

**Immaculate Conception (IC) – St. Joseph (SJ) Parish  
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)  
2024-2025**

**Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate**

August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024:    **Opening Meeting - Welcome, explanation of the process, and getting to know one another**

September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024:    **Read: *We Believe*, Chapter 1 – Our World and Our God  
View and Discuss: Symbolon 1 – The Journey of Faith  
Administrative requirements / paperwork  
Song: Open My Eyes**

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024:    **Introduction to the Mass  
View and Discuss: The Mystery of the Mass Revealed (Fr. Mike Schmitz)  
Song: Gather Us In**

September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024:    **Tour of the Church and Introduction to the Missalettes  
Song: All Are Welcome**

September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024:    **Read: *We Believe*, Chapter 15 – Communicating With God – Prayer  
View and Discuss: Symbolon 3 – The Bible  
Devotion: Prayer – Lectio Divina  
Song: Seek Ye First**

October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024:        **View and Discuss: Symbolon 4 – The Story of Salvation  
Meet with Sponsors (if available)  
Song: For the Fruits of This Creation**

October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024:        **Read: *We Believe*, Chapter 2 – Our Religious Tradition  
View and Discuss: Symbolon 2 – Divine Revelation,  
Discuss some of the differences between Catholicism and major Protestant denominations  
Song: Give Me Ears to Listen**

October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024:    **Read: *We Believe*, Chapter 3 – Jesus Enters Our Tradition  
View and Discuss: Symbolon 5 – Who is Jesus?  
Song: I am the Bread of Life**

- October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024:**     **Read: *We Believe*, Chapter 4 – Jesus in His Followers and in His Word**  
**View and Discuss: Symbolon 6 – The Paschal Mystery**  
**Song: They’ll Know We Are Christians**
- October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024:**     **Read: *We Believe*, Chapter 6 – Jesus Gives Us Communion with the Saints**  
**View and Discuss: Symbolon 9 – Mary and the Saints**  
**Devotion: Rosary**  
**Song: Immaculate Mary**
- November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024:**     **Read: *We Believe*, Chapter 5 – The Church – Jesus Unites Us to the Trinity**  
**View and Discuss: Symbolon 7 – Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace**  
**Song: Come, Holy Ghost**
- November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024:**   **Read: *We Believe*, Chapter 7 – Jesus Brings Us to Fullness of Life**  
**View and Discuss: Symbolon 8 – Why Do I Need the Church?**  
**Song: I Am the Vine, You Are the Branches**
- November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024:**   **The Liturgical Year, Seasons, Preparation for the Rite of Welcoming and Acceptance**  
**Discuss: The Season of Advent and the Liturgical Calendar**  
**Song: To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King**
- November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, Saturday:**   **4:00 pm Mass, St. Joseph’s Church, Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe, Rite of Welcoming and Acceptance**
- November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024:**   **No meeting – Thanksgiving week.**

<b>Period of the Catechumenate</b>
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- December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024:**     **View and Discuss: Symbolon 10 – The Last Things**  
**Song: Soon and Very Soon**
- December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024:**   **Read: *We Believe*, Chapter 8 – Christ in His Sacraments – Baptism and Confirmation (pgs. 87-101)**  
**View and Discuss: Symbolon 11 – The Sacraments**  
**Song: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**
- December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024:**   **Discuss: Catholic Christmas traditions and devotions**  
**Christmas Social**  
**Song: O Come Emanuel**
- December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025:**   **No meetings – Christmas Holidays.**

- January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025:**      Read: *We Believe*, Chapter 9 – The Eucharist – Christ’s Meal and Sacrifice  
    \***Meet at Immaculate Conception Church.**  
    View and Discuss: Symbolon 12 – The Eucharist  
    Devotion: Adoration (at Immaculate Conception)  
    Song: O Sacrament Most Holy
- January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025:**      Read: *We Believe*, Chapter 10 – Reconciliation – Jesus Forgives, and Chapter 11 – The Anointing of the Sick – Jesus Heals  
    View and Discuss: Symbolon 14 – Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick  
    Song: Loving and Forgiving
- January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**      Read: *We Believe*, Chapter 12 – The Priesthood – Jesus Ministers, and Chapter 13 - Marriage – Christ Shares God’s Love With Us  
    View and Discuss: Symbolon 15 – Matrimony and Holy Orders  
    Song: Servant Song
- January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025:**      View and Discuss: Symbolon 17 & 18 – A Love That Lasts (Marriage)  
    Song: Where Charity and Love Prevail
- February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025:**      Read: *We Believe*, Chapter 14 – Morality – Jesus Guides Us Through Life  
    View and Discuss: Symbolon 16 – A Catholic Moral Vision  
    Song: Let There Be Peace on Earth
- February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025:**      No meeting due to snow storm.
- February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025:**      View and Discuss: Symbolon 19 & 20 – Catholic Social Teaching  
    Song: Whatever You Do
- February (TBD), 2025:** Archdiocese RCIA Retreat, Holy Trinity Parish, Lenexa, KS
- February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025:**      Discuss and review: The Apostle’s Creed  
    Discuss Catholic Devotions, Season of Lent; Preparation for the Rite of Sending and Rite of Election  
    Song: Prayer of St. Francis
- March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025:**      Ash Wednesday - no meeting.
- March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Saturday:** Rite of Sending, 5:30 pm Mass at Immaculate Conception Church.
- March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025:**      (Updated) Rite of Election and Continuing Conversion, 7:00 pm, St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 14251 Nall Ave., Leawood, KS 66223.

## **Period of Purification and Enlightenment**

**March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Mystagogy of the Rite of Election; Preparation for Penitential Rite  
Devotion: Benediction / “I Thirst” meditation  
Songs: O Saving Victim and Down in Adoration Falling

**March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Sunday:** Penitential Rite for Candidates, 8:00 am at St. Joseph’s Church

**March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Preparation for the First Scrutiny (Catechumens)  
Devotion: The Liturgy of the Hours  
Song: You Are Mine

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, Sunday:** First Scrutiny for Catechumens, 10:30 am at Immaculate Conception Church

**March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Preparation for Second Scrutiny (Catechumens); Review Steps for Confession,  
Devotion: Stations of the Cross  
Song: Were You There

**March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Saturday:** Second Scrutiny for Catechumens, 4:00 pm Mass at St Joseph’s Church

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025:** Preparation for Third Scrutiny (Catechumens)  
Devotion: Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Song: Be Not Afraid

**April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Saturday:** Third Scrutiny for Catechumens at 5:30 pm Mass at Immaculate Conception Church

**April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Evening of Prayer and Commitment in preparation for the Paschal Sacraments  
Song: The Summons

**April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Holy Week – no meeting.

**April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 7:00 pm

**April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Good Friday – 3:00 pm at St. Joseph’s Church or 7:00 pm at Immaculate Conception Church

**April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Holy Saturday

- Prayer and Preparation for the Great Paschal Vigil
- The Great Paschal Vigil, 8:00 pm, St. Joseph’s Church

## **Period of Mystagogy**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025:** Mystagogy of the Rites of Initiation and review of the RCIA journey  
Song: How Can I Keep From Singing

**April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Discipleship  
Song: Here I Am, Lord

**May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Closing Meal

**June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Pentecost Sunday Sacramental initiation for adults baptized Catholic with Archbishop Naumann – time and location **TBD**.