

Order of Christian Initiation

Saint John Neumann Catholic Church, 2018 – 2019

Sessions: Sundays, 8:30 – 10:45 a.m., Rooms 9 & 10 (Lower Level), SJN Faith & Family Center

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What is Christian Initiation?

The Order of Christian Initiation (OCI) is the means by which those aged seven and older can enter the Catholic Church and receive the *Sacraments of Initiation*: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. This involves the entire parish community, which prepares and welcomes people as disciples of Jesus Christ. The OCI is not a “process,” or a “program” or a “class” - it is a *rite* of our Church, which speaks of a conversion, a “spiritual journey.”

Centered on fostering a *deep encounter and ongoing relationship with Jesus Christ* and the Church He founded, this takes place through several distinct stages over time to bring about a *catechesis* (an “echoing back” of what is taught), an experience with the parish community, and a commitment to discipleship in our Roman Catholic tradition. The OCI is a restoration of the ancient *catechumenate* that took shape in the centuries following the time the Apostles were alive. It was the early Church’s way of bringing the message of Jesus to those in the pagan Roman Empire and the larger world. The Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) called for the restoration of this venerable and powerful method of “making disciples” for the Church; the Rite became official in 1988, and 30 years later took its current name.

Most OCI participants are over age of 18. Children between seven and sixteen years of age take part according to their own needs. It is strongly encouraged that these children are simultaneously enrolled at either the St. John Neumann Parish School of Religion (PSR) or a Catholic school. Like their older peers, these children would receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil and if necessary, brought into full communion with the Catholic Church.

What are the outcomes of OCI?

Our *spiritual, moral, liturgical and discipleship* formation (OCI, n. 75) will help the participant:

- bring about a “conversion experience” with a sincere intention to change their life and enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ,
- develop the practice of calling upon God in prayer, both individually and in the assembly,
- experience the beginnings of spiritual life,
- experience the Catholic Church through the parish community,
- identify what is a personal “sense of Church,”
- understand and explain the fundamentals of Catholic teaching, and
- obtain a basic understanding of Roman Catholic belief.



What will be required of me?

The Inquiry period – the first part of OCI - is a voluntary, question-driven phase, with no obligations. At SJN, participation in *The Alpha Course* counts as a thorough participation in Inquiry, although it is not required. Once an Inquirer or Sponsor has agreed to take part in the *Rite of Acceptance* - the public recognition of readiness to enter into the next phase, there is a commitment. The duration of the individual's progress can be as long as a year or more, depending on individual circumstances, exposure to religious discipline and a lived faith.

All participants (Catechumens, Candidates and Sponsors) are expected to:

- Attend all sessions and Rites as scheduled. *Prospective Sponsors should consider this obligation carefully before making the commitment for the duration of the Rite.* If a situation occurs where multiple absences result, the Director and the individual participant/Sponsor will need to evaluate what is happening and what needs be done.
- Attend Sunday Mass, as it is required of all Catholics and the most fundamental way to come to know what it means to be a Catholic.
- Attend all Retreats and Days of Reflection.
- Become active in the life of the parish.

Sponsors will, once they are assigned a Candidate or Catechumen, be also expected to:

- Attend the Sponsor Orientation and the occasional Sponsor-only sessions.
- Assist the OCI Team as needed throughout the Rite.

What does OCI look like?

Inquiry: Where Everything Begins

In reality, the OCI begins when a person calls the Parish Office and says something like, "I want to be baptized," or, "I'd like to know more about the Catholic Church." This has usually begun long before anyone calls the Parish Office. When one puts words to that desire, they have entered the first stage of initiation, the Period of Evangelization, also known as Inquiry. It also begins as the person is evangelized - when they first hear the Good News of Jesus from a friend, a co-worker, a neighbor, a spouse, a parent, a stranger. Someone or something has drawn them to the Parish and they want to find out more. During this period, the community helps inquirers to discover what it is they are seeking.

Inquiry takes place *year-round*, for those who ask about the Church at any time. At SJN, this can happen in different ways:

- For those not baptized, and/or without any formal religious background, there is participation in *The Alpha Course*, a ten-week program of conversations of the basics of Christianity in a community format, held on Sundays and Mondays.
- For those with a certain level of religious formation, including baptized Catholics wanting to complete their initiation, there is a set of topical discussions on Sunday mornings that begins in late summer, continuing through December. *Participants and others are always welcome to join the Sunday morning sessions.* Even if these persons do not receive Sacraments at the Easter Vigil (based on where they are in their own religious formation) they would continue until they are ready to enter the Church at a time appropriate for them and the community.

