



Come and See! Do you have a non Catholic family member or friend who might like to know more about the Catholic faith or know of someone who was baptized Catholic but has been away from the Church? Perhaps you know someone who has been coming to Mass for a while, but is not Catholic. **Invite them** to look deeper into the richness of Catholicism! Come with them to meet with other faithful Catholics who are serving as catechists in the RCIA program. **RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**, is a restoration of the ancient practice, which began around 350, as a way for the Church to welcome adults into the Community of Believers. It enables people to either embrace the Faith for the first time or helps those baptized as Catholics to complete their faith formation. It is a process of discerning the stages of conversion leading to sacramental initiation. It is a time of inquiry, learning, prayer, and discovery of community. Those participating have the opportunity to ask questions about the Church and to hear about the message of Jesus Christ and how it is lived out in the Catholic Church.

RCIA is for those who have **never been baptized**. Through prayer and study of the faith they will enter the Church through baptism. Easter is the usual time for adult baptism in the Catholic Church.

RCIA is also for those **who are baptized and have joined us from another Christian tradition** but have little knowledge and experience of what it means to be a Catholic Christian. To become Catholic they do not need to be baptized again. One may come into "Full Communion" by a period of study and participation in liturgy with our community. The Catholic Church respects the Christian upbringing and the faith experiences that are part of their lives. Becoming Catholic does not mean rejecting their previous faith background; it can now be lived out in the Catholic Church.

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RCIA takes place Sundays at 6:30 pm in the parish hall - the introductory session is **September 10 at 6:30 pm**. Please contact RCIA Coordinator Desiree Tosatto through the office email: oll@wcoil.com or office phone: 419-634-2626 or at desireeto2@gmail.com to register or for more information.

PARISH REGISTRATION Registering in a parish formalizes your desire to be part of a particular Catholic community and it displays a commitment to participating in the life of a parish family. Parish membership is necessary when registering a child with the Parish School of Religion (PSR) and when you bring a child for baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation. When a person enters the Church through RCIA or when a couple marries, they too should register with a parish - usually with the parish at which they entered the Church or were married. When you have been asked to be a Baptism Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor for someone from another parish, you are likely to be asked to provide an affidavit from your own parish that states that you are a registered, active, and contributing member of the parish.

UPDATES If you are already registered, please be sure to update your registration with new addresses or phone numbers, or if your marital status changes or if you add members to your household.

The parish also needs to be informed if you wish to have your name removed from the roster of registered members.

There are Parish Registration Forms on the table in the vestibule. These can be returned to the parish by mail to 222 East Highland Avenue, Ada, 45810 or in the weekly collection.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

PSR Classes will begin on Sunday, September 10! 9:45-10:45 am

- ❖ We will continue to have *No Classes* on the last Sunday of each month.
- ❖ We need to have current contact and health information on each child so **PLEASE BE SURE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN WITH THE PSR!** Registration forms are on the table in the vestibule and on the lectern in the parish hall. *Anyone with children registered for PSR should also be registered with the parish.*
- ❖ Parents of Grade 2 Children: Students in Grade 2 are prepared for celebrating their First Reconciliation in the first half of the school year and to celebrate their First Communion in the last half. If your child was not baptized at Our Lady of Lourdes, we need to have a copy of their baptismal certificate turned in to the office.
- ❖ Parents of Grade 7 students: Grade 7 students will prepare and celebrate their Confirmation on April 9 AT Immaculate Conception. *The parish celebrates Confirmation every year - here at OLL in the odd numbered years and with Immaculate Conception in the even numbered years.* If your child was not baptized at Our Lady of Lourdes, we need to have a copy of their baptismal certificate turned in to the office.
- ❖ ONU students lead a Children's Liturgy of the Word for preschool children during the 11:00 Mass, upstairs in Room One, when ONU is in session. Children are dismissed to return to their families during the Offertory. **Begins September 10 at 11:00 am.**

Please contact PSR Manager Deb Driscoll through the office if you have any questions. Volunteers serve as catechists and catechist assistants in our PSR program.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION (AFF)

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning September 13

Scripture and the Tradition of the Catholic Church provide an abundance of wisdom, though it can often be challenging to apply it to our lives. To help you learn to gather and live with greater wisdom, we will study **Wisdom: God's Vision for Life** You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together.

Wisdom invites you to experience the transforming power of taking time to apply God's wisdom to your own life. You will learn to see with his vision. You will experience the peace of knowing God cares for you, and you will see how God—and only God—can show you a path through any circumstance. Participants of Wisdom will receive a journal and will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. The eight 30-minute videos, presented by Jeff Cavins, will guide you through a variety of themes drawn from the wisdom literature of Scripture. Jeff will explain Scripture's wisdom on decision-making, finances, relationships, peace of mind, and speaking to one another and will look at the beauty of wisdom gained through age and at how Christ himself is the embodiment and fulfillment of all wisdom.

Please contact Adult Faith Formation Coordinator Desiree Tosatto at desireeto2@gmail.com if you have any questions. To Register, sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.

Desiree and volunteers serve as facilitators for the AFF sessions.

See the posters in the vestibule and hall for schedule.