

R.C.I.A. Schedule 2022-2023

Inquiry: General Orientation

Inquiry is a great time to grow in your faith. As the name suggests, ask the questions, explore the call, take the time to make sure you are ready to enter the process to become a Catholic. There is one session during this time. But make sure you also meet informally with our RCIA team and your sponsor. It's also a wonderful grace to come to Mass. You are always welcome.

Sunday, October 30th, 11:45 am – Information Session and Tour the Church
(meet at St. Mary's church, Main St. Lee)

Catechumenate

The Catechumenate begins the formal time of preparation for full initiation. It begins with a Rite of Welcome (the First Weekend of Advent). In it the Sunday assembly welcomes and prays for the candidates and the candidates in turn can publicly state their desire to participate in the process. What follows are a series of encounters designed to discuss the content and personal growth related to the life of faith. The tentative schedule for this is listed below. The Catechumenate ends at the beginning of Lent (in March). All Family Faith Formation and Catechesis sessions will be held at St. Mary's School.

Sunday, November 27th, 11:00 am Rite of Welcome at Mass

Sunday, December 4th 9-11:45 am Family Faith Formation & Catechetical Mass

Thursday, December 15th 6-7:30pm Catechesis

Sunday, December 18th 9-10:45 am Family Faith Formation

-- No formal meeting on Christmas or New Years, see you at Church --

Sunday, January 8th 9-10:45 am Family Faith Formation

Thursday, January 12th 6-7:30 pm Catechesis

Sunday, January 22nd 9-10:45 am Family Faith Formation

Thursday, February 2nd 6-7:30pm Catechesis

Sunday, February 5th 9-10:45 am Family Faith Formation

Sunday, February 12th 9-10:45 am Family Faith Formation

Thursday, February 16th 6-7:30pm Catechesis

Purification and Enlightenment

The period for purification and enlightenment takes place during the season of Lent. It is our hope and prayer that in our Sunday Masses as well as the learning we are able to undergo in these last remaining weeks that you are brought closer God in preparation for your full initiation at Easter. For some this is a reminder of baptism already received. For others it is a preparation for its reception. Lent is a powerful time to bring out the theme for repentance and conversion. Let us together turn to the Lord who is full of love and mercy.

Join us for Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 22 ... you pick the Mass or Service you can make.

Thursday, February 23rd 6-7:30pm Catechesis

Sunday, February 26th, 11:00 am Rite of Sending at Mass

2:00 pm – Rite of Acceptance and Call to Continuing Conversion @ St. Michael's, 254 State St., Springfield 01101

Sunday, March 5th, 9-10:45 am Family Faith Formation

Thursday, March 9th 6-7:30pm Catechesis

Sunday, March 12th, 11 am First Scrutiny at Mass

Sunday, March 19th 9-11:45 am Family Faith Formation & Second Scrutiny at Mass

Thursday, March 23rd, 6-7:30pm Catechesis

Sunday, March 26th, 11:00 am Third Scrutiny Mass

Palm Sunday, April 2nd, 9-11:45 am Family Faith Formation & Palm Sunday Procession

Thursday, April 6th, 7:00 pm – HOLY THURSDAY MASS followed by Adoration

Friday, April 7th, 7:00 pm – GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Saturday – April 8th, 12:00 noon – Rite of Ephphetha

April 8th, 8:00 pm: Easter Vigil Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation

The next step in the Christian initiation of adults is the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism (or for those who are already baptized, a formal reception into the Church), Confirmation and the Eucharist. Through this great act of prayer the elect, receiving pardon for their sins, are admitted into the people of God; are graced with adoption as children; are led by the Holy Spirit into the promised fullness of time begun in Christ and, as they share in the Eucharistic sacrifice and meal, receive a foretaste of the kingdom of God.

Mystagogia (Post Easter Celebration)

Your journey as a Catholic is not over at Easter. Now it is time to grow in the mysteries. Come to Mass, continue to read & study, live a life of service ... practice your faith. We want to gather again to celebrate all that has happened this year and to honor your faithfulness. Please invite your families and friends. A formal invitation will be sent in early May, but mark your calendar now.

Sunday, April 30th 9-10:45 am Family Faith Formation

Sunday, May 28th 11:00 am Go to Mass together for the Solemnity of Pentecost and then end of year Party with families up at St. Mary's Rectory