

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (2026-27)

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Mission Statement:

OCIA stands for Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. OCIA is the normal process by which non-Catholics can enter the Catholic Church. However, OCIA classes are open to anyone, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith.

Classes:

We offer in-person classes and strongly encourage attendance. But we will also stream classes on our YouTube channel (see below). Classes will be held on posted Sundays from 9:00 to 10:30AM.

Resources:

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)
Outlines of the Catholic Faith (OCF)

Website:

 <https://catholic.irockne.com/page/view/ocia>

Streaming:

 <https://www.youtube.com/@ocia.rockne.texas.1892>

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Calendar Key:

-  OCIA class or activity
-  OCIA special event
-  Holy Day of Obligation

Website:



Classes:





OCIA Class Schedule 2026-27

September						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13 Ministry Fair	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 ✚ Class 1	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 ✚ Class 2	28	29	30			

Class 1: Introduction to OCIA (Sunday 9/20)

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: An introduction to the Catholic Order of Christian Initiation for Adults program (or OCIA for short).

Class 2: Basic Theology and Apologetics (Sunday 9/27)

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: Is there really a God? Is faith opposed to reason? In this class, we attempt to answer these and other foundational questions on faith.

Resources: CCC 31, 33-35, 46, 48, 286, 2127.



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October						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 ✚ Class 3	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 ✚ Class 4	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	16	17
18 ✚ Class 5	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 ✚ Class 6	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

Class 3: Christian Theology (Sunday 10/4)

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: What are the basic doctrines and dogmas Catholic Christians subscribe to? In this class, we explore the mystery of the Trinity, the Incarnation, and the Divinity of Christ.

Resources: CCC 198, OCF pp. 7-8,12: CCC 470-78.

Class 4: The Lord's Prayer (Sunday 10/11)

Instructor: Marilyn Klaus

Description: The Our Father is the iconic prayer that Jesus Christ himself taught us to pray. You have probably said this prayer countless times before. But have you ever really focused on what the prayer is saying? In this class we examine this most perfect of Christian prayers.

Resources: CCC 2759-2865.

Class 5: What We Believe – The Creed (Sunday 10/18)

Instructor: Mike May

Description: The ancient Apostle's and Nicene Creeds formed the blueprint for the faith of the early Christians. In this class we explore history and the theology of the creeds with emphasis on the Nicene Creed.

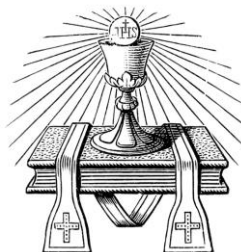
Resources: OCF pp. 6-18.

Class 6: Sin, Forgiveness, Repentance and Conversion (Sunday 10/25)

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: We sin. God forgives. We repent. That leads to our conversion. In this class we explore, in greater detail, the mystery of God's economy of salvation. We will also discuss the role of Purgatory.

Resources: OCF pp. 2-3, 15-17, 48-51, 63.



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November						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saint's Day Daylight Saving ✚ Class 7	2 All Soul's Day	3 Election Day	4	5	6	7
8 ✚ Class 8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14
15 ✚ Class 9	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 ✚ Class 10	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29 ✚ Rite of Acceptance First Sunday of Advent	30					

Class 7: The Bible (Sunday 11/1)

Instructor: Marilyn Klaus and Karen Tucker

Description: In this class, we explore the basic structure and various themes of the Bible. We will also introduce and explore The Bible Timeline, a concise, graphical summary pamphlet detailing all of salvation history.

Resources: CCC 74-141, 748-962.

Class 8: Eternal Destiny and Eschatology (Sunday 11/8)

Instructor: Linda Kutach

Description: In this class we discuss mankind's eternal destiny. Specific topics for discussion will be the four last things (death, judgment, heaven and hell), purgatory, and indulgences.

Resources: CCC 676, 769, 778, 1042, 1053, 1186, 2771, 2776, 2796; OCF pp. 2, 6-7, 10-13, 17-18, 21, 27, 29, 48, 58, 62

Class 9: The Mass Explained (Sunday 11/15)

Instructor: Mike May

Description: The Mass is the historical and liturgical form of Catholic Christian worship. In this class we step through and explain the various parts of the Mass, including the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Resources: CCC 1066-1209; OCF 26, 39, 63.

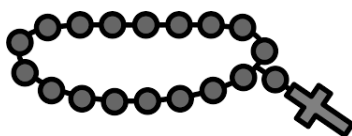
Class 10: The Mass Practical (Sunday 11/22)

Instructor: TBD

Description: Class will meet at church, and we will do a practical walkthrough of the order of Mass.

