

# RCIA Family Process overview

## 7 Lessons— 6 before receiving the Sacraments of Initiation 1 after receiving the Sacraments of Initiation

- In addition to faithful attendance at Faith Formation classes during week. Children from grades 1- 4 should attend Children's Liturgy of the Word at Mass
- 1 of 2 Inquiry Meetings in the summer for students and parent(s) and/ or sponsor) with Initial Family Interviews
- March 18 Sunday includes a family mini retreat (12:30-3:00, including lunch)

**Lesson Times** will consist of:

12:15 (after 11:00am Mass) at Coffee Hour in Parish Hall

12:30-1:10pm **"Family Faith Community Time"**  
with Teacher Becky Echols in Faith Formation Room

1:10-1:40pm meal (potluck or brown bag)  
Sharing Stories of Salvation

1:40- 2:40pm Class time with Age Groups  
Homework assignments for completing the chapters of study with parents.

2:40-2:55pm Church Tour & Review of the Creed (each week we will take a different area)

2:55-3:00pm Closing Prayer, announcements in Faith Formation Room

## 8 Rites - see handout sheet in binder "On the Rites of the RCIA process"

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| <b>November 6</b>                               | "Rite of Acceptance" at 11:00 Mass for catechumens and candidates  |
| <b>November 19</b><br>other times<br><b>TBA</b> | Advent /Lenten Penance Services for candidates only. One must first be baptized to receive this sacrament. Candidates should receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation within a month or so of receiving first Holy Communion and Confirmation.                                    |
| <b>February 26</b>                              | 11:00 Mass "Rite of Sending" (from St. Mark's to the Bishop)<br>Catechumens and candidates   |
| <b>February 29</b>                              | "Rite of Election" (with the Bishop at Cathedral), 7:00pm<br>Catechumens become the "elect" and candidates get to be recognized for their progress and meet the Bishop   |
| <b>Mar 11, 18, 25</b>                           | "Rites of Scrutiny" for unbaptized only (special prayers for the elect) at 11:00am Mass, after the homily (priest's sermon) before the Liturgy of the Eucharist begins, children will be dismissed to "Break open the Word", faith-sharing and applying scripture to their life. |
| <b>April 7</b>                                  | <b>Easter Vigil</b> (reception of baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)<br>practice with all sponsors 11am without the catechumens or candidates.  |