Discernment

Interviews of those inquiring about the Catholic Church happen at least twice during OCI; additional interviews may be asked for by candidates or the Director. These discernment interviews are one-on-one discussions with the Pastor, the Director or another Team Member to enhance the candidate's

experience, offer assistance with any difficulties they may be experiencing, answer any lingering questions and obtain necessary information. The interviews also ensure that Inquirers understand their relationship with the laws of the Church regarding marriage; Inquirers with prior marriages *must* contact the Director for more information about how the Church can help.

Acceptance and Welcome

Once Inquirers have experienced their initial conversion to Jesus Christ, they celebrate the first public ritual, the *Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens*. Celebrated at a Sunday Mass, the new candidates are publicly welcomed for the first time. They “declare their intention to the Church and the Church in turn...accepts them as persons who intend to become its members” (n. 41). The Rite completes the first stage or period of the initiation process, and opens the door to the second.

Those already baptized as Christians in another faith tradition (or even those baptized Catholics who have not yet received all the Sacraments of Initiation) take part in a ritual called the *Rite of Welcome*. The church and the parish community recognize their oneness with these Candidates, even though they may not yet be ready to share the Eucharist until the Easter Vigil. Baptized Candidates are always considered distinct from the unbaptized, because of the “one baptism” we as Catholics profess to share with them.

Catechumenate

The second stage of initiation is an extended period that includes training in the Christian way of life. There are two groups at this point on the Rite: *Catechumens* who are unbaptized, and *Candidates* who are already baptized. They may be joined by those already baptized in the Catholic Church who are wanting to resume their own initiation after some time away.

During Catechumenate, everyone will learn more about the Scriptures and the doctrines of the Church. They meet weekly at Mass to hear the Word of God proclaimed. The Catechumens and Candidates are occasionally *dismissed* after the homily; that is, they are invited to leave the body of the Church and meet with a Catechist (a trained parish volunteer or member of the Parish Staff) to discuss the Scriptures they heard proclaimed at Mass (the readings for Mass are listed in the Schedule; see below). This study and reflection is an important part of their formation and helps to prepare for the day when they will receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

In addition to the study of the Scriptures, the candidates participate in teaching sessions to help them to understand the doctrine and practices of the Church. The Catechumens and Candidates also learn about Catholic prayer and worship. They learn how to live and serve others in apostolic witness. They develop their own particular relationship with the parish community. When they have experienced a true conversion to the Christian way of life (which the Church says is at least one year for the unbaptized), they celebrate the second major ritual in the process of initiation.

Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion

The second ritual occurs on the First Sunday of Lent, immediately following Ash Wednesday (in 2019, this is on March 6). The Church gives voice to God’s election and calls each one of the Catechumens by name to sign the *Book of the Elect*. This is a diocesan celebration, and the presider is the Bishop – the head of our local Church. The Catechumens are declared as *Elect* (that is, chosen) by God to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. This celebration usually takes place in a cathedral, though in many dioceses there are multiple celebrations and sometimes at multiple locations. Earlier that day we will celebrate a *Rite of Sending* as a way of publically recognizing the candidates’ upcoming election and sending them on to the Bishop for their admission to the final period of preparation.

Period of Purification & Enlightenment

This final period of preparation is one of intense spiritual recollection that coincides with the Season of Lent, which prepares us all for the mysteries of the Easter Season. It is a time for reflection and prayer more than teaching. The Catechumens, now properly called *The Elect*, purify their minds and hearts by celebrating several rituals. The three purifying rituals, known as the *Scrutinies*, happen on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, and strengthen the Elect and help them to complete their conversion. The *Presentation of the Creed* and the *Presentation of the Lord's Prayer* enlighten the minds of the Elect in the final weeks of their preparation for the sacraments, and help the Candidates to strengthen their own baptismal commitment.

Lent ends when the sacred *Triduum* – the “three days” of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter – begins at sunset of Thursday of Holy Week. Finally, the *Preparatory Rites* on Holy Saturday morning serve as the Elect's immediate preparation for the Sacraments, which will be celebrated that night, at long last, at the *Easter Vigil*.



