Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) Period of Inquiry

Inquiry - Come and See - *A time to ask questions, share your story, and begin exploring the faith.*

Gatherings are 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Monday, September 14, 2026 - Welcome to the Journey - Faith, Theology, and What It Means to Become Catholic

Monday, September 28, 2026 - Encountering God Through Sacred Scripture

Monday, October 12, 2026 - Meeting Jesus Christ

Monday, October 26, 2026 - Living in the Life of the Trinity

Monday, November 9, 2026 - The Church: A Community of Disciples

Rite of Welcome - Sunday, November 28-29, 2026 – 4:30 p.m. – Baptized 10 a.m. Unbaptized

Period of the Catechumenate - Learning to Live as a Disciple

"Remain in me as I remain in you." — **John 15:4**
A time to grow through prayer, worship, Scripture, service, and the life of the parish.

Monday, November 30, 2026 - Mary and the Saints - *Our companions on the journey of faith.*

Monday, December 14, 2026 – Baptism - *Becoming a New Creation in Christ.*

Christmas Break

Monday, January 11, 2027 – Reconciliation - *Encountering God's Mercy.*

Monday, January 25, 2027 – Confirmation *Strengthened by the Holy Spirit.*

Monday, February 8, 2027 - The Eucharist *Christ's Gift of Himself.*

Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2027

Period of Purification and Enlightenment –
Preparing to Celebrate the Paschal Mystery
"Create in me a clean heart, O God." — **Psalm 51**
A season of prayer, reflection, and conversion as we prepare to celebrate the Easter Sacraments.

Rite of Election - Sunday, February 14, 2027 - Sacred Heart Cathedral - 2:00 p.m

Monday, February 22, 2027 – Marriage - *A Sacrament of Covenant and Love.*

Monday, March 1, 2027 Anointing of the Sick - *Christ the Divine Healer.*

Monday, March 15, 2027 - Holy Orders - *Servant Leadership in the Church.*

The Scrutinies - *(For the Unbaptized)*

- Sunday, February 28 – 10:00 a.m. Mass
- Sunday, March 7 – 10:00 a.m. Mass
- Sunday, March 14 – 10:00 a.m. Mass

OCIA Retreat - Sunday, March 14, 2027 Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat Center - 1:00–6:00 p.m.

Holy Week - Palm Sunday - Sunday, March 21, 2027

Monday, March 22, 2027 - Stations of the Cross - 6:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil – The Big Day - Saturday, March 27, 2027

Practice: 11:00 a.m.
Easter Vigil: 8:30 p.m.
Celebration of Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist, and Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

Period of Mystagogy - Living the Mystery

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way?" — **Luke 24:32**
A time to reflect on the sacraments received and discover how God is calling you to live your faith within the Church.

Monday, April 12, 2027 - Living the Easter Sacraments - Reflecting on the gifts you have received and what it means to live as a Catholic disciple.

Monday, May 10, 2027 - Potluck Dinner - ***Where Is God Calling Me Next?*** **-** Celebrating the journey, discerning your gifts, and discovering ways to participate in the worship, ministries, and mission of St. Anthony Parish.