



Our Lady of Lourdes 2025-2026

OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

OCIA stands for Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (formerly RCIA). It is the Catholic Church's way of initiating new members. OCIA is much more than a program. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ.

OCIA is an opportunity: *For those who have not been baptized. * For those who have been baptized, but have little affiliation, with, and/or training in the Catholic Religion. * For those who want to learn and ask questions about the Catholic Faith.

Through weekly meetings, Thursday nights @ 6pm in parish hall, those attending gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of the Catholic beliefs and practices.

Do you know someone who is struggling to keep it all together? Is there a friend or family member looking for something that is missing in his or her life? Maybe this is the moment to invite that person to learn more about Jesus and his message of love.

As you pray about who you will invite, remember that Jesus chose the unlikeliest of people to be His apostles. Background, spiritual questions, doubts and fear do not exclude anyone. Who is it that is not here with us? Everyone, yes, everyone is welcome. Each person is a beautiful Child of God.

We need you, our parishioners to carry this invitation to people you know.

Most people who decide to join a faith community have received a personal invitation from a coworker, friend, or family member. All are welcome and there is no obligation to make any commitment to become Catholic or cost for the program. We will have an Introduction meeting on **Thursday, September 11, 2025 @6pm in Parish hall.**

- *Ask Questions
- *Discuss
- *Learn
- *Grow
- *Pray
- *Build Community



Intrigued? Please fill out this information completely and return to the parish office or drop in collection basket during any Mass.

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