Only the Beginning: The Sacraments of Initiation

At some time after dark on Holy Saturday, the Elect and Candidates celebrate all the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism (for the Elect), Confirmation and Eucharist. The Elect are plunged into the waters of new birth and come out of those waters reborn in Christ. The Candidates affirm their desire to be received into full communion with the Church by making a Profession of Faith. Then all become configured to Christ through the Sacred Crism (consecrated oil) of Confirmation. Finally, the culmination of their initiation happens when they taste the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist for the first time in this most holy of all the Church's liturgies.

What Happens Next: Mystagogy

The process of initiation continues even after the Easter celebration, during the period of *Mystagogy*. The word comes from an ancient Greek word signifying a deepening understanding of the mysteries of our faith. During the Easter season, the *neophytes* (newly initiated) gather twice a month to deepen their grasp of the great Paschal Mystery into which they have just been incorporated.

These Christians have received the Body of Christ and have indeed become part of the Body of Christ through their Baptism. The Church uses the period of Mystagogia to help the neophytes understand and live out their new lives as part of the Body of Christ. Furthermore, Mystagogia is about *mission*. These new Christians, now part of Christ's body, must now go forth with us to continue the mission of Christ. That's where the whole parish, indeed the entire Church, comes in again.

What do Sponsors do?

A *Sponsor* is a Catholic in good standing who is willing to be a companion to an Inquirer, Candidate or Catechumen over the entire time the OCI takes place. As they are acquainted they listen to one another, answer questions, pray together, and connect with the larger group and the parish community.

Sponsors find their role to be one that enriches and deepens their own faith as well. They're not meant to have all the answers, but show the Catholic faith as it is lived and encountered in the everyday.

A registered, active parishioner of St. John Neumann who is at least 18 years of age and has received all the Sacraments of Initiation may sponsor another person, so long as the candidate is not the sponsor's child. In some cases, a candidate's fiancé/e may be suitable as a Sponsor so long as the commitments are met and *not* secondary to the details of preparing for a wedding. Baptized non-Catholics may be sponsored by their Catholic spouses on a case-by-case basis. Fitness to serve as a Sponsor is ultimately determined by the Director with the help of the RCIA Team. Members of the OCI Team cannot act as Sponsors, as their roles and responsibilities within the Rite are quite different.

Sponsors and candidates form a tight, supportive group over time and the partnership between candidate and Sponsor becomes critical as the time approaches for the rites leading up to Sacraments. So, it's a considerable commitment to be sure, and not for everybody. Life happens, of course, and an absence or two through the year can be made up. If a prospective sponsor feels their personal schedule or their habits will result in multiple times away, it's better that the person consider another role. Prospective sponsors should contact the Director or a Team Member as soon as possible, to provide information about his or her background and relationship with the Church, and ask questions. Sponsors will occasionally meet to discuss their role and undergo training on how to help the people they are sponsoring and identify areas of challenge and growth.

What about younger participants, or small children?

Those children who can follow the material in the larger group of participants are encouraged to do so. For younger children, the OCI provides an age-appropriate text and schedule. See the Director for details. Children involved in OCI should be *also* be enrolled in either the SJN Parish School of Religion or a Catholic school. This will enable them to develop a sense of community, and set them on a course of ongoing Christian formation after they have received the Initiation Sacraments...Confirmation *is never* graduation! Please contact the Director of Religious Education for PSR enrollment information.

Our Church considers a child at age seven to be "of catechetical age," that is, someone who can begin to understand the basics of Christian faith. For this reason, all unbaptized children seven years old and older will be prepared through OCI to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil in the proper, historical sequence – Baptism, followed by Confirmation, followed by Eucharist – at the Easter Vigil or another agreed upon time in the Easter season (*Code of Canon Law* 97, 852 §1).

We gladly provide childcare during sessions for Team Members, Candidates and Sponsors. Our volunteer helpers are trained in First Aid and certified in *Protecting God's Children* as required. Child Care is located in our Faith & Family Center. Please be sure to sign children in a few minutes prior to the start of sessions, and provide any materials (diapers, wipes, etc.) to our helpers at that time.

