—Topic: Church
Councils
- 3/8 First Scrutiny in Church/Topic: The Eucharist
- 3/15 Second Scrutiny in Church/Topic: The Last Things
- 3/22 Third Scrutiny in Church/Topic: Other Things
- 3/29 Palm Sunday—OCIA Retreat 10 AM—3PM
- 4/2 Holy Thursday—Triduum Begins 7 PM Mass
- 4/3 Good Friday
- 4/4 EASTER VIGIL
- 4/5 EASTER SUNDAY—No OCIA—Easter Sunday

Mystagogy

A time of deciding where to fit into the life of the faithful

- 4/12 Vigil Reflection & Spiritual Gifts Assessment
- 4/19 Spiritual Gifts Assessment: Time, Service &
Stewardship
- 4/26 Parish Ministries
- 5/3 OCIA in Action
- 5/10 **Mother's Day**—No OCIA
- 5/14 HOLY DAY—Ascension of Jesus
- 5/17 **Pentecost/Acts/Community**
- 5/24 Pentecost Blessing at Mass
- 5/31 Year End PICNIC

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OCIA
**Order of
Christian
Initiation for
Adults**



2025-2026

OCIA

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Who should attend?

- Those seeking to join the Catholic Church through Baptism and Conversion
- Sponsors and godparents for Catechumens and Candidates
- Adult Catholics seeking to complete the Sacraments of Initiation with the reception of Eucharist and Confirmation
- All peoples seeking a richer understanding of the Catholic Faith

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process in which those seeking to grow in an understanding of the Roman Catholic faith come together to explore Catholic belief and the expression of that belief in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. Some come seeking reception into the church through Baptism, others through conversion to Catholic identity, and still others come as believers seeking a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith.

OCIA proceeds through four distinct stages:

Pre-catechumenate (Inquiry)

This is a time, no fixed duration, for inquiry and introduction to Gospel values expressed in Catholic Christian life and belief. It recognizes the presence of conversion.

The Catechumenate

A time of formation and discernment and preparation for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation.

Purification and Enlightenment

Intense spiritual preparation through interior reflection. Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation.

Mystagogy

Period where Neophytes make the paschal mystery part of their everyday lives as they take their place among the faithful.

*"I have called you by name and
you are mine."*

Isaiah 43:1

OCIA Team

Fr. Stan Tokaski—Pastor
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"In the Sacraments of Initiation we are freed from the power of darkness and joined to Christ's death, burial and resurrection. We receive the Spirit of adoption and are part of the entire people of God in the celebration of the memorial of the Lord's death and resurrection."