

FAMILY INITIATION

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Children is a process in the Catholic Church that prepares children ages 7 and up for baptism and full participation in the church's sacramental life.

The process includes:

- Catechizing: Children learn the basics of the Catholic faith
- Welcoming Rites: Children participate in welcoming rites to welcome them to the greater church community
- Easter Vigil: Children receive the Sacraments of Initiation, which are Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion.

Children may participate if they are:

- Not Yet Baptized
- Baptized in another Christian faith
- Baptized Catholics as infants but have not recieved Confirmation and Eucharist at customary times

Parents are vital in their children's initiation, and their permission is needed for their children to participate and receive sacraments.

Families provide a birth certificate for unbaptized youth or a baptismal certificate for baptized youth. A copy can be turned in at any class or emailed to certificates@stpatcc.org.

Questions? familyinitiation@stpatcc.org





2025-26 Calendar

September 7 Meet & Greet September 14 God the Father September 21 God the Son September 28 The Holy Spirit

October 5 We Believe in the Church October 12 NO CLASS/ FALL BREAK

October 19 Sacraments & Christian Initiation

October 26 The Mass

November 2 Sacraments of Healing & Service November 9 NO CLASS/ VETERAN'S DAY November 16 The Kingdom of God & Church Year November 23 RITE OF WELCOME ** November 30 NO CLASS/ HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

December 7 The Annunciation & Birth of Jesus
December 14 We Believe in the Way of Jesus
December 21- January 4 NO CLASS/ CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

January 11 Baptism & The Ministry of Jesus
January 18 NO CLASS/ MLK HOLIDAY
January 25 The Call of the First Disciples & The Calming of the Sea

February 1 Retreat 9am - 2pm (Parents are invited to join.)
February 8 The Forgiving Father & Parable of the Good Samaritan
February 15 NO CLASS/ PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND
February 22 RITE OF ELECTION /The Passion & Death of Jesus

March 1 The Resurrection, Ascension & Pentecost March 7 Class following dismissal at Saturday 4:30pm Mass March 15 Class following dismissal at Sunday 10:30am Mass March 22 Class following dismissal at 5pm Sunday Mass

**After Rite of Welcome (Nov 23) group attends weekly 8:30am Mass, dismissal after announcements, then class

All sessions take place in the House of Mercy. Sept - November 16 we will meet following the 8:30 am Mass, from 9:30-11am.

Beginning November 23 and beyond we will gather at 8:30 am Mass and be dismissed to class during Mass, concluding at 11am.

- Sept Nov 16th 9:30-11am
- Nov 23rd and beyond 8:30am 11am



March 15 Scrutiny 2
Mass at 10:30am

March 22 Scrutiny 3
Mass at Sun 5pm

March 29 Palm Sunday
Practice in church
12pm to 1:30pm

April 2 Holy Thursday
Mass at 6:30pm

April 3 Good Friday
Stations at Noon
Service 6:30pm

April 4 Easter Vigil 6:30pm Student & sponsor arrive at 5:30pm to Daily Mass Chapel

Following Easter in April (date TBA)

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Party! Church