

Thinking of Joining the Catholic Church?

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at St. Casimir

Where do you begin? Well, you just begin from where you are **now!**

Many adults who are thinking about entering (or who have decided to enter) the Catholic Church, follow a process known as the **RCIA** — the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

The RCIA process has four distinct stages.

RCIA Stage 1: Just Looking

In the **inquiry** stage, you're just finding out about Jesus, Christianity, and the Catholic Church with **NO** commitment required on your part.

Your main task here is to explore and develop your faith enough so you can make an informed *initial* decision about continuing on to enter the Catholic Church.

RCIA Stage 2: Learning about the Faith

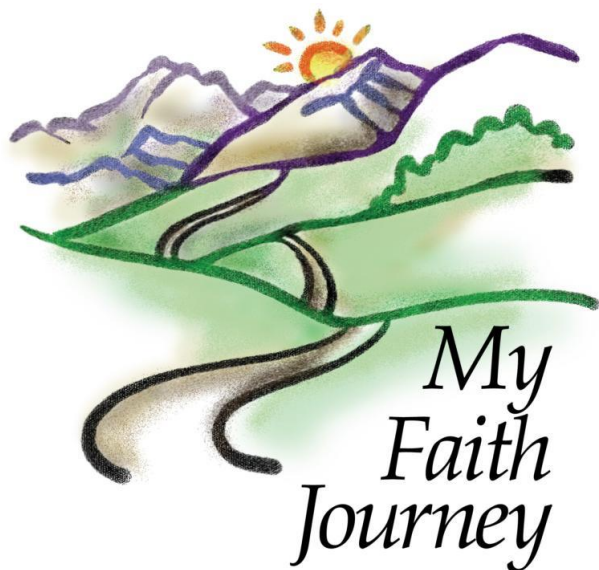
In this stage, you focus on **catechesis**: learning about the faith, how to live as a Catholic Christian, and developing your faith life.

Your job now is to come into closer contact with the Living God and learn more about the Catholic faith.

RCIA Stage 3: Getting Ready for Rebirth!

This is the stage before receiving the Sacraments of Initiation into the Church: baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. (Those already baptized with a valid baptism in another Christian church aren't baptized again.)

This stage of intense **reflection** calls you to deeper **conversion** in preparation for your renewal at Easter. This is what the season of Lent is for, but it has a special intensity for you if you are entering the Church and receiving the Sacraments of Initiation.



RCIA Stage 4: Reflecting on the Mysteries of the Mass

This stage, called **Mystagogy**, during the Easter season, is for continued reflection and catechesis on the Mass, the Sacraments, and especially the Eucharist.

This period is designed to help you understand, appreciate, and live more deeply this center of Catholicism.

RCIA Inquiry will be held
Wednesday evenings
6:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.
September 14 through November 16

RCIA Catechesis will be held
Wednesday evenings
6:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.
November 30 through April 12

RCIA Mystagogy will be held
Wednesday evenings
6:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.
April 19 through June 7

If you'd like to join us for the RCIA Inquiry or have questions about the RCIA process, please contact Sandy Enness at sandraenness@gmail.com.

Our parish looks forward to meeting you and joining you on your faith journey.