

# St. Jude Catholic Church

## Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): 2026-2027 **PARTICIPANT**

(6-2-2026 – subject to change)

(Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Parish Center – Room #8 – Other dates as noted below)

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| October  | 7   | Opening Night – Welcome and Orientation  |
|          | 14  | OCIA Bible Overview – session 1  |
|          | 21  | OCIA Bible Overview – session 2  |
|          | 28  | OCIA Bible Overview – session 3  |
| November | 1*  | <b>(Sunday Mass) NO GATHERING – <u>All Saints Day</u> (Holy Day of Obligation)</b>   |
|          | 4   | OCIA Bible Overview – session 4  |
|          | 11  | OCIA Bible Overview – session 5  |
|          | 18  | OCIA Bible Overview – session 6  |
| December | 25  | <b>NO GATHERING</b> – Happy Thanksgiving week!   |
|          | 2   | The Journey of Faith   |
|          | 8*  | <b>MASS – NOT OCIA - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)</b>   |
|          | 9   | Why Do I Need The Church   |
| January  | 16  | A Catholic Moral Vision  |
|          | 23  | <b>NO GATHERING – CHRISTMAS WEEK Merry Christmas – (Holy Day of Obligation - 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>)</b>                               |
|          | 30  | <b>NO GATHERING – NEW YEAR'S EVE WEEK</b>  |
|          | 1*  | <b>MASS – NOT OCIA Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)</b>   |
|          | 6   | Protecting the Dignity of the Human Person   |
| February | 13  | Teaching about the Mass – <b>Meet in the Chapel</b>  |
|          | 20  | Who is Jesus   |
|          | 27  | The Sacraments – The Eucharist (Holy Communion)  |
|          | 3   | Catholic Social Teaching - A Civilization of Love  |
|          | 7*  | <b>(Sunday) Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming – Sponsors too</b> - St. Jude Chapel (AF/ 10:30 a.m. Mass)  |
| March    | 10  | <b>ASH WED./Lent begins</b> - Confession Testimony and Adoration Experience  |
|          | 13* | <b>(Saturday) approx. 7 p.m. – Rite of Election @ St. Ignatius Cathedral (Catechumens/Candidates)</b>  |
|          | 17  | The Story of Salvation   |
|          | 24  | The Sacraments – Healing: Reconciliation (Confession) and Anointing  |
|          | 28* | (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent) <b>1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny</b> (Catechumens only - Rite on March 3)   |
| April    | 3   | The Sacraments – Baptism & Confirmation <b>Presentation of the Creed</b>   |
|          | 7*  | (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent) <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny</b> (Catechumens only - Rite on March 10)  |
|          | 10  | Tour of the Church – <b>Meet in the Church – enter at Main Door</b>  |
|          | 14* | (5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent) <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny</b> (Catechumens only - Rite on March 17)  |
|          | 17  | The Paschal Mystery <b>Presentation of Lord's Prayer</b>   |
| May      | 21* | Palm Sunday Mass (or Vigil) – <b>Holy Week begins (Consult Bulletin for Special Liturgies)</b>   |
|          | 24  | Rehearsal for Easter Vigil ( <b>Meet in the Church WITH sponsors</b> )   |
|          | 25* | <b>Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper (washing of the feet)</b>   |
|          | 26* | <b>Good Friday – Stations of the Cross and Liturgical Service</b>  |
|          | 27* | <b>EASTER VIGIL MASS - (Saturday night approx. 8 p.m.) – HAPPY EASTER! (This is when people receive Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion)</b> |
| May      | 28* | <b>Easter Sunday (you can sleep in if you were at the Vigil)</b>   |
|          | 31  | Mystagogy I - A Love That Lasts – God's Plan for Sexuality   |
|          | 7   | Mystagogy II – Matrimony and Holy Orders   |
|          | 14  | Mystagogy III – Walk Through the Mass  |
|          | 21  | Mystagogy IV – Divine Revelation   |
| May      | 28  | Mystagogy V – Prayer – Marian Devotion – Rosary  |
|          | 5   | Mystagogy VI – Pilgrimages & Volunteer Opportunities (guest speakers)  |
|          | 12  | Mystagogy VII – The Last Things  |
|          | 16* | <b>Pentecost Sunday</b> - end of the Easter season   |
|          | 21* | <b>(Friday) Annual OCIA community "Dutch" dinner – location TBA</b>  |

**IN ADDITION TO THE DATES ABOVE, YOU ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND MASS EACH WEEK ON SUNDAY OR THE SATURDAY VIGIL**

\* = not a Wednesday