



2026-2027 OCIA Schedule

Holy Cross (HC) + Our Mother of Sorrows (OMOS) + St. Charles Borromeo (SCB) + St. Lawrence (SL)

Sessions are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. We will rotate church locations. (Noted in parentheses)

Date	Session Topics, Readings and Optional Supplemental Videos
September 30 th (SCB)	Welcome to OCIA! Overview of the program, introduction of the team, participant introductions
October 7 th (SCB)	Catholic Church Tour – Read: Q1, C1, Q11 <i>Virtual Church Tour:</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ic6damkPw88
October 14 th (SCB)	Our Quest for God – Read: Chapters 1-2 <i>“Is faith foolish?”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/901608 <i>“I Am Who I Am”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1962359
October 21 st (SCB)	Divine Revelation and the Response of Faith – Read: Chapters 3-4 <i>“Divine Revelation: God Seeking Us”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582370
October 28 th (SCB)	God the Father, Creation and the Fall of Man – Read: Chapters 5-6 <i>“I Believe in God, the Father Almighty”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3279564 <i>“The Lord our God is One”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1962358
November 4 th (OMOS)	Jesus Christ: Our Savior and the Story of Salvation – Read: Chapters 7-8 <i>“The Story of Salvation”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582373 <i>“Who is Jesus?”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582374
November 18 th (OMOS)	The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace – Chapter 9 <i>“I Believe in the Holy Spirit”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3279559 <i>“The Gifts of the Holy Spirit”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3465441
November 25 th	NO SESSION – THANKSGIVING EVE
December 2 nd (OMOS)	We Pray to the Lord – Read: Chapters 35-36 <i>“Prayer: An Intimate Dialogue”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/576431 <i>“Understanding the Lord’s Prayer” (audio)</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/audios/582691
December 9 th (OMOS)	The Church: One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic – Read: Chapters 10-11 <i>“Why a Church?”</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/996017

	<i>"Why Do I Need the Church?"</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582376
December 16 th (OMOS)	A Brief History of the Church – Read: C11, C12
December 23 rd	NO SESSION – CHRISTMAS BREAK
December 30 th	NO SESSION – NEW YEAR'S BREAK
January 6 th (SL)	The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and Catholic Liturgies – Read: Chapter 14 <i>"Walk Through the Mass"</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582381 <i>"A Scriptural Walk Through the Mass"</i> (audio) - https://app.formed.org/app/audios/582329
January 13 th (SL)	Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism and Confirmation – Read: Chapters 15-16 <i>"The Sacraments: Baptism and Confirmation"</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582379
January 20 th (SL)	Sacraments of Initiation: The Holy Eucharist – Read: Chapter 17 <i>"The Body and Blood of Christ"</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3279557 <i>"Source and Summit"</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/576485
January 27 th (SL)	Sacraments of Service: Matrimony & Holy Orders – Read: Chapters 20-21 <i>"Matrimony and Holy Orders"</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582383
February 3 rd (HC)	Ten Commandments: Love of God – Read: Chapters 23-27 <i>"A Catholic Moral Vision"</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582384
February 10 th (HC) *Ash Wednesday*	Ten Commandments: Love of Neighbor – Read: Chapters 28-29, 31-32, 34 A Catholic Moral Vision
February 17 th (HC)	Catholic Social Teaching and the Dignity of the Human Person – Read: C14, C15, C16 <i>"Catholic Social Teaching: Building a Civilization of Love"</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582387 <i>"C.S.T.: Protecting the Dignity of the Human Person"</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582388
February 24 th (HC)	Mary and the Communion of Saints – Read: Chapter 12 <i>"Mary and the Communion of Saints"</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582377
March 3 rd (HC)	Sacraments of Healing: Penance – Read: Chapter 18 <i>"Penance & Anointing of the Sick: God's Mercy"</i> - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582382
Sunday, February 28 th @ Time TBA	First Scrutiny – Church TBA For the Elect and their sponsors
March 10 th (HC)	Sacraments of Healing: Anointing of the Sick – Read: Chapter 19 First Penance and First Holy Communion Practicum

Sunday, March 7th @ Time TBA	Second Scrutiny – Church TBA For the Elect and their sponsors
March 17 th (HC)	<i>The Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell</i> – Read: Chapter 13 “The Last Things: What Happens After We Die?” - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582378
Sunday, March 14th @ Time TBA	Third Scrutiny – Church TBA For the Elect and their sponsors
Sunday, March 21 st	PALM SUNDAY (See church bulletins or website for Mass times)
March 24 th (SL)	OCIA RETREAT NIGHT and DINNER (LAST SUPPER)
Thursday, March 25 th	HOLY THURSDAY (See church bulletins and website for Mass times)
Friday, March 26 th	GOOD FRIDAY (See church bulletins and website for service times)
Saturday, March 27th	EASTER VIGIL MASS – Receive your Sacraments and become initiated in the Catholic Church! (Time TBD)
April 7 th (OMOS)	Mystagogy – Lifelong Conversion and Call to Holiness- Read: M1-M5 “Holiness Isn’t Just for Saints” - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3776040
April 14 th (OMOS)	Mystagogy – Catholic Devotions and Sacramentals – Read: Chapter 22 “Sacramentals and Popular Devotions” - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/573197
April 21 st (OMOS)	Mystagogy – Living the Christian Virtues – Read: M6 “Faith, Hope and Charity” - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3279550 “The Art of Living” (series of six videos on virtue) - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2009323
April 28 th (OMOS)	Let’s Have a Little Fun: REVIEW GAMES! (And some friendly competition)
May 5 th (OMOS)	Mystagogy – Theology of the Body – Read: Chapters 30, 33 “A Love that Lasts: God’s Plan for Sexuality” - https://app.formed.org/app/videos/582386
May 12 th (OMOS)	Mystagogy – The Mission of Evangelization – Read: M8
May 19 th (OMOS)	Mystagogy – Go Forth! Become involved in the life of the Church & Celebrate with TREATS!

Important notes:

- There will be additional rites with required attendance (e.g. the Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming, Rite of Sending, Rite of Election) which will be announced later.

- Please complete the readings prior to the upcoming session. The chapters are found in the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* book which you receive at the start of the program. The handouts (e.g. Q1, C11, M8) are found in your binders.
- The Formed videos in *italics* are **optional** supplemental material for those who wish to go deeper and learn even more about the Catholic Faith.

Locations of our four churches where we will be holding our sessions:

- Holy Cross – 4492 Lake Ave, Rochester, NY 14612 in Parish Hall
- Mother of Sorrows – 5000 Mt Read Blvd, Rochester, NY 14612 downstairs in Parish Hall
- St. Charles Borromeo – 3003 Dewey Ave, Rochester, NY 14616 in the Borromeo Ministry Center
- St. Lawrence – 1000 N Greece Rd, Rochester, NY 14626 in Deacon Hall

If you have any questions before, during or after the OCIA program, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at maura.spencer@dor.org or call (585) 663-8000 ext. 1. We are here to help you throughout your journey of becoming Catholic, and beyond!