2018-2019 OCI Schedule:**Lectionary Readings, Session Topics, Rites & Reading Material**

<p>Aug 11/12: 19th OT (Lectionary Year B)</p> <p>116: 1 Kings 19: 4-8 Eph 4:30 – 5:2 John 6:41-51</p>	<p>INQUIRY BEGINS</p> <p>Introduction: What is the “OCI?” C0502: A New Look at The R.C.I.A. C0604: Bringing Your Marriage into the Church C1001: Ten Questions about Annulments</p> <p>(N.B.: No session during Men’s Retreat weekend)</p>
<p>Aug 25/26: 21st OT (B)</p> <p>122: Josh 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18 Eph 5:21-32 John 6:60-69</p>	<p>Introduction: What is the Eucharist?</p> <p>C0507: Finding Jesus in the Eucharist C1409: From Worship to World: Sent Forth as the Body of Christ</p> <p>(N.B.: No session during Labor Day weekend)</p>
<p>Sept 8/9: 23rd OT (B)</p> <p>128: Isa 35:4-7a James 2:1-5 Mark 7:31-37</p>	<p>Introduction: What does it mean to “Pray?”</p> <p>C9202: An Invitation to Prayer C1409: Ten Excuses for Not Praying</p> <p><i>Inquirer Interviews during session</i> <i>Team Members speak with Inquirers, review their paperwork, and help them locate a suitable Sponsor if needed.</i></p>
<p>Sept 15/16: 24th OT (B)</p> <p>131: Is 50:4-9a Jas 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35</p>	<p>Alpha: Session One - Who is Jesus?</p> <p>C1305: Four Faces of Jesus C0312: Finding the Heart of Jesus’ Life: Looking at Jesus in the Gospels</p> <p><i>Inquirer Interviews during session</i></p>
<p>Sept 22/23: 25th OT (B)</p> <p>134: Wis 2:12, 17-20 Jas 3:16-4:3 Mark 9:30-37</p>	<p>Alpha: Session Two - Why Did Jesus Die?</p> <p><i>Inquirer Interviews during session</i></p>
<p>Sept 29/30: 26th OT (B)</p> <p>137: Num 11:25-29 Jas 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48</p>	<p>Alpha: Session Three - How Can We Have Faith?</p> <p><i>Inquirer Interviews during session</i></p>
<p>Oct 6/7: 27th OT (B)</p> <p>140: Gen 2:18-24 Heb 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16</p>	<p>Alpha: Session Four - Why and How Should I Read the Bible?</p> <p>C9010: The <i>Lectionary</i> – Heart of the Bible C1306: Scripture and Tradition: Revealing God’s Plan</p> <p><i>Inquirer Interviews during session</i></p>
<p>Oct 13/14: 28th OT (B)</p> <p>143: Wis 7:7-11 Heb 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30</p>	<p>Alpha: Session Five - How Does God Guide Us?</p> <p><i>Inquirer Interviews during session</i></p>

Oct 20/21: 29th OT (B)	Alpha: Session Six - How Can I Resist Evil?
146: Is 53:10-11 Heb 4:14-16 Mark 10:42-45	<i>Inquirer Interviews during session</i>
Saturday, October 27	Inquirers & Sponsors Retreat (with The Alpha Course)
	<i>What is the Holy Spirit?</i> 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Faith & Family Center
	C9506: Who is the Holy Spirit? C9802: Opening the Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Oct 27/28: 30th OT (B)	Alpha Session Seven: Why & How Should I Tell Others?
149: Jer 31:7-9 Heb 5:1-6 Mark 10:46-52	C1610: Be Converted Anew – And Go Evangelize C1707: We Are Today’s Apostles: An Invitation
	<i>Inquirer Interviews during session</i>
Nov 3/4: 30th OT (B)	Alpha Session Eight: Does God Heal Today?
152: Deut 6:2-6 Heb 7:23-28 Mark 12:28b-34	<i>Inquirer Interviews during session</i>
Nov 10/11: 32nd OT (B)	Alpha Session Nine: What About the Church?
155: 1 Kgs 17:10-16 Heb 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44	<i>FINAL Pre-Catechumenate Interviews before session</i> <i>(Those taking part in the Rite of Acceptance MUST have forms submitted and at least one Interview by this date!)</i>
Nov 17/18: 33rd OT (B)	CATECHUMENATE BEGINS
158: Dan 12:1-3 Heb 10:11-14, 18 Mark 13:24-32	What is Discernment? C0601: How the Spirit Guides the Church C0303: Examen of Conscience – Finding God in All Things <i>Rite of Acceptance & Welcome, 11:00 a.m. Mass, w/Dismissal</i> (N.B.: No session during Thanksgiving)
Dec 1/2: I Advent (Lectionary Year C)	What is the “Church Year?”
3: Jer 33:14-16 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36	C1113: Advent Day-by-Day C1195: The Liturgical Year: How Christians Celebrate Time C1201: Holy Day vs. Holiday: Making Christmas Less Commercial
Dec 8/9: II Advent (C)	Seventy-three Books of the Bible, Part I – The Old Testament
6: Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6	C8904: The Whole Bible at a Glance C1406: Celebrating God’s Word: How Catholics read the Bible

