

OCIA / RCIA: Yearly Calendar 2025 to 2026

Time: 9:30 am Mass (after Mass we meet for session)
Day: Sunday
Place: St. Edna church, Community Room
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SEPTEMBER 2025

SPEAKER

PRAYER LEADER

Sept. 7th

Razia Khokhar

Diane Yannotta

Introduction, Personal story and pass on the handouts.

Scripture and Prayer: 1

Sept. 14th

Razia Khokhar

Joann Skiba

Journey of Faith: Welcome to OCIA / What is faith / The Holy Trinity

Sept. 21st

Diane Yannotta

Pat Freeman

Catholicism – Lesson 1: Revelation of God / Journey of Faith: Who is Jesus Christ

Sept. 28th

Joanne Skiba

Martha Krauss

Journey of Faith: Prayer and the life of Spirit / Catholic Practices

Catholicism – Lesson 9: Prayer and the life of Spirit

OCTOBER

Oct. 5th

Danh Nguyen

Deacon Joe Yannotta

Catholicism – Lesson 3rd: The ineffable Mystery of God

Oct. 12th

Deacon Joe Yannotta

Razia Khokhar

Journey of faith: The Bible / Divine Revelation

Oct. 19th

Razia Khokhar

Terry Waszak

Catholicism – Lesson 2: The teaching of Jesus

Mary and Saints

Oct. 26th

Deacon Jim Pauwels

Diane Yannotta

Catholicism – Lesson 4th: Mary, the mother of God / Journey of Faith: Mary

NOVEMBER

Nov. 2nd

Joanne Skiba

Pat Freeman

Journey of Faith: Communion of Saints, The people of God, Family life

Catholicism – Lesson 8: A vast company of witness

Church History

Nov. 9th

Blake Riffel

Joann Skiba

Journey of faith: Who shepherded the church / The Church as community / Early Church and Church History

Nov. 16th

Fr. Paul Barwikowski

Martha Krauss

Catholicism Lesson 6th: The body both suffering and glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ & the church.

(Hand out for Rite of Welcome.)

Nov. 23rd

Razia Khokhar

Terry will lead from the church

Catholicism – Lesson 5th: The indispensable men: Peter & Paul and the missionary adventure

Rite of Welcome at 9:30 am Mass:

After the Rite of Welcome, we will meet in the church at 9:30 am Mass and will be dismissed after the homily to continue our sessions. (Plan to attend a Mass other than 9:30 am)

Nov. 30th No SESSION – THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

DECEMBER 2025**SPEAKER****PRAYER LEADER****Liturgical Year with focus on Advent and Christmas: Part 1**

Dec. 7th Pat Freeman Deacon Joe will lead from the Church.
Advent / Christmas / second coming of Jesus Christ / The Church Year.

Sacraments

Dec. 14th Deacon Joe Yannotta Razia will lead from the Church
Journey of faith: The OCIA process and Rites / Introduction to the Sacraments
Journey of faith: The Sacraments of Initiation focus on Baptism (Part 1)
(go for Pancake breakfast in the Parish Center)
NO SESSION: Dec. 21st, Dec. 28th, and Jan. 4th - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

JANUARY 2026**Liturgy and Eucharist part 1**

Jan. 11th Deacon Jim Pauwels Diane will lead from the Church.
Journey of faith: Understanding the parts of the Mass and active participation / Places in the church.

Sacraments

Jan. 18th Diane Yannotta Joann will lead from the Church
Journey of faith: The Sacraments of Initiation focus on Eucharist (Part 2)
Jan. 25th Deacon Joe Yannotta Pat will lead from the Church
Journey of faith: The Sacraments of Initiation focus on Confirmation (Part 3)

FEBRUARY

Feb. 1st Deacon Jim Pauwels Martha will lead from the Church.
Journey of faith: Sacraments of Healing focus on Anointing (Part 1)
Feb. 8th – No Session: Visit to St. James church for African American Heritage Mass at 10:30 am.
More information will be provided as the time comes close.
Feb. 15th Razia Khokhar Deacon Joe will lead from the Church
Journey of faith: Sacraments of Healing focus on Penance and Reconciliation (Part 2)
(handout for the Rite of Sending forth)
Feb. 18th Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:00 pm (attend a Stations of Cross service during Lent at least once)
Feb. 22nd (NO SESSION _ ONLY RITUALS)
Rite of sending forth at 11:30 am Mass
Rite of Elect – at Holy Name Cathedral (time /date to be decided)

MARCH 2025**SPEAKER****PRAYER LEADER****March 1st**

Deacon Joe / Diane Yannotta

Terry will lead from the Church

Journey of faith: Sacrament of Vocation: Marriage & Holy Order.

