

# St. Madeleine Catholic Church – Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

2023 – 2024 Schedule – Revised 6/19/23 – Subject to Change

Date	Comments	Topics
Aug. 27	RCIA Begins	Introduction and Welcome
Sep. 3	Labor Day Weekend – No Class	
Sep. 10	RCIA meets	<b>Topics Discussed During the Inquiry Phase:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the Catholic Church?</li> <li>• The Liturgical Year</li> <li>• The Bible and Divine Revelation</li> <li>• The Teaching Office of the Church</li> <li>• The Mass</li> <li>• Prayer Life</li> <li>• Catholic Customs and Devotions, Sacramentals, Creation</li> <li>• The Fall of Adam and Eve and Original Sin</li> <li>• The Trinity</li> <li>• The Virgin Mary and the Communion of Saints</li> <li>• The Last Things: Salvation, Purgatory, Heaven, Hell</li> </ul>
Sep. 17	RCIA meets	
Sep. 24	RCIA meets	
Oct. 1	RCIA meets	
Oct. 8	RCIA meets	
Oct. 15	RCIA meets	
Oct. 22	RCIA meets	
Oct. 29	RCIA meets, Tues. Nov. 1 is All Saints Day	
Nov. 5	RCIA meets, DST ends	
Nov. 12	RCIA meets	
Nov. 19	RCIA meets (Making an Advent Wreath for Home)	
Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Recess – No class,	
<b>2. CATECHUMINATE</b>		
Dec. 3	RCIA meets, Advent begins, Dec. 8, Immaculate Conception	<b>Topics Discussed During the Catechumenate Phase:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What's Inside the Church?</li> <li>• The Early Church</li> <li>• The Dignity of Life</li> <li>• Catholic Social Teaching &amp; Moral Issues</li> <li>• The Seven Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, Marriage)</li> </ul>
Dec. 10	RCIA meets, Rite of Welcoming (?)	
Dec. 17	RCIA meets	
Dec. 24	Christmas Recess	
Dec. 31	Christmas Recess – Mary Mother of God, Jan. 1	
Jan. 8	RCIA meets	
Jan. 7	RCIA meets	
Jan. 14	RCIA meets	
Jan. 21	RCIA meets	
Jan. 28	RCIA meets	
Feb. 4	RCIA meets	
<b>3. PURIFICATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT</b>		
Feb. 11	RCIA meets, Feb. 14 is Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins) *	<b>Topics Discussed During the Purification Phase:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is Lent? What is a Scrutiny?</li> <li>• Examination of Conscience, How to Go to Confession</li> <li>• The Way of the Cross</li> <li>• Presentation of the Creed and The Lord's Prayer</li> </ul>
Feb. 18	RCIA meets, 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, Penitential Rite	
Feb. 25	RCIA meets, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent, Rite of Sending	
Mar. 3	RCIA meets, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, 1 <sup>st</sup> Scrutiny	
Mar. 10	RCIA meets, 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny, DST Begins	
Mar. 17	RCIA meets, 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny	
<b>4. HOLY WEEK and the EASTER TRIDUUM</b>		
Mar. 24	RCIA meets, Passion or Palm Sunday	
Mar. 28	Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper (evening)	
Mar. 29	Good Friday – Liturgy at 3 p.m.	
Mar. 30	Vigil of Easter – Rites of Initiation – Evening Rehearsal	
Mar. 31	Easter Sunday – No class	
<b>5. MYSTAGOGIA</b>		
Apr. 16	RCIA meets, Divine Mercy Sunday	<b>Topics Discussed During the Mystagogy Phase:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing Conversion – A Lifelong Call to Holiness</li> <li>• What's next? Ministries in the Church</li> <li>• Fostering a Deeper Prayer Life</li> </ul>
Apr. 23	RCIA meets	
Apr. 30	RCIA meets	
May 7	RCIA meets	
May 14	RCIA Ends	Closing comments & suggestions