

# RCIA Formation Schedule for 2016 - 2017

1st Session • September 8th, 2016 • 7:00 - 9 PM

**What is R.C.I.A.? • Introduction to Faith • A Journey**

*How is the Catholic faith going to change my life? Does it matter?*

2nd Session • September 15th, 2016 • 7:00 - 9 PM

**Who is God? • Where can we find Him? • Trinity • Sign of the Cross**

*How do you know God exists? 3 Persons, really? Signs of our faith.*

3rd Session • September 22nd, 2016 • 7:00 - 9 PM

**Testimonials • Sin and the Fall of Humankind**

*Hear some faith stories, could that be me? Does sin really exist? Why?*

4th Session • September 29th, 2016 • 7:00 - 9 PM

**Divine Revelation • Scripture • Tradition • The Bible**

*A story of love through covenant agreements. Superstars of the Bible.*

5th Session • October 6th, 2016 • 7:00 - 9 PM

**Jesus of Nazareth • The Incarnation • Prayer**

*The Word becomes flesh and dwells among us.*

6th Session • October 13th, 2016 • 7:00 - 9 PM

**The Holy Spirit • Peter • The Pope • Magisterium (Hierarchy of the Church)**

*Love between the Father and the Son is alive and fills our Church with grace.*

7th Session • October 20th, 2016 • 7:00 - 9 PM

**Last Four Things • Tour of the Church and History of St. Mary's**

*Death, judgment, Heaven or Hell (Smoking or non smoking section)*

8th Session • October 27th, 2016 • 7:00 - 9 PM

**Finish up Last Four Things • Liturgy • Precepts of the Church**

*Mass is the same everywhere? Do I really have obligations to obey? Why?*

9th Session • November 3rd, 2016 • 7:00 - 9 PM

**The History of the Mass • Parts of the Mass • Catholic Calisthenics**

*The greatest prayer ever, the priest and sacramental grace. Why all the standing and kneeling?*

10th Session • November 10th, 2016 • 7:00 PM - 9 PM

**Finish the Mass • Liturgical Calendar • Introduction to Mary**

*Why all the different colors? Dates to remember. Who is Mary and do Catholics worship her?*

11th Session • November 17th, 2016 • 7:00 - 9 PM

**Mary • Rosary • Liturgical Year**

*She is our Spiritual Mother and we pray to her for her intercession to Jesus her Son.*

**NO SESSION NOVEMBER 24TH, THANKSGIVING**

12th Session • December 1st, 2016 • 7:00 - 9 PM

**Holiness • Happiness • Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming Practice**

*Finding happiness in a difficult world through the peace of Jesus Christ.*

**DECEMBER 4TH • RITE OF ACCEPTANCE INTO THE CATECHUMENATE**

**RITE OF WELCOMING**

**TAKES PLACE AT THE 9:30 MASS • MEET IN THE MARY ANN ROOM AT 9:00 AM**

13th Session • December 8th, 2016 • 7:00 - 9 PM

**Virtues • Freedom • Peace • Ten Commandments**

*The Christian play book of life, how to live it in love.*

14th Session • December 15th, 2016 • 7:00 - 9 PM

**Beatitudes • Evening of Prayer and Adoration**

*Ready for some close-up time with Jesus?*

15th Session • December 22nd, 2016 • 7:00 - 9 PM

**Christmas Party!**

**NO SESSION DECEMBER 29TH**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

16th Session • January 5th, 2017 • 7:00 - 9 PM

**Introduction to the Sacraments**

*Catholic life through Sacramental grace poured over us by the Holy Spirit. They "do something!"*

17th Session • January 12th, 2017 • 7:00 - 9 PM

**Baptism • Confirmation • Eucharist**

*Sacraments of Catholic Initiation into the Church*

18th Session • January 19th, 2017 • 7:00 - 9 PM

**Continuation of the Eucharist • Adoration**

*The Bread of Life poured out for us by Jesus on the cross. "Do this in memory of me."*

19th Session • January 26th, 2017 • 7:00 - 9 PM

**Sin • Confession**

*What is sin? Why do I need to confess my sins to a priest? Why do you go to the doctor?*

20th Session • February 2nd, 2017 • 7:00 - 9 PM

**Anointing of the Sick • Holy Orders**

*Food for the journey. Understanding of Ordained Ministry in the Catholic Church.*

21st Session • February 9th, 2017 • 7:00 - 9 PM

**Theology, Preparation and Practice for Rite of Sending**

*Where are you sending us? Who is electing us?*

22nd Session • February 16th, 2017 • 7:00 - 9 PM

**Guest Speakers Evening • Speakers TBD**

23rd Session • February 23rd, 2017 • 7:00 - 9 PM

**Lent • Marriage**

*How to be married with Christ. Natural Family Planning*

24th Session • March 2nd, 2017 • 7:00 - 9 PM

**Our Father • The Creed**

*The prayer Jesus gave us and the proclamation of our faith.*

**Sunday March 5th, 2017**

**Rite of Sending, 9:30 Mass**

**Rite of Election in Springfield, leaving from St. Mary's at 10:30, return around 6:00 PM**

25th Session • March 9th, 2017 • 7:00 - 9 PM

**Scrutinies • Minor Exorcisms • Adoration**

*Preparation of the Elect for reception of the Sacraments.*

**MARCH 10TH • FRIDAY EVENING MASS AT 5:15**

**PRESENTATION OF THE CREED**

26th Session • March 16th, 2017 • 7:00 - 9 PM

Unfinished Business • What Now?

**MARCH 17TH • FRIDAY EVENING MASS AT 5:15  
PRESENTATION OF THE OUR FATHER  
FIRST CONFESSIONS**

**MARCH 19TH • RCIA RETREAT DAY  
SUNDAY STARTING AT THE 9:30 MASS UNTIL 5:00PM**

**MARCH 19th AND 26TH, APRIL 2ND SCRUTINIES 9:30 MASS  
ALL ELECT REQUIRED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE**

27th Session • March 23rd, 2017 • 7:00 - 9 PM

TBD

28th Session • March 30th, 2017 • 7:00 - 9 PM

TBD

29th Session • April 6th, 2017 • 7:00 - 9 PM

Practice for Easter Vigil, ALL elect and sponsors

**APRIL 10TH - APRIL 15TH (no session)  
HOLY WEEK**

**APRIL 15TH, EASTER VIGIL**

**Be in the Mary Ann Room 1 hour before Vigil begins.**

Heavenly Banquet • April 23rd, 2015 • 6:00 - ?

Adoration at St. Anthony's Chapel then dinner at local restaurant