Liturgical Year with focus on Lent and Easter: Part 2**March 8th**

Terry Waszak

Diane will lead from the Church

Journey of faith: What is Lent / Scrutiny / Stations of the Cross / Holy Week / Easter Vigil

1st Scrutiny 7:30 am Mass (Catechumens) Plan to participate at the Stations of the Cross**March 15th**

Razia Khokhar

Joann will lead from the church

Journey of faith: The Lord's Prayer/ Nicene Creed (Present Our Father and the Creed)

2nd Scrutiny 5:00 pm Mass (Catechumens)**Catholic Moral Teaching Part 1****March 22nd**

Deacon Joe Yannotta

Pat will lead from the Church

Journey of faith: Social Justice and Discernment

3rd Scrutiny 11:30 am Mass (Catechumens)**March 28th SATURDAY:** OCIA Retreat 9:00 am–2:00 pm (Candidates will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation)**Holy Week: Participate at the Holy Week Liturgies**

March 29th – Palm Sunday

April 2nd – Holy Thursday Service at 7:00 pm (carry the Holy Oils / foot washing)

April 3rd – Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm

April 4th – PRAYER / PRACTICE FOR EASTER VIGIL AT 8:00 am**EASTER VIGIL SERVICE:** 7:00 pm – Celebration of Sacraments – Reception follows.**SPRING / EASTER BREAK****April 5th – HAPPY EASTER****APRIL 2025****April 12th**

Deacon Jim Pauwels

Martha Krauss

Journey of faith: Our call to Holiness / Evangelization / Conversion: A lifelong process

April 19th

Blake Riffel

Deacon Joe Yannotta

Journey of faith: Christian Moral living / A Consistent Ethic of life / The dignity of life and living the virtues

Liturgy and Eucharist part 2**April 26th**

Razia Khokhar

Pat Freeman

Catholicism Lesson 7th: The Word made flesh; True Bread of heaven: The Mystery of the Liturgy & the Eucharist

MAY**May 3rd**

Diane Yannotta

Terry Waszak

Biblical Walk through the Mass: Study program (1)

May 10th

Diane Yannotta

Razia Khokhar

A Biblical Walk through the Mass: Study program (2)

Lay Ministry**May 17th**

OCIA Team

Diane Yannotta

Journey of faith: The role of laity / Your spiritual gifts

Eschatology: The last things last (Life, Death, Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory)**May 24th**

Razia Khokhar

Joann Skiba

Catholicism – Lesson 10th: World without End

Journey of faith: Eschatology: "The last things" (potluck party)

1: Community Service: (3 events)

- Diane Yannotta: 847-271-1948 / dyannotta@comcast.net
Help serve dinner at the community table: May 10th at 5:30 pm
- Terry Waszak: 847-404-4320 / waszaktb@aol.com
He will work with Shirley Boustead to help arrange 2 group events to help in the pantry.

Contact her for outreach: Shirley Boustead: 224-567-3839 / sboustead@comcast.net

Please use this email address stednapantry@gmail.com to set up this next group of candidates to schedule to help on Saturday mornings from 8:45am-12pm. Help is needed in the outreach and pantry areas. Outreach works directly with the clients for intake and those in the pantry fill the requested pantry checklist items.

2: Pastoral Visits (4 events)

- **Visit to Mundelein Seminary: (Parish event: October 25th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm)**
Razia Khokhar: 847-398-3362 Ext. 341 / Cell: 773-961-9709 / rkhokhar@stedna.org
- **Visit to St. James our sharing parish: (Feb. 8th African American Heritage Mass at 10:30 am)**
Deacon Joe Yannotta: 847-525-8048 / jyannotta@comcast.net
- **Visit the sisters of the poor facility: Sr. Anastasia Grace, ph. 847-508-0998 (Saturday, Nov. 8th)**
Razia Khokhar: 847-398-3362 Ext. 341 / Cell: 773-961-9709 / rkhokhar@stedna.org
- **Visit Religious Education program November 16th or 18 – Family event (Tuesday evening 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm or Sunday Afternoon 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm).**
They have another event planned for October 19th - Trunk or Treat.
Heather Daudelin: 414-687-7223 / hdaudelin@stedna.org (Team-she would like us to share about OCIA with her parents on Sept. 14th at 5:00 pm and Sept. 16th at 2:00pm)

3: Sharing Meals – Community building:

September 30th at 6:00 pm: Dinner with the priests

February 10th at 6:00 pm: Dinner with the OCIA Team at Deacon Joe and Diane Yannotta's home.

December 14th: Pancake breakfast (parish event) we will join them after the session.