

**Immaculate Conception (IC) – St. Joseph (SJ) Parish
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
2023-2024**

Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate

August 23rd, 2023: **Opening Meeting - Welcome, explanation of the process, and getting to know one another**

August 30, 2023: **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 6th, 2023: **View and Discuss: The Mass Video and Tour of the Church;
Introduction to the Mass [and the Missalettes]
Song: All Are Welcome**

September 13th, 2023: **Read: *We Believe*, Chapter 15 – Communicating With God –
Prayer
View and Discuss: Symbolon 3 – The Bible
Devotion: Prayer – Lectio Divina
Song: Seek Ye First**

September 20th, 2023: **View and Discuss: Symbolon 4 – The Story of Salvation
Meet with Sponsors
Song: For the Fruits of This Creation**

September 27th, 2023: **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 4th, 2023: **Read: *We Believe*, Chapter 3 – Jesus Enters Our Tradition
View and Discuss: Symbolon 5 – Who is Jesus?
Song: Jesus Remember Me**

October 11th, 2023: **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 18th, 2023:** **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: O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God
- October 25th, 2023:** **Read: *We Believe*, Chapter 6 – Jesus Gives Us Communion with the Saints**
View and Discuss: Symbolon 9 – Mary and the Saints
Devotion: Rosary
Song: Gentle Woman
- November 1st, 2023:** **No meeting – All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)**
- November 8th, 2023:** **Read: *We Believe*, Chapter 7 – Jesus Brings Us to Fullness of Life**
View and Discuss: Symbolon 8 – Why Do I Need the Church?
Song: TBD
- November 15th, 2023:** **The Liturgical Year, Seasons, Preparation for the Rite of Welcoming and Acceptance**
***Meet at Immaculate Conception Church.**
Discuss: The Season of Advent and the Liturgical Calendar
Song: Ready the Way
- November 22nd, 2023:** **No meeting – Thanksgiving week.**
- November 26th, 2023:** **10:30 am Mass, Immaculate Conception Church, Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe, Rite of Welcoming and Acceptance**

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| Period of the Catechumenate |
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- November 29th, 2023:** **View and Discuss: Symbolon 10 – The Last Things**
Song: Soon and Very Soon
- December 6th, 2023:** **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 13th, 2023:** **View and Discuss: Catholicism 1: Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man**
Discuss: Catholic Christmas traditions and devotions
Christmas Social
Song: O Come Emanuel
- December 20th, 2023 and December 27th, 2023:** **No meetings – Christmas Holidays.**

- January 3rd, 2024:** 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)
- January 10th, 2024:** 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 17th, 2024:** 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 24th, 2024:** View and Discuss: Symbolon 17 & 18 – A Love That Lasts (Marriage)
 Song: Where Charity and Love Prevail
- January ??, 2024:** Archdiocese RCIA Retreat, Holy Trinity Parish, Lenexa, KS
- January 31st, 2024:** 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 7th, 2024:** View and Discuss: Symbolon 19 & 20 – Catholic Social Teaching
 Discuss: Season of Lent; Preparation for the Rite of Sending and Rite of Election
 Song: Whatsoever You Do
- February 14th, 2024:** Ash Wednesday - no meeting.
- February 17th, 2024, Saturday:** Rite of Sending, 4:00 pm Mass at St. Joseph’s Church.
- February 18th, 2024, Sunday:** Rite of Election and Continuing Conversion, location TBD.

Period of Purification and Enlightenment

- February 21st, 2024:** Mystagogy of the Rite of Election; Preparation for Penitential Rite
 Devotion: Benediction / “I Thirst” meditation
 Songs: O Saving Victim and Down in Adoration Falling

February 24th, 2024, Saturday: Penitential Rite for Candidates, 5:30 pm at IC.

**February 28th, 2024: Preparation for the First Scrutiny
Devotion: The Liturgy of the Hours
Song: These Alone Are Enough**

March 3rd, 2024, Sunday: First Scrutiny for Catechumens, 8:00 am at St. Joseph's Church

**March 6th, 2024: Preparation for Second Scrutiny; Review Steps for Confession,
Devotion: Stations of the Cross
Song: Were You There**

**March 10th, 2024, Sunday: Second Scrutiny for Catechumens, 10:30 am Mass at
Immaculate Conception Church**

**March 13th, 2024: Preparation for Third Scrutiny
Devotion: Divine Mercy Chaplet
Song: Be Thou My Vision**

**March 16th, 2024, Saturday: Third Scrutiny for Catechumens at 4:00 pm Mass at St.
Joseph's Church**

**March 20th, 2024: Evening of Prayer and Commitment in preparation for the Paschal
Sacraments
Songs: Meditative Music Between Readings
Christ Be Beside Me
My God, My God, Why Have You Abandoned Me
Father, I Put My Life in Your Hands**

March 28th, 2024: Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm

**March 29th, 2024: Good Friday – 3:00 pm at St. Joseph's Church or 7:00 pm at
Immaculate Conception Church**

March 30th, 2024: 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 3rd, 2024: Mystagogy of the Rites of Initiation and review of the RCIA journey
Song: Meditative Music from Triduum**

April 10th, 2024: Devotions
Song: TBD

April 17th, 2024: Discipleship
Song: Servant Song

April 24th, 2024: Closing Meal

**May 19th, 2024: Pentecost Sunday Sacramental initiation for Catholic adults with
Archbishop Naumann**