

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults: OCIA

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The OCIA team is comprised of Deacon Ken Lampert, Deacon Bill and Meg Bohn, Ed Cook, Suzie Hawkins, & Melissa White.

Classes begin at 7pm and conclude by 8:15 pm on Tuesday nights. Classes are held in the Social Hall. OCIA is livestreamed on Facebook Live reached through the www.saintmichael.cc website. Rites are alternated at the 4:30pm Vigil Mass, & the 7:30am & the 11:00am Sunday Mass.

Materials needed for class: (1) The New Catholic Answer Bible by Our Sunday Visitor (2) The Catechism of the Catholic Church (3) A three ring binder to insert handouts received weekly.

The Bible and Catechism are available in the St. Michael Gift Shop open on weekends after Masses downstairs or available ordered online through Amazon.com.

Candidates: are non-Catholics who have been baptized or Catholics who have been baptized but have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Communion.

Catechumens: are adults who have not been baptized

Sponsors: Sponsors are Catholics who have been Confirmed, over the age of 18 years old, and are practicing their Catholic faith. They are someone special to help guide you on your journey in the Catholic faith. Sponsor forms should be completed and returned to Deacon Ken by Nov. 4th, 2025.

9/9/25: Welcome and Introduction: The Sign of the Cross Deacon Ken video of The Sign of the Cross Father Brice Higginbotham

9/16/25: The Creed Deacon Bill Bishop Barron video "Who is Jesus?"

9/23/25: The Lord's Prayer Deacon Ken video of Brice Higginbotham Do you feel like God is far away? ice breaker St Michael Bingo

9/30/25: God's Plan of Salvation the Kerygma Deacon Ken *Where did God come from? video Dr. Kent*

10/7/25 The Holy Spirit Deacon Ken and Young Adult Ministry video Jeff Cavins The Holy Spirit in the life of Catholics

Pot Luck tonight, BBQ will be provided, bring a side dish, come early to eat at 6pm

10/14/25 The Communion and Canonization of Saints Suzie Hawkins

10/21/25 Conversion to Jesus Ed Cook & tour of the church by Deacon Ken

10/28/25 Purgatory Meg Bohn

11/1/25 **All Saints Day** (not a holy day of obligation this year being on Saturday)

11/4/25 The Church is Apostolic & The Power of Prayer Deacon Ken (have sponsors by now)
Pot Luck tonight, Tamales will be provided, bring a side dish, come early to eat at 6pm

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- 11/9/25 **Rite of Welcoming and Acceptance** at the 11:00am Mass. Assemble at 10:45am.
- 11/11/25 The History and Parts of the Mass Meg Bohn
- 11/18/25 Advent & The Season of Christmas Bring in *Food for the Poor* Deacon Ken (First Sunday of Advent begins 11/30/25)
- 11/25/25 **No class tonight Thanksgiving Week**
- 12/2/25 The Immaculate Conception & Our Lady of Guadalupe Melissa White & Deacon Ken
- 12/9/25 The Structure of the Bible Meg Bohn
- 12/16/25 Reflection on Christmas Suzie Hawkins *****bring a new gift for a needy child in our community to be distributed by St. Vincent de Paul. (bring unwrapped not more than \$15)**
- 12/23/25 **Christmas break No class tonight**
- 12/30/25 **New Years break No class tonight**
- 1/6/26 In Persona Christi Deacon Ken *draw saints names tonight*
Pot Luck tonight, Chicken Tenders will be provided, bring a side dish, come early to eat at 6pm
- 1/13/26 Original Sin and What is Sin? Ed Cook
- 1/20/26 The Virtues of Faith, Hope, & Charity Suzie Hawkins
- 1/27/26 The Liturgical Year, Signs, Symbols Meg Bohn
- 2/3/26 The Sacrament of Baptism Meg Bohn
- 2/10/26 Praying the Rosary & Stations of the Cross Deacon Ken & Melissa White (rosaries made by Melissa White presented)
- 2/15/2026 **Rite of Sending for Catechumens & their sponsors only** at the 11am Mass (assemble at 10:15am)
- 2/17/26 The Season of Lent & Ash Wednesday Father Tim to visit and present with Deacon Ken (*Ash Wednesday is tomorrow 2/18/26*)
- 2/21/26 **Rite of Election for Catechumens & their sponsors only:** Saturday @ 10am @ Holy Vietnamese Martyrs Church 4545-A Timmers Way, Norcross, GA 30093
- 2/24/26 The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist & Grace Deacon Bill
- 3/3/26 The Sacrament of Confirmation Meg Bohn
- 3/8/26 **The First Scrutiny at the 11:00am Mass** (assemble at 10:45am) for Catechumens the Elect only

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3/10/26 The Sacraments of Reconciliation & the Anointing of the Sick Meg Bohn

3/14/26 **The Second Scrutiny at the 4:30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday** assemble at 4:15pm For Catechumens the Elect only.

3/17/26 The Sacraments of Matrimony & Holy Orders Deacon Ken *Presentation of Creed to Elect*

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3/22/26 **The Third Scrutiny at the 7:30am Sunday Mass** (*assemble at 7:15am*) For Catechumens the Elect only.

3/24/26 The Rubrics of the Sacraments & Holy Week *Presentation of the Lords Prayer (last opportunity for Confessions tonight)* hand out white robes before class for those being Baptized at the Easter Vigil only. Deacon Ken

3/29/26 *Palm Sunday Holy Week Begins*

3/31/26 *no class tonight Holy Week*

4/2/26 **Holy Thursday 7pm Mass of the Last Supper** (Triduum begins)

4/3/26 **Good Friday Service at 7pm**

4/4/26 Holy Saturday, the Easter Vigil (Catechumens (*non Baptized*) & Non Catholics entering the Catholic Church receive the Sacraments tonight)

*****On Holy Saturday morning, meet at St. Michael at 9am in the church for Morning Prayer followed by the reception of the Ephphatha Blessing. Afterwards we will meet for a final run through for the Easter Vigil that evening. Should be concluded by 10:30am.**

Return at 7pm: the Easter Vigil begins shortly after 8pm at twilight; It will conclude around 10:30pm.

4/5/26 Easter Sunday 5pm Mass All Catholic Candidates (*already baptized Catholics*) are Confirmed tonight.

4/7/26 *No classes tonight; Easter break*

4/14/26 Mystagogy begins; Precepts of the Church Deacon Ken

4/21/26 The 4 Last Things Deacon Ken

4/28/26 Marian Apparitions Deacon Bill & Meg Bohn

5/5/26 Angels Deacon Ken Final class tonight; reception of sacramental certificates.

The next RCIA class for the year 2026-2027 will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 8th, 2026, at 7pm in the Social Hall.

