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**St. Mary Church and Newman Center Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) 2020/2021  
Discussion and Question Sessions on Zoom with 2 Weekly Options  
Sunday Mornings 10:45am-11:25am  
or  
Tuesday Evenings, 7:00-7:40pm  
Last Revised 08/04/2020**

- 8/30 or 9/1** God's Love (Dan Teets)
- 9/5-9/7** NO DISCUSSION AND QUESTION SESSION Labor Day Weekend  
**9/13 or 9/15** The Gift of Salvation (Deacon Joe Welter)  
**9/20 or 9/22** What is the Catholic Church? (Deacon Joe Welter) / New Life in Christ (Christine Martin)  
**09/26-09/27** CHRIST OUR LIFE CONFERENCE, Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines, Iowa  
**9/27 or 9/29** Sacraments (Overview) (Sr. Agnes Giblin) / Baptism - Confirmation (Dan)
- 10/4 or 10/6** The Mass / The Eucharist (Dan)  
**10/10-10/11** NO DISCUSSION AND QUESTION SESSION Rite of Welcome Weekend  
**10/18 or 10/20** The Sacrament of Penance (Fr. Jeff Belger or Fr. Larry Richards)  
**10/25 or 10/27** Using the Catechism of the Catholic Church and Catholic Morality / Ethical Decision Making (Dan or Mary Merkel-Hess)
- 11/1 or 11/3** Anointing of the Sick (Sr. Agnes) / Last Things (Death, Purgatory, Heaven, Hell) (Dan)  
**11/8 or 11/10** Sacraments of Holy Orders (Deacon Joe Welter) / Holy Matrimony (Dan & Janet Teets)  
**11/15 or 11/17** The Our Father (The Lord's Prayer) / How to Pray the Rosary (Dan and Team)  
**Sun. Nov. 22** 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  
**11/26-11/29** NO DISCUSSION AND QUESTION SESSION Thanksgiving Weekend!
- 12/6 or 12/8** Liturgical/Service Ministries Panel, Scripture Study and Spiritual Growth Opportunities (will be scheduled on Zoom)  
**12/13 or 12/15** Catholic Trivia on Zoom – actual date tba (Cradle Catholics vs. Others)

**From the Rite of Acceptance 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, Nov. 29** NO DISMISSAL Thanksgiving Weekend  
**Sun. Dec. 6** Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center  
**Sun. Dec. 13** Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center  
**Sun. Dec. 20** Christmas Break – NO DISMISSAL Jesus is the Reason for the Season!  
**Sun. Dec. 27** NO DISMISSAL

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! 2021**

- Sun. Jan. 3** Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center
- Sun. Jan. 10** Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center
- Sun. Jan. 17** Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center
- Sun. Jan. 24** Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center
- Sun. Jan. 31** Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center
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- Sun. Feb. 7** Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center
- Sun. Feb. 14** Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center
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- Sun. Feb. 21** Rite of Enrollment of Names and Dismissal from the 10:30am Mass at St. Mary Church – Meet at 10:00am – Lunch at 12:15pm (location tba), 3:00pm Rite of Election at St. Patrick Church in Iowa City
- Sun. Feb. 28** Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center
- Sun. Mar. 7** 1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny and Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center
- Sun. Mar. 14** 2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny and Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center
- Sun. Mar. 21** 3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny and Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center
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- Sun. Mar. 28** PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND – Dismissal from 8:30am Mass at St. Mary Church or 6pm Mass at the Newman Center
- Sat. Apr. 3** HOLY SATURDAY
- 1:00-2:30pm** Afternoon of Reflection
- 2:30pm** 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 Vigil
- Pictures with Sponsors and Godparents
- Rites of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist)
- Reception to follow at St. Mary Church Hall or the Newman Center
- JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!!!**
- Sun. Apr. 4** Easter Sunday – I know that My Redeemer Lives!!!
- Sun. Apr. 18** 9:30am-11am (location t.b.a.) -- Gather for brunch after the 8:30am Mass to Reflect on Holy Week experiences, especially the Rites of Initiation (Easter Vigil)

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