



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Invited: Your Journey into the Catholic Church

Contact/Course Information

OCIA Location #1: St. Paul's Catholic Church
1000 W. Wenger Road Englewood, OH 45322
Classes will be held in the office conference room.

Instructor: Deacon Brian Seibert Sr., Director of Evangelization
Email: brian.seibert811@gmail.com

- **Class Day/Time:** Wednesdays 7:00–8:30 pm starting September 2, 2026
- **Parish phone number:** (937)836-7535
- **Parish website:** stgasparfamily.org

OCIA Location #2: Emmanuel Catholic Church
149 Franklin Street Dayton, Ohio 45402
Classes will be held in the school building

Instructor: Deacon Rusty Baldwin
Email: deaconrobaldwin@gmail.com

- **Class Day/Time:** Thursdays 7:00–8:30 pm starting September 3, 2026
- **Parish phone number:** (937)228-2013
- **Parish website:** stgasparfamily.org

Individual Sessions (as needed):

- **Instructor:** Deacon Rusty Baldwin
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Welcome

We're so glad you're here! *Invited: Your Journey into the Catholic Church* is more than just a class – it's a step toward the life God created you for. In the weeks we are together, you'll discover the beauty, depth, and joy of the Catholic faith. We'll walk with you through Scripture, the teachings of the Church, the Sacraments, and – most importantly – a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. There are no tests, no grades, no prerequisites – only a willingness to open your heart to the One who made you and loves you beyond measure. Your “final exam” is the one at the end of life, when you stand before God and hear His loving invitation into eternity.

Course Overview

Goal: To lead participants into a deeper understanding of Jesus Christ and His Church, helping them prepare to receive the sacraments and live as faithful disciples.

Textbook: *Invited: Your Journey into the Catholic Church* (Ascension Press)

Schedule: 26 weeks of class, with breaks for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's

Attendance: Please do your best not to miss more than three (3) classes. If you must be absent, please contact your instructor to arrange make-up sessions.

Important Milestones (*Locations/Dates TBD*)

- Rite of Acceptance / Welcome TBD
 - Rite of Election / Sending TBD
 - Scrutiny's (3rd, 4th, & 5th Sundays of Lent) Feb. 28, Mar. 7, Mar. 14, 2027
 - Easter Vigil Practice March 27, 2027 @ 10:00 AM
 - Easter Vigil – Reception of Sacraments March 27, 2027 @ 8:45 PM
 - Mystagogy (Post-Easter Formation) TBD
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Expectations & Commitment

We understand that life is busy and sometimes unpredictable. However, this journey is one of the most important you will ever make. Faith is not just something we learn – it's something we live. We ask you to be present, to participate, and to open your heart to God's call.

Emmanuel OCIA Schedule & Topics

Meeting Day & Time: Thursday's @ 7PM

Location: 149 Franklin Street Dayton, OH 45402 in the School Building

DATE	TOPIC
SEPTEMBER 2026	
September 3, 2026	1: How Can We Know What's True?
September 10, 2026	2: Is There a God? How Can We Know?
September 17, 2026	3: Can We Trust Revelation?
September 24, 2026	4: God Is Love in Relationship: The Holy Trinity
OCTOBER 2026	
October 1, 2026	5: If God Is Good, Why This Mess?
October 8, 2026	6: What Is Salvation History?
October 15, 2026	7: Who Is Jesus for Us?
October 22, 2026	8: The Paschal Mystery: The Work of Salvation
October 29, 2026	9: The Holy Spirit: God Dwelling in Us
NOVEMBER 2026	
November 5, 2026	10: Prayer: An Invitation into Relationship
November 12, 2026	11: The Old Law and the New: Learning Freedom
November 19, 2026	12: Invited into God's Family, the Church
November 26, 2026	THANKSGIVING BREAK
DECEMBER 2026	
December 3, 2026	13: The Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints: Our Help from Heaven
December 10, 2026	14: Our Eternal Destiny, Our Choice
December 17, 2026	15: The Liturgy and the Sacraments: Beauty in Experience
December 24, 2026	CHRISTMAS BREAK
December 31, 2026	NEW YEAR'S BREAK
JANUARY 2027	
January 7, 2027	16: Baptism: Our Identity in God
January 14, 2027	17: Confirmation: Fit for a Mission
January 21, 2027	18: The Holy Eucharist: Christ Feeds Us
January 28, 2027	19: The Mass: There Is Nothing Like It
FEBRUARY 2027	
February 4, 2027	20: Reconciliation: Walking into Mercy 21: Anointing of the Sick: Comfort in Our Suffering
February 11, 2027	22: Holy Orders: Much More Than Tasks 23: Matrimony: A Mirror of Christ's Love
February 18, 2027	24: Prayers and Devotions: Something for Everyone
February 25, 2027	25: The Moral Life: Knowing Right from Wrong
MARCH 2027	
March 4, 2027	26: The Social Doctrine of the Church: Loving the Many
March 11, 2027	27: Introduction to Theology of the Body: Our Bodies Matter
March 18, 2027	28: Discipleship and Evangelization: Sharing the Joy

St. Paul OCIA Schedule & Topics

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