**St. Casimir Parish Community - Christian Initiation Guidelines**

You are beginning a JOURNEY of FAITH and should commit yourself to each weekend Mass/liturgy and Wednesday evenings as shown on the calendar. If you believe that you cannot make this commitment at this time, it may be advisable for you to postpone until a firm commitment can be made.

The following guidelines are established for the benefit of those inquiring about the Catholic faith and those fully committed to traveling on and contributing to their faith journey through the process of Christian Initiation at St. Casimir parish:

**ATTENDANCE**

* Attendance at Sunday Mass/Liturgy is expected.
* Attendance at EACH Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Wednesday weeknight session is most important for your faith discovery.
* It is your responsibility to notify the RCIA Leader if you will miss an evening session.
* We will work together to schedule a time to make up missed sessions.
* Attendance will be kept and attendance problems may result in delays in the process and progress of your Christian Initiation.

**WEEKNIGHT INQUIRY and DISCERNMENT**

* Wednesday weeknight sessions will begin at 6:45 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) and end at approximately 8:15 p.m.
* Please respect the catechist(s) and participants desire to share and learn, so please be on time.

**WEEKEND MASS/LITURGY and YOUR FAITH FORMATION**

* Attendance at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning Mass will be required beginning November 20, please feel welcome to attend any Mass times prior to that date.
* Additional faith formation through Breaking Open the Word will begin Sunday, November 20, during the 9:00 a.m. Mass with these formation sessions ending between 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

**SPONSORS**

* Sponsors are encouraged to attend Mass with you as often as possible, as Mass is a shared celebration.
* Sponsors are encouraged to attend as many weeknight sessions as possible, as active participants, to help guide you in your faith formation.

**CALENDAR of FAITH DISCOVERY**

* You have received a calendar of the topics we will discuss each weeknight during your faith journey.
* Please prepare yourself for each session by reading the brief materials given to you to participate in our discussions and ask questions.
* This discernment time, like Mass/liturgy, requires full and active participation to get the most out of your moving toward becoming a Catholic Christian.

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| **DATE** | **TIME/LOCATION** | **TOPIC** |
| **RCIA Inquiry Period** | | |
| 09/14 | 6:45 – 8:15 pm Room 106 | Welcome to the RCIA, Let’s Get to Know Each Other |
| 09/21 | 6:45 – 8:15 pm Room 106 | What is Faith? |
| 09/28 | 6:45 – 8:15 pm Room 106 | The Holy Trinity |
| 10/05 | 6:45 – 8:15 pm Room 106 | Who is Jesus Christ? |
| 10/12 | 6:45 – 8:15 pm Room 106 | Devine Revelation |
| 10/19 | 6:45 – 8:15 pm Room 106 | The Bible |
| 10/26 | 6:45 – 8:15 pm Room 106 | Mary & The Saints |
| 11/02 | 6:45 – 8:15 pm Room 106 | Catholic Prayers & Practices and Your Prayer Life |
| 11/09 | 6:45 – 8:15 pm Room 106 | The Mass & Places in a Catholic Church |
| 11/16 | 6:45 – 8:15 pm Room 106 | The Church Year & The Church as Community |