

St. Mary Church and Newman Center Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) 2023/2024
Teaching Sessions, Newman Center, Basement Multi-Use Room
Sunday Mornings 10:15am-11:45am
Last Revised 07/03/2023

- Sun. 9/10 God's Love (Dan Teets) / Lent/Easter [pre-recorded]
Sun. 9/17 The Gift of Salvation (Deacon Joe Welter)
Sun. 9/24 What is the Catholic Church? (Deacon Joe or Dan) /
New Life in Christ (Christine Martin)
- Sun. 10/1 The Mass / The Eucharist (Dan)
Sun. 10/8 Sacraments (Overview) (Sr. Agnes Giblin) / Baptism - Confirmation (Dan)
- Sun. 10/15 NO TEACHING SESSION (Rite of Welcome Wkd – Candidates and Sponsors only)
- Sun. 10/22 The Sacrament of Penance (Fr. Jeff Belger [pre-recorded] or Fr. Larry Richards' CD)
Sun. 10/29 Anointing of the Sick (Sr. Agnes) / Last Things (Death, Purgatory, Heaven, Hell) (Dan)
Talk about All Saints Day and All Souls Day (Nov. 1 & 2)
- Sun. 11/5 Sacraments of Holy Orders (Deacon Joe or Fr. Symphorien Lopoke or Fr. David Paintsil) /
Holy Matrimony (Dan & Janet Teets)
Sun. 11/12 Using the Catechism of the Catholic Church and Catholic Morality / Ethical Decision
Making (Dan)
- Sun. Nov. 19 8:00am Gather with Sponsors and Godparents – Rite of Acceptance and Anointing with the
Oil of Catechumens 8:30am Mass – Dismissal after Rite for Breaking Open the Word
- Sun. 11//26 NO DISMISSAL and NO TEACHING SESSION Thanksgiving Weekend!
- Sun. 12/3 The Our Father (The Lord's Prayer) / How to Pray the Rosary (Dan and Team)
Sun. 12/10 Liturgical/Service Ministries Panel, Scripture Study and Spiritual Growth Opportunities
Sun. 12/17 Catholic Trivia (Cradle Catholics vs. Others)
- From the Rite of Acceptance on Sunday, Nov. 19th, forward most of the preparation of Catechumens
(those not yet Baptized) for the Rites of Initiation will take place during Breaking
Open the Word with Dismissal from the 8:30am Mass or 6pm Mass each Sunday as follows:
- Sun. Dec. 3 Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center
Sun. Dec. 10 Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center
Sun. Dec 17 Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center
Sun. Dec. 24 Christmas Break – NO DISMISSAL Jesus is the Reason for the Season!
Sun. Dec. 31 Christmas Break – NO DISMISSAL Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! 2024

- Sun. Jan. 7 Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center
 Sun. Jan. 14 Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center
 Sun. Jan. 21 Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center
 Sun. Jan. 28 Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center
- Sun. Feb. 4 Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center
 Sun. Feb. 11 Enrollment of Names in the Book of the Elect and Rite of Sending and Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center
 Wed. Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins) See bulletins or websites for service times
 Sun. Feb. 18 **MARK YOUR CALENDARS and let sponsors/godparents know!!!** Rite of Election events with Bishop Thomas Zinkula at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport – 9:30am (leave from Iowa City) for events at the Cathedral – around 5:00pm (back in Iowa City)
 Sun. Feb. 25 Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center
- Sun. Mar. 3 1st Scrutiny and Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center
 Sun. Mar. 10 2nd Scrutiny and Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center
 Sun. Mar. 17 3rd Scrutiny and Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center

MARK CALENDARS FOR HOLY WEEK & TRIDUUM!!! (see websites for schedules)

- Sun. Mar. 24 **PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND** – Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center
 Thurs. Mar. 28th Holy Thursday
 Fri., Mar. 29th Good Friday
 Sat. Mar. 30th Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
- Sat. Mar. 30 **HOLY SATURDAY**
 1:00-2:30pm Afternoon of Reflection
 2:30-3:15pm Rehearsal for the Easter Vigil (Newman Center and St. Mary Church)
 8:00pm Gather at St. Mary Church Hall or the Newman Center for 8:30pm? Easter Vigil
 Rites of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist)
 Pictures with sponsors, godparents, priest, deacon and director
 Reception to follow at St. Mary Church Hall or the Newman Center
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!!!
- Sun. Mar. 31 Easter Sunday – I know that My Redeemer Lives!!!
- Tues. Apr. 2 Breaking Open Holy Week Liturgies/Sacraments / History/Tour of St. Mary Church (Dan)

Questions: Call Dan at St. Mary's (337-4314, Ext. 105) or home (351-8477) before 10:00pm, or e-mail me at: icstmaryaff@diodav.org