



Becoming
Catholic

OCIA | Order of Christian Initiation for Adults



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Welcome to St. Ignatius Parish's OCIA program. The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is for 1) adults who have never been baptized who seek to become Catholic. 2) It is also for adults who were baptized in another Christian church who seek to become Catholic and 3) adults who were already baptized as Catholic, but who have not celebrated the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion, or Confirmation. Below is a list of the classes and preliminary schedule.

2026-2027 Becoming Catholic (OCIA) Calendar

Phase of Inquiry: Explore and Discern Becoming Catholic

Sept. 2026	What is Faith Holy Trinity Who is Jesus Christ? Bible, Divine Revelation Prayer, Prayer Life
Oct. 2026	The Mass Places in the Church, Shepherds of the Church, The Church Year Community, The Church as the Body of Christ, Communion of Saints
Nov. 2026	Mary and the Saints Eschatology: The Last Things OCIA Process and Rites/The Sacraments: An introduction The Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation Rite of Welcoming at Sunday Mass

Phase of Catechumenate: Prepare to Receive the Sacraments

Dec. 2026	The Sacrament of the Eucharist Sacraments – Penance and Reconciliation Sacraments – Matrimony Sacraments – Holy Orders, Anointing of the Sick
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Phase of Catechumenate: Prepare to Receive the Sacraments, continued

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| Jan. 2027 | The People of God
The Early Church
Church History
Christian Moral Living |
| Feb. 2027 | Dignity of Life, Bioethics, Social Doctrine of the Church
Ash Wednesday Mass
Rite of Election: Saying Yes to Jesus
Living Lent |

Phase of Enlightenment: Prayer, Study, and Sacramental Preparation

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| Feb. 2027 | Scrutinies: Looking within |
| Mar. 2027 | The Creed
The Way of the Cross
The Lord's Prayer
First Confession
The Meaning of Holy Week
The Crucifixion and Death of our Lord – Holy Triduum (Holy Thursday & Good Friday)
Easter Vigil Mass – Welcome to the Catholic Church! |

Phase of Mystagogy: Walk in the Way of Faith Together

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| Mar. 2027 | Conversion – A lifelong Process/Challenges in your New Catholic Life, Life Outside Mass |
| Apr. 2027 | Challenges in our New Life, Life outside Sunday Mass
Role of Laity, Family Life
Your Spiritual Gifts, Discernment
Call to Holiness, Living the Virtues
Family Live/Evangelization |