

*And Jesus said...*

“I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.”

The Gospel according to John  
Chapter 6 Verses 37 to 47



## St. Joseph Parish Mission

Our mission at St. Joseph Parish is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed, to build a Christian Community of faith within and beyond the parish, to serve the People of God both near and far, and to celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord among us.

## St. Joseph Parish Vision

St. Joseph parish is a Roman Catholic Community which invites everyone into a relationship of faith with Jesus Christ and with each other by sharing our experiences of faith and life together in worship.

## Sacramental Life and Worship at St. Joseph Church

Catholic sacraments are ceremonies that point to what is sacred, significant, and important for Christians. Sacraments celebrate Christ's life and the community's life and bring together past, present and future as we move toward the Kingdom of God. In the Mass we express this when we say: “Christ *has* died, Christ *is* risen, Christ *will come* again”

Our Celebration of Mass  
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

RCIA members, after their period of Inquiry, usually attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass and are sent forth as a group with a catechist to explore the connection between the Word of God and their lives.

## BECOMING A CATHOLIC

# THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)



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# BECOMING CATHOLIC—THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

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## *WHAT IS RCIA . . .*

- \* *A program and a process of intense exploration into the Word of God and into the heart by one who seeks relationship with God.*

## *WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE...*

- \* *Meeting weekly with other adults who are searching*
- \* *Hearing the word of God and listening to God's call in the Word*
- \* *Learning from the Community what the Catholic faith is*
- \* *Participating in the life and worship of St. Joseph Church*

## *HOW LONG DOES THE PROCESS TAKE . . .*

- \* *For some it takes a year, for others, two years, maybe more, maybe less. It is a personal journey made with a faith community. The length of time is individual.*

## *WHO JOINS RCIA . . .*

- \* *Adults who desire to become Catholic through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist*
- \* *Adults baptized in another Faith who have found a home in the Catholic Church*
- \* *Baptized Catholics who wish to have the Sacrament of Confirmation*
- \* *Baptized Catholics who wish to receive the Eucharist for the first time.*

## *IF YOU KNOW GOD IS CALLING YOU . . .*

*Or if you think you might be hearing God's invitation to a deeper journey of faith, you may find RCIA is the path to follow.*

*Usually RCIA begins in the Fall when those who have completed Inquiry are formally accepted into the Catechumenate.*

*Baptized Catholics who wish to prepare for Confirmation and/or Eucharist are invited to join RCIA in the Fall.*

*Please call the Parish Office and ask for Sr. Brendan (544-7426) or return the form in the Sunday collection basket if you wish to be contacted.*

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