Rite of Acceptance (Sunday 11/29)

Description: In the Rite of Acceptance, candidates and catechumens are invited to attend the 8AM Mass where they are introduced to the parish. The Rite of Acceptance is an ancient rite that dates to the earliest days of the church, and one that is still faithfully practiced in the Catholic church. After Mass, there will be no formal class. There will be a short reception in Holtman Hall.



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December						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 ✚ Class 11	7	8 ✚ Feast of Immaculate Conception	9	10	11	12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
13 ✚ Class 12	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 ✚ Christmas Day	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

Class 11: The Blessed Virgin Mary (Sunday 12/6)

Instructor: Marilyn Klaus and Karen Tucker

Description: The Blessed Virgin Mary is held in high esteem in the Catholic faith. After all, she is the mother of God (being the literal mother of Jesus Christ). As such, she exemplifies what each of us are called to be - members of the Holy Family of God.

Class 12: History of the Church (Sunday 12/13)

Instructor: Laura Wolbrueck

Description: The Catholic Church is an ancient organization, dating back some 2000 years, all the way back to the time of Jesus Christ himself. In this class we touch on the high points and low points of Catholic history.

NOTE: There will be no classes on Sunday December 21 and Sunday December 28.



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January						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Mary, Mother of God New Year's Day	2
3  Class 13	4	5	6 Epiphany	7	8	9
10  Class 14	11	12	13	14	15	16
17  Class 15	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19	20	21	22	23
24  Class 16	25	26	27	28	29	30
31  Class 17						

Class 13: The Kingdom of God and the Church (Sunday 1/3)

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: What is the Kingdom of God? Does it refer to a future kingdom on earth after Jesus' coming? Or does the kingdom exist here and now? Learn what the Bible (and the Church) have to say on the matter.

Resources: CCC 671, 677, 680, 763, 1042, 1060, 1720, 2046, 2804, 2816-21, 2859.

Class 14: Christian Morality I – The Ten Commandments (Sunday 1/10)

Instructor: Mike May

Description: Human beings have been made in the image of God Who is all powerful, all knowing, and all good. What does God expect of us? In what ways are we called to be like Him? In this class we examine how the Ten Commandments give the standard of Christian morality. We will also talk about their New Testament corollaries, the Eight Beatitudes.

Class 15: Christian Morality II – The Eight Beatitudes, and the Seven Virtues and the Seven Vices (Sunday 1/17)

Instructor: Linda Kutach

Description: In this class, we continue our discussion on Christian morality with a discussion on the Eight Beatitudes, the Seven Virtues and the Seven Vices, and the necessity of good works.

Class 16: Salvation (Sunday 1/24)

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: In this class we explore the Catholic doctrine of salvation. How is a person "saved"? How do Catholic beliefs on salvation differ from those held by other Christian professions of faith?

Resources: CCC 456-57, 519, 588, 600-02, 851, 1019, 1696, 1811, 1949; OCF pp. 3-4, 21, 34, 37, 50.

Class 17: The Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist (Sunday 1/31)

Instructor: Linda Kutach

Description: In this class we introduce the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, the Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Resources: OCF pp. 19-28.

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February						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7  Class 18	8	9	10 First Day of Lent Ash Wednesday	11	12	13
14  Class 19 Valentine's Day  Rite of Election	15 President's Day	16	17	18	19	20
21  Class 20	22	23	24	25	26	27
28  Class 21 						

Scrutinies

Class 18: The Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick (Sunday 2/7)

Instructor: Linda Kutach

Description: In this class we introduce the two Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick.

Resources: OCF pp. 29-33.

Rite of Election (Sunday 2/14)

Description: The Rite of Election is another ancient rite of the Catholic Church. See Appendix for more information.

Class 19: The Sacraments of Service: Holy Orders and Matrimony (Sunday 2/14)

Instructor: Laura Wolbrueck

Description: In this class we introduce the two Sacraments of Service: Holy Orders and Matrimony.

Class 20: The Eucharist I (Sunday 2/21)

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls the Eucharist 'the source and summit of the Christian life' (CCC 1324). Why do Catholics heap such praise upon this Sacrament, otherwise known as the Lord's Supper?

Resources: CCC 1322-1419.

The First Scrutiny (Sunday 2/28)

Description: Preparation for the Elect at all Sunday Masses so as to "see clearly and inspect closely". See Appendix for more information.

Class 21: The Eucharist II (Sunday 2/28)

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: This is a continuation of our class on the Eucharist and its importance in our faith.

Resources: CCC 1322-1419.