Dec 15/16: III Advent (C)	Seventy-three Books of the Bible, Part II – The New Testament
9: Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18	C8904: The Whole Bible at a Glance C1406: Celebrating God’s Word: How Catholics read the Bible (N.B.: No sessions during Christmas or Holy Family)
Jan 5/6, 2016: EPIPHANY (ABC)	Church History, Part I
20: Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matt 2:1-12	C8706: Ten Peak Moments of Church History C0100: The Christian Family Tree C1205: The Nicene Creed: What We Believe
Jan 12/13: BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)	Church History, Part II
21: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22	C0393: Vatican II: The Vision Lives On C0905: Treasures of Vatican II: Our Compass for the Future
Jan 19/20: 2nd OT (C)	Four Marks of the Church, Part I - Oneness and Holiness
66: Is 62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-11 John 2:1-11	C1081: Tradition in the Catholic Church: Why It’s Still Important C0585: What Does it Mean to be “Church?” C0904: Nine Things That Make Us Catholic
Jan 26/27: 3rd OT (C)	Four Marks of the Church, Part II - Catholicity and Apostolicity
69: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21	C1082: The Roman Curia – How the Church is Run C8803: Infallibility and Church Authority
Feb 2/3: 4th OT (C)	Seven Sacraments – An Overview
72: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Luke 4:21-30	C9508: What are Sacraments? C0301: Sacraments of Initiation: Sacraments of Invitation
Feb 9/10: 5th OT (C)	Three Sacraments of Initiation
75: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11	C0706: Baptism: Our Lifelong Call C1095: Confirmation: A Deepening of Christian Identity C1109: A Walk through the Mass C1211: Nine Reasons for Going to Mass: Thanksgiving Every Sunday
Feb 16/17: 6th OT (C)	Two Sacraments of Healing
78: Jer 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Luke 6:17, 20-26	C0906: The Sacrament of Reconciliation C1602: Reconciliation: Coming Home to God C9008: Ten Tips for Better Confessions C9601: Anointing of the Sick

