

St. William of York Catholic Church
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) 2026-2027
Wednesdays 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
(other dates as noted below; ** not a Wednesday)

Date	Topic
May 13	Welcome Gathering – 5:30 pm Mass In Church followed by Pot Luck Dinner
May 24	Pentecost Sunday
June 3	The Big Picture: God's Plan in eternity (and our plan for the course)
June 10	Life in Christ: Holiness-Repentance and Discipleship-The Beatitudes
June 17	Life in Christ: The Human Person (body/soul, passions, virtue/vice)
June 24	NO OCIA – Summer Break
July 1	NO OCIA – July 4th Holiday
July 8	THE MASS Session 1 - A Privileged Encounter
July 15	Life in Christ: Capital Vices & Theological and Cardinal Virtues
July 22	THE MASS Session 2 – God Speaks Our Story
July 29	Life in Christ: Love the Lord your God; Commandments 1-3
August 5	THE MASS Session 3 – God Speaks Our Story
August 12	Life in Christ: Love the Lord your God; Commandments 4-10
August 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 19	THE MASS Session 4 – Responding to God
August 26	PRAYER PRIMER: True Devotion to Mary & The Rosary
September 2	THE MASS Session 5 – Preparing for Sacrifice
September 9	NO OCIA-LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
September 16	THE MASS Session 6 – The REAL PRESENCE Creates Communion
September 23	Credo: Invisible Creation – Human Soul & Angels
September 30	Rite of Entrance for Catechumens – 5:30 pm Mass in the Church Credo: The Fall – Original Sin
October 7	Credo: Jesus Christ – Beloved Son and Incarnate Savior
October 14	NO OCIA – Columbus Day Holiday
October 21	Credo: Holy Mary – Virgin and Mother
October 28	Credo: Paschal Mystery – Suffered, Crucified, Died and Buried
November 1	All Saints Day
November 4	Credo: Paschal Mystery – Risen, Ascended, and Reigning
November 11	Credo: Holy Spirit – Giver of Life and Gift of God
November 18	Credo: The Church – One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic
November 25	NO OCIA – Thanksgiving Holiday
December 2	Credo: The Communion of Saints – Church Militant, Triumphant, Suffering
December 8	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation
December 9	NO OCIA – Rehearsal for Confirmation Teens

December 16	Credo: The Last Things – Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell and Purgatory
December 23	NO OCIA – Christmas Holiday (Christmas Day is a Holy Day of Obligation)
December 31	NO OCIA – New Year Holiday
January 1	Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God – Holy Day of Obligation
January 6	Worship: Liturgical Year/Sacraments in General
January 13	Worship: Baptism
January 20	Worship: Confirmation
January 27	Worship: The Holy Eucharist/Transubstantiation
February 3	Worship: Holy Orders
February 10	NO OCIA – Ash Wednesday
February 14	Sunday – Rite of Election (Cathedral of St. Thomas More)
February 17	Worship: Matrimony
February 24	Worship: Anointing of the Sick/Funerals
February 27	Saturday – First Scrutiny for Catechumens; 5:00 pm Mass in the Church
March 3	Worship: Penance
March 6	Saturday – Second Scrutiny for Catechumens; 5:00 pm Mass in the Church
March 10	PRAYER PRIMER: Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament
March 13	Saturday – Third Scrutiny of Catechumens; 5:00 pm Mass in the Church
March 17	PRAYER PRIMER: Preparing for Holy Week- Holy Week at-a-glance
March 21	Sunday – Palm Sunday; beginning of Holy Week
March 24	NO OCIA-HOLY WEEK
March 25**	Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper
March 26**	Good Friday-Veneration of the Cross
March 27**	Easter Vigil: Rehearsal 1 PM in Church; Be in Church for Mass at 7:30PM
March 28**	Easter Sunday
March 31	NO OCIA – Easter Week
April 7	Mystagogy: Stewardship-Time, Treasure, Talent or Priest's Choice
April 14	Mystagogy: Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy or Priest's Choice
April 21	Mystagogy: Priest's Choice
April 28	Mystagogy: Priest's Choice
May 5	Mystagogy: Priest's Choice
May 12	Mystagogy: Mission/POTLUCK with neophytes, sponsors and New Catechumens

ATTENDANCE AT CLASS FOR THOSE SEEKING SACREMENTS IS EXPECTED AND REQUIRED. SERIOUS ABSENCES SHOULD BE CALLED IN TO THE RE OFFICE 540-659-5705 BEFOREHAND. SNOW CANCELLATION: If Stafford Schools are cancelled, OCIA class will also be cancelled.