

PORTAGE NORTH OCIA NEWS

As we approach Lent, we have several exciting OCIA rites that will take place for our Catechumens and Candidates! The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults envisions the participation of the entire parish community in bringing adults into the fullness of faith in the Catholic Church.

The desire is all parishioners be continually engaged in the process of prayer, accompaniment, and the full integration of our Catechumens and Candidates into the life of the parish community. We invite you to participate in the following upcoming rites as you are able, and to be renewed in faith as you witness the transformative power of Jesus Christ in the lives of these Catechumens and Candidates.



2-15-26..... Rite of Sending @ St. Joseph Parish, 9:00am Mass

(Combined Rite of Sending Catechumens for Election and Candidates for the Calling to Continuing Conversion)

2-22-26..... Rite of Election @ St. Columba Cathedral, 2:00pm Liturgy of the Word

(Combined Rite of Election of Catechumens and of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion)

3-1-26 Penitential Rite @ St. Ambrose Parish, 11:00am Mass

**3-8-26 First Scrutiny @ St. Joan of Arc Parish, 8:30am Mass
and @ Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 11:00am Mass**

**3-15-26..... Second Scrutiny @ Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 11:00am Mass
and @ St. Joan of Arc Parish, 8:30am Mass**

**3-22-26..... Third Scrutiny @ St. Joan of Arc Parish, 8:30am Mass
and @ Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 11:00am Mass**

4-4-26 Easter Vigil @ St. Joseph Parish, 8:00pm Vigil Mass

(Combined Rite of Celebration at the Easter Vigil of the Sacraments of Initiation and the Rite of Reception/Confirmation)

We ask for your continued prayers for our Catechumens (unbaptized) :

Jason Latine (St. Joseph Parish) Shaylee Summerlin (St. Joan of Arc Parish)
Leighton Love (St. Joseph Parish) Alex Tran (St. Joan of Arc Parish)
Emelia Skinner (St. Ambrose Parish) Kennedy Wisniewski (Our Lady of Perpetual Help)
Hunter Skinner (St. Ambrose Parish)
Wyatt Skinner (St. Ambrose Parish)



For our Candidates (previously baptized) :

Tracy Maurer (St. Ambrose Parish)
Stacy Guastaferi (Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish)

For our Candidates for Confirmation :

Stephen Dougherty (St. Joan of Arc Parish)
James Hering (St. Joseph Parish)

We hope you will be able to join with us in these important steps as each of them enter into the final stages of their OCIA journeys.