<p>Feb 23/24: 7th OT (C)</p> <p>81: 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 1 Cor 15:45-49 Luke 6:27-38</p>	<p>Two Sacraments of Service</p> <p>C1612: Being a Permanent Deacon C9707: Sacrament of Orders: Priesthood in Transition C9605: Sacrament of Marriage: Sign of Faithful Love C1506: In Defense of Traditional Marriage</p>
<p>Saturday, March 2</p>	<p>Inquirers & Sponsors Retreat (with The Alpha Course) 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Faith & Family Center</p> <p>Pre-Lenten Interviews during this Retreat</p> <p>Anointing of the Catechumens, 4:00 p.m. Mass, w/Dismissal</p>
<p>Mar 2/3: 6th OT (C)</p> <p>84: Sir 27:5-8 1 Cor 15:54-58 Luke 6:39-45</p>	<p>What is “Lent?”</p> <p>C0290: Lent: A 40-Day Retreat C0203: Lenten Customs: Baptism is the Key C0204: Ash Wednesday: Our Shifting Understanding of Lent</p>
<p>Mar 6: Ash Wednesday</p> <p>219: Joel 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Matt 6:1-6, 16-18</p>	<p>PURIFICATION & ENLIGHTENMENT BEGINS</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Mass: With distribution of Ashes and Dismissal</p>
<p>Mar 9/10: I Lent (C)</p> <p>24: Dt 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13</p>	<p>Parish Rite of Sending, 9:00 a.m. Mass, w/Dismissal</p> <p>C8710: How God Invites Us to Grow: Six Stages of Faith Development C0503: We Believe in the Resurrection</p> <p>Diocesan Rite of Election, 2:30 p.m., St. Paul Church, Westerville</p>
<p>Mar 16/17: II Lent (C)</p> <p>27: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18 Phil 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28b-36</p>	<p>What is “Discipleship?”</p> <p>C0891: Lay Ministry: Not for Just a Chosen Few C0908: Creating A Culture of Vocation</p>
<p>Mar 17, 18, 19 (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)</p>	<p>Lenten Parish Mission Fr. Thomas Blau, O.P., Facilitator</p> <p>Conferences in Church, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Social following in FFC</p>
<p>Mar 20 (Wednesday)</p>	<p>Parish Lenten Penance Service, 7:00 p.m., In Church</p> <p>The Sacrament of Reconciliation is recommended for all baptized Candidates and Catholics completing their Initiation.</p>
<p>Mar 23/24: III Lent (C) <i>(Cycle “A” readings can apply to Masses!)</i></p> <p>28: Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-42</p>	<p>THE FIRST SCRUTINY & PRESENTATION OF THE CREED: 9:00 a.m. Mass (w/Dismissal)</p> <p>C0785: The Creed: Faith Essentials for Catholics</p> <p>A Morally Complex World, Part I – Human Freedom</p> <p>C0989: The Ten Commandments: Sounds of Love from Sinai C0896: Catholic Morality: Has it Changed?</p>

<p>Mar 30/31: IV Lent (C) <i>(Cycle “A” readings can apply to Masses!)</i></p> <p>31: 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13a Eph 5:8-14 John 9:1-41</p>	<p>A Morally Complex World, Part II – Catholic Social Teaching</p> <p>C9011: 100 Years of Catholic Social Teaching C9207: How Should we Think About the Poor C1605: Gospel Values in an Election Year</p> <p>THE SECOND SCRUTINY: 11:00 a.m. Mass (w/Dismissal)</p>
<p>Apr 6/7: V Lent (C) <i>(Cycle “A” readings can apply to Masses!)</i></p> <p>34: Ezek 37:12-14 Rom 8:8-11 John 11:1-45</p>	<p>A Morally Complex World, Part III – The Dignity of Human Life</p> <p>C0892: Human Sexuality: “Gift” and “Awesome Responsibility” C9509: The Gospel of Life C0806: End of Life Ethics</p> <p>THE THIRD SCRUTINY & PRESENTATION OF THE LORD’S PRAYER: 5:00 p.m. Mass (w/Dismissal)</p> <p>C9612: Our Father: The Prayer Jesus Taught</p>
<p>April 13/14: PALM SUNDAY</p> <p>37: Luke 19:28-40 (w/Procession) Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Luke 22:14-23:56</p>	<p>Four Last Things...</p> <p>C9305: The Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell C9404: Our Holiest Week C0802: Agony in the Garden: Understanding the Passion of Jesus</p>
<p>THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM:</p> <p>Holy Thursday: <i>Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper – April 18, 7:00 p.m.</i></p> <p>Good Friday: <i>Service of the Lord’s Passion – April 19, 7:00 p.m.</i></p> <p>Holy Saturday: <i>Rehearsal for Easter Vigil – April 20, 10:00 a.m., in Church Anointing of the Elect & Recitation of the Creed, immediately following</i></p> <p>VIGIL OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD: APRIL 20, 8:30 p.m.: All Elect and Candidates arrive (w/Sponsors) no later than 7:30 p.m. <i>A reception immediately follows the Easter Vigil.</i></p>	
<p>MYSTAGOGY: UNPACKING THE VIGIL & LEARNING DISCIPLESHIP</p> <p>Neophytes (newly baptized and newly confirmed Catholics), experiencing deeper encounters with Christ and His Church, meet twice monthly to discuss their experiences through the periods of Catechumenate, Purification & Enlightenment and the Vigil itself, and learn more about moving forward into a life of discipleship in the parish community.</p> <p>After the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Upper Level of the Faith & Family Center: May 5, May 19 and June 9 (Pentecost Sunday) June 22 – After 4:00 p.m. Mass before the Parish Festival</p>	