

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Becoming Catholic: The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)
2024-2025

OCIA sessions are held on Thursdays (6:00-8:00 p.m.) in the St. John XXIII parish conference room.

DATE	TIME	TOPIC	PRAYER	PRESENTER
Aug. 22, 2024	6:00-7:30 pm	OCIA Team Meeting		Marcie/Team
Sept. 5, 2024	6:00-8:00 pm	Introductory Welcome and Overview		Marcie
Sept. 12, 2024	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word Call and Response: The Journey of Conversion (Distribute books)	Sign of the Cross	Marcie
Sept. 19, 2024	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word The Existence of God/Divine Revelation (pgs. 1-28 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Our Father	Matt
Sept. 26, 2024	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word The Person and Mission of Jesus (pgs. 29-58 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Jesus Prayer	Matt
Oct. 3, 2024	6:00-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word Holy Spirit/Blessed Trinity (pgs. 59-84 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Glory Be	Tracey
Oct. 7-9, 2024	7:00 pm	Parish Mission w/ Fr. Steven Bell (6:00-6:45 light refreshments in hall; mission starts in church at 7:00 pm). Try to attend at least one session.		
Oct. 10, 2024	6:00-6:30- pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word The Catholic Church/Tour of Church (pgs. 85-111 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Nicene Creed	Deacon Steve

Oct. 17, 2024	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word Meeting w/ Candidates and Sponsors: Walking the Journey Together		Marcie
Oct. 19, 2024	11:00 am -10:00 pm	All invited to participate in parish BOO BASH festival. Families and friends welcome!		
Oct. 24, 2024	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word Introduction to the Bible	Lectio Divina	Marcie
Oct. 31, 2024	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word The Old and New Testaments	Litany of the Way, Prayer for the Journey	Matt
Nov. 1, 2024		SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS (holy day of obligation) Welcome to participate in any of the Masses scheduled that day (follows the regular Sunday Mass schedule)		
Nov. 7, 2024	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word Prayer: Our Conversation with God (pgs. 323-344 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Spontaneous Prayer	Fr. Joachim
Nov. 14, 2024	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word Mary and the Saints/Holy Days (pgs. 125-136 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Hail Mary	Fr. Jim
Nov. 21, 2024	6:00-8:00 pm in Church	Pastoral Conversations with catechumens, candidates and sponsors in preparation for Rites of Acceptance and Welcome/Practice (sponsors must be present)		Marcie
Nov. 24, 2024	10:00 am 12:00 pm	RITE OF WELCOME OF CANDIDATES (Sponsors must be present) RITE OF ACCEPTANCE OF CATECHUMENS (Sponsors must be present)		Presider
Nov. 28, 2024		NO SESSION ... THANKSGIVING		
Dec. 5, 2024	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word Advent/Liturgical Year	Angelus	Deacon Steve
Dec. 12, 2024	6:00-8:00 pm	No Session ... participate in Mass and dinner in hall celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe		

Dec. 19, 2024	6:00-8:00 pm	Catholic Jeopardy/Potluck	Gloria	Marcie/Team
Dec. 20, 2024	7:00 pm	All invited to attend parish Advent Concert and Social . Families and friends welcome!		
Dec. 25, 2024		SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD/CHRISTMAS (holy day of obligation)		
Dec. 26, 2024		No Session		
Jan. 2, 2025		No Session		
Jan. 3, 2025		SEAS parishioners will help serve lunch for homeless at Catholic Charities . Volunteer if you are able (details will be in parish bulletin)		
Jan. 9, 2025	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word Eschatology: Suffering, Death, Heaven, Hell (pgs. 137-152 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Apostles Creed	Matt
Jan. 16, 2025	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word Sacraments and Sacramentality (pgs. 155-170 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Act of Faith	Tracey
Jan. 23, 2025	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism and Confirmation (pgs. 171-186 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Come, Holy Spirit	Marcie
Jan. 30, 2025	6:00- 6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word The Eucharist/Mass ... Part 1 (pgs. 187-200 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Divine Praises	Fr. Jim
Feb. 6, 2025	6:00- 6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word The Eucharist/Mass ... Part 2 (pgs. 187-200 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Anima Christi	Fr. Jim
Feb. 13, 2025	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing (pgs. 201-214 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Act of Contrition	Marcie
Feb. 20, 2025	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word Sacraments of Service: Marriage and Holy Orders (pgs. 215-240 in <i>This Is Our Faith</i>)	Act of Love	Deacon Aruna