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March						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Scrutinies 7   Class 22	8	9	10	11	12	13
14  Daylight Savings	15	16	17	18	19	20
Spring Break						
		St. Patrick's Day				
21  Class 23 Palm Sunday	22	23	24	25	26	27  Easter Vigil Holy Saturday
28	29	30	31			
Easter Sunday						

The Second and Third Scrutinies (Sunday 3/7, Sunday 3/14)

Description: Preparation for the Elect at all Sunday Masses so as to “see clearly and inspect closely”. See Appendix for more information.

Class 22: Becoming Catholic (Sunday 3/7)

Instructor: Rodney Kadura

Description: In this class we review and reflect upon all that we have learned. We will also discuss the Sacrament of Reconciliation reception which is required of all candidates prior to reception of the three Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Anytime in the 2 weeks prior to the Easter Vigil)

Candidates must attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to the Easter Vigil. See Appendix for more information.

Class 23: Easter Vigil Walkthrough (Sunday 3/21)

Description: This is the last meeting, before the Easter Vigil, when prospective candidates and catechumens will be welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church. In this class we will do a walkthrough for the Easter Vigil.

Easter Vigil (Saturday 3/27)

Description: On the Easter Vigil, held on Holy Saturday, candidates and catechumens wishing to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church receive the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion.

“This is my
body ...”



“... this is my
blood”

Mark 14:22-24

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April						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 ✚ Class 24	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 ✚ Class 25	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 ✚ Class 26	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Class 24: Catholic Buffet (Sunday 4/4)

Instructor: Linda Kutach

Description: A class where we talk about a host of Catholic topics: lives of the Saints, Praying with the Saints, how we should respond to questions about our faith, the problem with evil, etc.

Class 25: Catholic Spirituality and Prayer (Sunday 4/11)

Instructor: Laura Wolbrueck

Description: In this class discuss Catholic spirituality and prayer in a practical way. It describes strategies for how we, as Christians, can cultivate and grow our relationship with God. It offers a simple framework for beginning a steady, grace-filled prayer life rooted in trust and daily practice.

Class 26: Mystagogy (Sunday 4/18)

Instructor: Karen Tucker

Description: Mystagogy – or the “revealing of the mysteries” – is the last official act of the OCIA process. In ancient times, Mystagogy defined the final revelation of the Sacraments and their meaning. Today, Mystagogy is used to introduce new Catholics to the Catholic way of life.



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Rite of Acceptance (Sunday 11/29)

OCIA participants are invited to attend the 8AM Mass where they are introduced to the parish. The Rite of Acceptance is an ancient rite that dates to the earliest days of the church, and one that is still faithfully practiced in the Catholic church. After Mass, there will be no formal class.

The Rite isn't about OCIA participants accepting the Church. That comes later, as something called the Rite of Election. Rather, the Rite of Acceptance is about the Church accepting our new OCIA participants. The Church is asked to welcome and pray for them in their discernment process.

There is no class following the 8AM Mass. Instead, there will be a short reception in Holtman Hall.

Rite of Election (Sunday 2/14)

The Rite of Election is another ancient rite of the Catholic Church. It is at this point that OCIA participants are asked to decide if they wish to move forward with the process of becoming Catholic. NOTE: The decision is not binding. OCIA participants can change their mind, one way or the other, at any point before the Easter Vigil (4/4).

After the Rite of Election, OCIA participants that wish to move forward with the process are known as the "Elect".

The Scrutinies (Sunday 2/28, Sunday 3/7, Sunday 3/14)

The Scrutinies are associated with three specific Gospel stories on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent:

1. Jesus encountering the Samaritan woman at the well, where He offers Himself as the Living Water,
2. Jesus healing the man born blind, where He gives Himself as Light of the World, and
3. Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, where He reveals Himself as the Resurrection and the Life.

After the Gospel and Homily, the Elect and their Sponsors come forward during each of the three weeks of the Scrutinies. The Celebrant addresses the whole assembly, asking us to pray for a spirit of repentance, an awareness of sin, and strength of will for the Elect. He prays for them as we pray for them. While this is happening, we can recognize the need to seek these same graces in prayer for our own continuous conversions.

Mass Attendance

Weekly Mass attendance (Saturday or Sunday) is obligatory for all Catholics. It is one of the five Precepts of the Catholic Church defining the minimum standards of what it means to be Catholic. Mass attendance is encouraged for all OCIA participants now and compulsory after the Rite of Election (2/14) when participants

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Anytime in the 2 weeks prior to the Easter Vigil)

Prior to the Easter Vigil, all candidates are required to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation (a.k.a. Confession). Candidates can do this at any point in the two weeks leading up to the Easter Vigil. Typically, our church has a Penitential Rite in which priests from all over the Diocese come to hear confessions at our parish.

Easter Vigil (Saturday 3/27)

On the Easter Vigil, held on Holy Saturday before Easter Sunday, candidates and catechumens wishing to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church receive the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion.