

Basilica of Saint Mary  
OCIA 2025-26

Date	Times	Topics	Speaker
<b>September 2025: The Period of Inquiry</b>			
Season of Creation (September 1 through October 4, The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi)			
Tuesday 9	6:00-8:00pm	Prayer, Team Sharing, Welcome Dinner, and Expectations	Team
Sunday 14 <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross</i>	9:30am 10:45am	Celebration of the Eucharist Coffee and Conversation	
Tuesday 16 <i>Memorial of St. Cornelius, Pope, and St. Cyprian, Bishop</i>	6:00-8:00pm	Who is God? Trinity	Dr. Kim Vrudny
Sunday 21 <i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am 10:45am	Celebration of the Eucharist Coffee and Conversation	
Tuesday 23 <i>Memorial of St. Pius of Pietralcina</i>	6:00-8:00pm	Who is Jesus? Christology	Dr. Kim Vrudny
Sunday 28 <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am 10:45am	Celebration of the Eucharist Coffee and Conversation	
Tuesday 30	6:00-8:00pm	Recap and Heart Session	Team (Leader: Zack)

<b>October 2025: The Period of Inquiry</b>			
Fall Ordinary Time			
Sunday 5 <i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am 10:45am 1:30pm 5:30pm	Celebration of the Eucharist Coffee and Conversation Blessing of the Animals Mass of Solidarity	Bishop Kinney
Tuesday 7 <i>Memorial of our Lady of the Holy Rosary</i>	6:00-8:00pm	The Creed. What do we believe?	Ms. Taylor Croissant
Sunday 12 <i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am 10:45am	Celebration of the Eucharist Coffee and Conversation	
Tuesday 14 <i>Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus</i>	6:00-8:00pm	The Bible	Dr. Martin Connell
Friday 17- Sunday 19		Retreat with Recap and Heart Session	
Tuesday 21	6:00-8:00pm	The Lectionary/Catholic Understanding of the Word of God	Dr. Martin Connell
Sunday 26 <i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am 10:45am	Celebration of the Eucharist Coffee and Conversation Sponsor Training	
Tuesday 28 <i>Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>	6:00-8:00pm	Recap and Heart Session	Team (Leader: John)

<b>November 2025: The Period of Inquiry</b>			
Fall Ordinary Time till November 30, the First Sunday of Advent			
Sunday 2 <i>Commemoration of the Faithful Departed</i>	9:30am 10:45am	Celebration of the Eucharist Coffee and Conversation	
Tuesday 4 <i>Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo</i>	6:00-8:00pm	Free Evening - Election Day	
Sunday 9 <i>Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	9:30am 10:45am	Eucharist with Rite of Entrance into the Catechumenate Coffee and Conversation	
<b>The Period of the Catechumenate</b>			
Tuesday 11 <i>Memorial of St. Martin of Tours, Bishop</i>	6:00-8:00pm	The Celebration of the Liturgy	Dr. Johan van Parys
Sunday 16 <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am 10:45am	Eucharist with Dismissal of the Catechumens Coffee and Conversation	
Tuesday 18	6:00-8:00pm	The Celebration of the Eucharist - Teaching Mass	Fr. Daniel Griffith
Sunday 23 <i>Solemnity of Christ the King</i>	9:30am 10:45am 3:30pm	Eucharist with Dismissal of the Catechumens Coffee and Conversation Evening Prayer for Christ the King	
Tuesday 25 <i>Optional Memorial of St. Catherine of Alexandria</i>		Free Evening- Thanksgiving Week	
Sunday 30 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	9:30am 10:45am 3:30pm	Eucharist with Dismissal of the Catechumens Coffee and Conversation Evening Prayer for First Sunday of Advent	

<b>December 2025: The Period of the Catechumenate began with the Rite of Welcome on Sunday, November 9</b>			
Season of Advent till Christmas Eve			
Tuesday 2 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	6:00-8:00pm	The Liturgical Year and Season	Dr. Martin Connell

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<b>Sunday 7</b> <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	9:30am 10:45am 3:30pm 5:00pm	Eucharist with <i>Dismissal of the Catechumens</i> Coffee and Conversation Evening Prayer for Second Sunday of Advent Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mass at 5:30pm)	
<b>Tuesday 9</b> <i>Optional Memorial of Juan Diego Cuauthlatotzin</i>	6:00-8:00pm	<b>Catholic Social Teaching</b>	Fr. Daniel Griffith
<b>Sunday 14</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)</i> <i>Chanukah: Candle 1</i>	9:30am 10:45am 3:30pm	Eucharist with <i>Dismissal of the Catechumens</i> Coffee and Conversation Evening Prayer for Third Sunday of Advent	
<b>Tuesday 16</b> <i>Advent Weekday, Chanukah: Candle 3</i>	5:30-7:00pm	<b>Advent Taize Reconciliation Service (no class)</b>	
<b>Sunday 21</b> <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Chanukah: Candle 8</i>	9:30am 10:45am 3:30pm	Eucharist with <i>Dismissal of the Catechumens</i> Coffee and Conversation Evening Prayer for Fourth Sunday of Advent	
<b>Tuesday 23</b> <i>Optional Memorial of St. John of Kanty, Priest</i>		<b>Free Evening</b>	
<b>Season of Christmas</b>			
<b>Wednesday, 24</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>			
<b>Thursday 25</b> <i>Solemnity of Christmas</i>	9:30am	Celebration of the Eucharist	<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>
<b>Sunday 28</b> <i>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	9:30am 10:45am	Eucharist with <i>Dismissal of the Catechumens</i> Coffee and Conversation	
<b>Tuesday 30</b>		<b>Free Evening</b>	

<b>January 2026: The Period of the Catechumenate</b>			
<b>Sunday 4</b> <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>	9:30am 10:45am 3:30pm	Eucharist with <i>Dismissal of the Catechumens</i> Coffee and Conversation Evening Prayer	
<b>Tuesday 6</b> <i>Christmas Weekday</i> <i>Optional Memorial- St. Andre Bessette, Orthodox Christmas</i>	6:00-8:00pm	<b>Epiphany Celebration Potluck, Recap and Heart Session</b>	Team (Leader: Brian)
<b>Sunday 11</b> <i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>	9:30am 10:45am 3:30pm	Eucharist with <i>Dismissal of the Catechumens</i> Coffee and Conversation Evening Prayer	
<b>Tuesday 13</b> <i>Optional Memorial of St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	6:00-8:00pm	<b>The Sacraments of the Catholic Church</b>	Dr. Johan van Parys
<b>Season of Winter Ordinary Time</b>			
<b>Sunday 18</b> <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am 10:45am	Eucharist with <i>Dismissal of the Catechumens</i> Coffee and Conversation	
<b>Tuesday 20</b> <i>Optional Memorials of St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr and St. Sebastian, Martyr</i>	6:00-8:00pm	<b>The Sacraments of Initiation</b>	Dr. Johan van Parys
<b>Sunday 25</b> <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am 10:45am	Eucharist with <i>Dismissal of the Catechumens</i> Coffee and Conversation	
<b>Tuesday 27</b> <i>Optional Memorial of St. Angela Merici</i>	6:00-8:00pm	<b>The Sacraments of Healing and Vocation</b>	Dr. Johan van Parys

<b>February 2026: The Period of Purification and Enlightenment starts with the Rite of Election on February 18</b>			
<b>Sunday 1</b> <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am 10:45am	Eucharist with <i>Dismissal of the Catechumens</i> Coffee and Conversation	
<b>Tuesday 3</b> <i>Optional Memorials of St. Blaise, Bishop/Martyr &amp; St. Ansgar, Bishop</i>	6:00-8:00pm	<b>The Spirit and the Documents of the Second Vatican Council</b>	Dr. Johan van Parys
<b>Sunday 8</b> <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am 10:45am	Eucharist with <i>Dismissal of the Catechumens</i> Coffee and Conversation	
<b>Tuesday 10</b> <i>Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin</i>	6:00-8:00pm	<b>Recap and Heart Session</b>	Team
<b>Sunday 15</b> <i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:30am 10:45am	Eucharist with <i>Dismissal of the Catechumens</i> Coffee and Conversation	
<b>Tuesday 17</b> <i>Optional Memorial of the Seven Founders of the Servite Order</i>	6:00-8:00pm	<b>Free Evening - Mardi Gras</b>	
<b>Season of Lent</b>			
<b>Wednesday 18</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	5:30pm 6:45pm	Eucharist with Dismissal of the Catechumens Lenten Soup Supper	
<b>Friday 20</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:30pm	Stations of the Cross	

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<b>Saturday 21</b> <i>of 1st Sunday of Lent</i>	<i>Eve</i>	2:00pm 5:00pm	<b>Lectio/Visio Divina: Jesus' temptation in the desert (Matthew 4: 1-11)</b> Eucharist with Rite of Sending	Team
<b>Sunday 22</b> <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>		1:30pm 3:30pm	Rite of Election Evening Prayer	
<b>Tuesday 24</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		6:00-8:00pm	<b>Lectio/Visio Divina: The Transfiguration (Matthew 17: 1-9)</b>	Team
<b>Friday 27</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		5:30pm	Stations of the Cross	

**March 2026: The Period of Purification and Enlightenment**

<b>Sunday 1</b> <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>		9:30am 10:45am 3:30pm	Eucharist with <i>Dismissal of the Elect</i> Coffee and Conversation Evening Prayer	
<b>Tuesday 3</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		6:00-8:00pm	<b>Lectio/Visio Divina: Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well (John 5: 5-42), Ritual Presentation on the Creed</b>	Team
<b>Friday 6</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		5:30pm	Stations of the Cross	
<b>Sunday 8</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>		9:30am 10:45am 3:30pm	Eucharist with <b>First Scrutiny</b> and <i>Dismissal of the Elect</i> Coffee and Conversation Evening Prayer	
<b>Tuesday 10</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		6:00-8:00pm	<b>Lectio/Visio Divina: The Man Born Blind (John 9: 1-41)</b>	Team
<b>Friday 13</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		5:30pm	Stations of the Cross	
<b>Sunday 15</b> <i>4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)</i>		9:30am 10:45am 3:30pm	Eucharist with <b>Second Scrutiny</b> and <i>Dismissal of the Elect</i> Coffee and Conversation Evening Prayer	
<b>Tuesday 17</b> <i>Lenten Weekday, Optional Memorial of St. Patrick</i>		6:00-8:00pm	<b>Lectio/Visio Divina: The raising of Lazarus (John 11: 1-45)</b> <b>Ritual Presentation of the Lord's Prayer</b>	Team
<b>Friday 20</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		5:30pm	Stations of the Cross	
<b>Sunday 22</b> <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>		9:30am 10:45am 3:30pm	Eucharist with <b>Third Scrutiny</b> and <i>Dismissal of the Elect</i> Coffee and Conversation Evening Prayer	
<b>Tuesday 24</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		5:30-7:00pm	<b>Taizé Prayer with the Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
<b>Friday 27</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		5:30pm	Stations of the Cross	
<b>scrut</b> <i>Palm Sunday of our Lord's Passion</i>		9:30am 10:00am 3:30pm	Palm Sunday Procession Eucharist with <i>Dismissal of the Elect</i> Evening Prayer	
<b>Tuesday 31</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i>		6:00-8:00pm	<b>Free Evening - Holy Week</b>	

**April 2026: The Period of Purification and Enlightenment ends with the Rites of Initiation on April 4**

<b>Thursday 2</b> <i>Holy Thursday</i>		9:15am Noon 7:00pm 9:00pm	Morning Prayer Midday Prayer Celebration of the Lord's Supper Silent Prayer	
<b>Friday 3</b> <i>Good Friday</i>		9:15am Noon 3:00pm 5:30pm 7:00pm	Morning Prayer Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Lord's Passion Dinner Tenebrae	
<b>Saturday 4</b> <i>Holy Saturday</i>		9:15am 9:45am Noon 7:00pm	Morning Prayer Preparation for Easter Vigil/Mini-retreat Midday Prayer Great Easter Vigil with Baptism	

**Easter Season Begins**

**Period of Mystagogia**

<b>Sunday 5</b> <i>Solemnity of Easter</i>		9:30am	Celebration of the Eucharist	
<b>Tuesday 7</b> <i>Easter Weekday, Octave of Easter</i>		6:00-8:00pm	<b>Reflections on Holy Week; Easter Potluck</b>	Team
<b>Sunday 12</b> <i>2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) Orthodox Easter</i>		9:30am 10:45am 3:30pm	Celebration of the Eucharist Coffee and Conversation Vespers for Divine Mercy Sunday	
<b>Tuesday 14</b> <i>Easter Weekday</i>		6:00-8:00pm	<b>Catholic Moral Teaching and Consistent Ethics of Life</b>	Dr. Paul Wojda
<b>Sunday 19</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>		9:30am 10:45am	Celebration of the Eucharist Coffee and Conversation	

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<b>Tuesday 21</b> <i>Easter Weekday</i>	6:00-8:00pm	<b>Ecclesiology. Who are we as Church?</b>	Dr. Michael Hollerich?
<b>Sunday 26</b> <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	9:30am 10:45am	Celebration of the Eucharist Coffee and Conversation	
<b>Tuesday 28</b> <i>Easter Weekday</i>	6:00-8:00pm	<b>Mary, Saints and Devotions</b>	Dr. Johan van Parys

<b>May 2026: The Period of Mystagogia</b>			
<b>Sunday 3</b> <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	9:30am 10:45am	Celebration of the Eucharist Coffee and Conversation	
<b>Tuesday 5</b> <i>Easter Weekday</i>	6:00-8:00pm	<b>Catholic Prayer Practices</b>	Team
<b>Sunday 10</b> <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	9:30am 10:45am	Celebration of the Eucharist Coffee and Conversation	
<b>Tuesday 12</b> <i>Easter Weekday</i>	6:00-8:00pm	<b>How do we get involved in The Basilica?</b>	Ms. Melissa Streit
<b>Sunday 17</b> <i>Solemnity of the Ascension</i>	9:30am 10:45am 3:30pm	Celebration of the Eucharist Coffee and Conversation Gregorian Vespers for Pentecost	
<b>Tuesday 19</b>	6:00-8:00pm	<b>Recap and Heart and Celebration</b>	Team
<b>Sunday 24</b> <i>Solemnity of the Pentecost</i>	9:30am 10:45am 3:30pm	Solemn Eucharist Coffee and Conversation Evening Prayer for Pentecost	