Feb. 27, 2025	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word Lent/Lenten Practices	Act of Hope	Deacon Steve
Mar. 5, 2025		ASH WEDNESDAY ... you are invited to join any of the regular services to mark the start of the Lenten season (follow regular Sunday schedule)		
Mar. 6, 2025	6:00-8:00 pm	Pastoral Conversations /Signing of Book of Elect (in church with sponsors)		Marcie
Mar. 7, 2025	7:00 pm	Way of the Cross w/Taize Prayer and Benediction (in church) ... all are welcome		
Mar. 9, 2025	10:00 am 2:30 pm	PARISH SENDING FORTH FOR ELECTION Only for unbaptized. Sponsors must be present! RITE OF ELECTION Only for unbaptized who will receive sacraments of initiation at Easter Vigil. Sponsors must be present! Location to be determined		Presider Archbishop Thomas
Mar. 13, 2025	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word Stewardship and Parish Ministries Panel	Prayer of Surrender	Fr. Jim/Panel
Mar. 14, 2025	5:00-7:00 pm	Fish Dinner sponsored by Knights of Columbus and SEAS Men's Group in hall – all are welcome!		
Mar. 14, 2025	7:00 pm	Way of the Cross w/Taize Prayer and Benediction (in church) ... all are welcome!		
Mar. 20, 2025	6:00-8:00 pm	Guided Reflection on the Scrutinies (in classroom for elect/not baptized) Reception of Sacrament of Reconciliation (in church for candidates/baptized)		Marcie
Mar. 21, 2025	7:00 pm	Way of the Cross w/Taize Prayer and Benediction (in church) ... all are welcome!		
Mar. 23, 2025	10:00 am	1st Scrutiny for the elect who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Sponsors must be present.		Presider

Mar. 27, 2025	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word Commandments 1-3: Love of God (pgs. 291-302 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Te Deum	Deacon Steve
Mar. 28, 2025	5:00-7:00 pm	Fish Dinner sponsored by Knights of Columbus and SEAS Men's Group in hall ... all are welcome!		
Mar. 28, 2025	7:00 pm	Way of the Cross w/Taize Prayer and Benediction (in church) ... all are welcome!		
Mar. 30, 2025	10:00 am	2nd Scrutiny for the elects who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Sponsors must be present.		Presider
Apr. 3, 2025	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word Commandments 4-10: Love of Neighbor (pgs. 302-322 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Prayer of St. Francis	Deacon Steve
Apr. 4, 2025	7:00 pm	Way of the Cross w/Taize Prayer (in church) ... all are welcome!		
Apr. 6, 2025	10:00 am	3rd Scrutiny for the elect who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Sponsors must be present.		Presider
Apr. 10, 2025	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word Catholic Morality/Conscience Formation (pgs. 241-260 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Guardian Angel	Matt
Apr. 11, 2025	7:00 pm	Living Stations of the Cross presented by Youth Ministry (in church) ... all are welcome!		
Apr. 13, 2025		PALM SUNDAY – START OF HOLY WEEK		
Tuesday, Apr. 15, 2025	6:00-8:00 pm	Triduum Retreat/Pastoral Conversations for participants and sponsors (in church)		Marcie
Apr. 17, 2025	7:00 pm	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper Please attend with family.		
Apr. 18, 2025		Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion Mass/Adoration of the Cross @ 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm; Tenebrae Service of Light @ 7:00 pm Please attend one of these!		

Apr. 19, 2025	9:00 am	"Ephphetha Rite" and Practice for Easter Vigil for all candidates/elect. Sponsors must be present		Fr. Jim/Marcie
	8:00 pm	EASTER VIGIL ... CELEBRATION OF INITIATION AND FULL COMMUNION (Sponsors present)		
Apr. 20, 2025		EASTER SUNDAY		
Apr. 24, 2025	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word Gifts/Fruits of the Spirit/Precepts of the Church	Spontaneous Prayer	Deacon Steve
May 1, 2025	6:00- 6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word Catholic Social Teaching (pgs. 261-278 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	The Romero Prayer	Matt/Tracey
May 8, 2025	6:00- 6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word The Beatitudes and Works of Mercy (Corporal and Spiritual)	Closing Prayer for Divine Mercy Chaplet	Marcie
May 15, 2025	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word Missionary Discipleship/Call to Holiness (pg. 278-290 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Magnificat	Tracey
May 22, 2025	6:00-8:00 pm Church ... then move to Parish Hall/ Courtyard	Closing Mass/Potluck for all participants, families, sponsor and team members		Fr. Jim Marcie/Team