

## OCIA / RCIA: Yearly Calendar 2026 to 2027

**Time:** 9:30 am Mass (after Mass we meet for session)

**Day:** Sunday, **Place:** St. Edna church, Community Room

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### SEPTEMBER 2026

#### SPEAKER

#### PRAYER LEADER

**Sept. 13th**

Razia Khokhar

Diane Yannotta

Journey of Faith: Welcome to OCIA, Introduction, Personal story and pass on the handouts.

#### Scripture and Prayer: 1

**Sept. 20th**

Razia Khokhar

Joann Skiba

Journey of Faith: What is faith / The Holy Trinity

**Sept. 27th**

Diane Yannotta

Pat Freeman

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

### OCTOBER

**Oct. 4th**

Blake Riffel

Terry Waszak

Catholicism – Lesson 3rd: The ineffable Mystery of God

**Oct. 11th**

Deacon Joe Yannotta

Razia Khokhar

Journey of faith: The Bible / Divine Revelation

**Oct. 18th**

Joanne Skiba

Deacon Joe Yannotta

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

Catholicism – Lesson 9: Prayer and the life of Spirit

#### Mary and Saints

**Oct. 25th**

Deacon Jim Pauwels

Diane Yannotta

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

### NOVEMBER

**Nov. 1st**

Joanne Skiba

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

Catholicism – Lesson 8: A vast company of witness

#### Church History

**Nov. 8th**

Blake Riffel

Pat Freeman

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

**Nov. 15th**

Diane Yannotta

Terry Waszak

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

(Hand out for Rite of Welcome.)

**Nov. 22nd**

**The Rite of Welcome at 9:30 am Mass/ after dismissal we will continue with our session**

**Nov. 29th NO SESSION – THANKSGIVING WEEKEND**

### DECEMBER

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

#### Liturgical Year with focus on Advent and Christmas: Part 1

**Dec. 6th**

Pat Freeman

Razia will lead from the Church.

Advent / Christmas / second coming of Jesus Christ / The Church Year.

#### Liturgy and Eucharist part 1

**Dec. 13th**

Deacon Jim Pauwels

Deacon Joe will lead from the Church.

Journey of faith: Understanding the parts of the Mass and active participation / Places in the church

**NO SESSION: Dec. 20th, Dec. 27th, and Jan. 3rd – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

## **JANUARY 2027 – Sacraments**

**Jan. 10th** Deacon Joe Yannotta Diane 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 + Formed Video (Part 1)  
**Jan. 17th** Diane Yannotta Joann will lead from the Church  
Journey of faith: The Sacraments of Initiation focus on Eucharist + Formed Video (Part 2)  
**Jan. 24th** Deacon Joe Yannotta Pat will lead from the Church  
Journey of faith: The Sacraments of Initiation focus on Confirmation (Part 3)  
**Jan. 31st** Deacon Jim Pauwels Terry will lead from the Church.  
Journey of faith: Sacraments of Healing focus on Anointing + Formed Video (Part 1)

## **FEBRUARY**

### **Liturgical Year with focus on Lent and Easter:**

**Feb. 7th** Terry Waszak Razia will lead from the Church  
Journey of faith: What is Lent / Scrutiny / Stations of the Cross / Holy Week / Easter Vigil  
(handout for the Rite of Sending forth)  
**Feb. 10th** Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:00 pm (attend a Stations of Cross service during Lent at least once)  
**Feb. 14th** (NO SESSION \_ ONLY RITUALS)  
**Rite of sending forth at 11:30 am Mass:** Dismissed after intercession – discussion and preparation for the Rite.  
**Rite of Elect –** at Holy Name Cathedral (time /date to be decided)  
**Feb. 21st** 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.

### **Sacraments and Scrutinies**

**Feb. 28th** Razia Khokhar Deacon Joe will lead from the Church  
Journey of faith: Sacraments of Healing focus on Penance and Reconciliation+ Formed Video (Part 2)  
**1st Scrutiny 7:30 am Mass (Catechumens) (Present Our Father) Session after the rite at 8:30 am**

## **MARCH**

**March 6th – Saturday** Deacon Joe / Diane Yannotta Diane will lead from the Church  
Journey of faith: Sacrament of Vocation: Marriage & Holy Order + Formed Video **Session at 3:00 pm**  
**2nd Scrutiny 5:00 pm Mass (Catechumens) (Present Creed)**  
**March 14th** Razia Khokhar Joann will lead from the church  
Journey of faith: The Lord's Prayer/ Nicene Creed –  
**3rd Scrutiny 11:30 am Mass (Catechumens) Session at 9:30 am.**  
**March 19th** Set up for the retreat - Team  
**March 20th 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 21st – Palm Sunday (short meeting to reflect on retreat experience)  
March 25th – Holy Thursday Service at 7:00 pm (carry the Holy Oils / foot washing)  
March 26th – Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm

**March 27th – PRAYER / PRACTICE FOR EASTER VIGIL AT 8:00 am**  
**EASTER VIGIL SERVICE:** 7:00 pm – Celebration of Sacraments – Reception follows.

### **SPRING / EASTER BREAK**

**March 28th – HAPPY EASTER**

## **APRIL**

### **Catholic Moral Teaching Part 1**

**April 4th** Deacon Jim Pauwels Pat Freeman  
Journey of faith: Our call to Holiness / Evangelization / Conversion: A lifelong process  
**April 11th** Blake Riffel Terry Waszak  
Journey of faith: Christian Moral living / A Consistent Ethic of life / The dignity of life and living the virtues  
**April 18th** Blake Riffel Razia Khokhar  
Journey of faith: Social Justice and Discernment

### **Liturgy and Eucharist part 2**

**April 25th** Diane Yannotta Deacon Joe Yannotta  
Biblical Walk through the Mass: Study program (1)

**MAY**

**May 2nd** Diane Yannotta Razia Khokhar  
A Biblical Walk through the Mass: Study program (2)

**May 9th** Razia Khokhar Diane Yannotta  
Catholicism Lesson 7th: The Word made flesh; True Bread of heaven: The Mystery of the Liturgy & the Eucharist

**Lay Ministry**

**May 16th** Razia Khokhar Joann Skiba  
Catholicism – Lesson 2: The teaching of Jesus

**May 23rd** OCIA Team Pat Freeman  
Journey of faith: The role of laity / Your spiritual gifts

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

**May 30th** Razia Khokhar Terry Waszak  
Catholicism – Lesson 10th: World without End  
Journey of faith: Eschatology: “The last things” (potluck party)