

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL



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Welcome to St. Joseph Catholic Church and our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) program! As we journey through this process, you will learn about the Roman Catholic Church, its rich traditions, and over 2000 year-old history.

When adults enter the OCIA program, they naturally come with questions. We explore these questions in conversation and dialogue over the months while we discuss a variety of topics that will challenge you to deepen your understanding of what it means to become “Catholic”.

We meet weekly from the end of September thru the end of April. The weekly sessions will take place in the Parish Office conference room on Sunday morning beginning at 9:00 a.m. and continuing until 10:15a.m. See enclosed OCIA Schedule for 2023-24. There are several Sundays we do not meet and those are highlighted in yellow.

As you prepare to journey through OCIA, you are encouraged to attend weekend Mass. Please know that you are also welcome to join us for weekday and Holy Day Masses, Faith Formation, and any parish activities. The weekly bulletin is full of information and is available at the church entrances and online. You will find more information about St. Joseph Parish and the OCIA program on our website: [www.stjosephprinceton.org](http://www.stjosephprinceton.org).

We would like for everyone to have a Catholic companion (Sponsor or Godparent), who will walk beside you on this faith journey. A relative or friend who is a practicing Catholic is a good choice. If that is not available to you, let us know if you would like for us to pair you with a Sponsor or Godparent from the parish.

**If you have not had an interview with Beth Kirsch, our Parish Faith Formation Leader, please complete the enclosed OCIA Inquirer Information Form. On behalf of the entire St. Joseph Parish, we welcome you and look forward to getting to know you and grow with you in Faith!**

St. Joseph OCIA Team,

*Greg Hauger*

*Joe Kirsch*

*Mike & Gail Riedford*

*Anne Sheridan*

*Beth Kirsch, Faith Formation Leader*

*Fr. Gary Kaiser, Pastor*