

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
Becoming Catholic (OCIA)  
2025-2026**

Sessions are held on Thursdays (6:00-8:00 p.m.) in the St. John XXIII parish conference room.

DATE	TIME	TOPIC	PRAYER	PRESENTER
Aug. 28, 2025	6:00-7:30 pm	<b>Becoming Catholic Team Meeting</b>		Marcie/Team
Sept. 4, 2025	6:00-8:00 pm	<b>Introductory Welcome and Overview</b>		Marcie
Sept. 11, 2025	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Breaking Open the Word</b> <b>Call and Response: The Journey of Conversion</b> <i>(Distribute books)</i>	Sign of the Cross	Marcie
Sept. 18, 2025	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Breaking Open the Word</b> <b>The Existence of God/Divine Revelation</b> <i>(pgs. 1-28 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)</i>	Our Father	Matt
Sept. 25, 2025	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Breaking Open the Word</b> <b>The Person and Mission of Jesus</b> <i>(pgs. 29-58 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)</i>	Jesus Prayer	Matt
Oct. 2, 2025	6:00-8:00 pm	<b>Breaking Open the Word</b> <b>Holy Spirit/Blessed Trinity</b> <i>(pgs. 59-84 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)</i>	Glory Be	Tracey
Oct. 9, 2025	6:00-6:30- pm 6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Breaking Open the Word</b> <b>The Catholic Church/Tour of Church</b> <i>(pgs. 85-111 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)</i>	Nicene Creed	Deacon Steve
Oct. 10, 2025 Oct. 11, 2026	5:00-9:00 pm 1:00-9:00 pm	All invited to participate in parish <b>BOO BASH</b> festival. Families and friends welcome!		

Oct. 16, 2025	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Breaking Open the Word</b> <b>Introduction to the Bible</b>		Marcie
Oct. 23, 2025	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Breaking Open the Word</b> <b>The Old and New Testaments</b>	Lectio Divina	Matt
Oct. 30, 2025	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Breaking Open the Word</b> <b>Prayer: Our Conversation with God</b> (pgs. 323-344 in <i>This is Our Faith</i> )	Spontaneous Prayer	Fr. Joachim
Nov. 6, 2025	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Breaking Open the Word</b> <b>Mary and the Saints/Holy Days</b> (pgs. 125-136 in <i>This is Our Faith</i> )	Hail Mary	Fr. Jim
Nov. 13, 2025	6:00-8:00 pm in Church	Pastoral Conversations with catechumens, candidates and sponsors in preparation for Rites of Acceptance and Welcome/Practice (sponsors must be present)		Marcie
Nov. 16, 2025	8:00 am	<b>RITE OF ACCEPTANCE OF CATECHUMENS</b> (Sponsors must be present)		
Nov. 16, 2025	10:00 pm	<b>RITE OF WELCOME OF CANDIDATES</b> (Sponsors must be present)		
Nov. 20, 2025	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Breaking Open the Word</b> <b>Advent/Liturgical Year</b>	Angelus	Deacon Steve
Nov. 27, 2025		<b>NO SESSION ... THANKSGIVING</b>		
Dec. 4, 2025	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Breaking Open the Word</b> <b>Eschatology: Suffering, Death, Heaven, Hell</b> (pgs. 137-152 in <i>This is Our Faith</i> )	Apostles Creed	Matt
Dec. 11, 2025	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Breaking Open the Word</b> <b>Fruits of the Spirit/Church Precepts/Works of Mercy</b>	Spontaneous Prayer	Deacon Steve
Dec. 12, 2025	6:00-8:00 pm	<b>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mass in church at 6:00 pm followed by food and festivities in the parish hall. Bring the family!</b>		

Dec. 18, 2025	6:00-8:00 pm	<b>Catholic Trivia/Potluck</b>	Gloria	Marcie/Team
Dec. 19, 2025	7:00 pm	All invited to attend parish <b>Advent Concert and Social</b> . Families and friends welcome!		
Dec. 25, 2025		<b>No Session - SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD/CHRISTMAS</b> (holy day of obligation)		
Jan. 1, 2026		<b>No Session – SOLEMNITY OF MARY</b> (holy day of obligation)		
Jan. 6, 2026		<b>SEAS parishioners will help serve lunch for homeless at Catholic Charities.</b> Volunteer if you are able (details will be in parish bulletin)		
Jan. 8, 2026	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Breaking Open the Word</b> <b>Sacraments and Sacramentality</b> (pgs. 155-170 in <i>This is Our Faith</i> )	Act of Faith	Tracey
Jan. 15, 2026	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Breaking Open the Word</b> <b>Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism and Confirmation</b> (pgs. 171-186 in <i>This is Our Faith</i> )	Come, Holy Spirit	Marcie
Jan. 22, 2026	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Breaking Open the Word</b> <b>The Eucharist/Mass ... Part 1</b> (pgs. 187-200 in <i>This is Our Faith</i> )	Divine Praises	Fr. Jim
Jan. 29, 2026	6:00- 6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Breaking Open the Word</b> <b>The Eucharist/Mass ... Part 2</b> (pgs. 187-200 in <i>This is Our Faith</i> )	Anima Christi	Fr. Jim
Feb. 5, 2026	6:00- 6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Breaking Open the Word</b> <b>Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing</b> (pgs. 201-214 in <i>This is Our Faith</i> )	Act of Contrition	Fr. Joachim
Feb. 12, 2026	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Breaking Open the Word</b> <b>Sacraments of Service: Holy Orders and Marriage</b> pgs. 215-240 in <i>This Is Our Faith</i> )	Act of Hope	Deacon Steve
Feb. 18, 2026		<b>ASH WEDNESDAY ...</b> you are invited to join any of the regular services to mark the start of the Lenten season (follow regular Sunday schedule)		

Feb. 19, 2026	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Breaking Open the Word</b> <b>Lent and Lenten Practices</b>	Act of Love	Matt/Tracey
Feb. 20, 2026	7:00 pm	<b>Way of the Cross w/Taize Prayer and Benediction</b> (in church) ... all are welcome		
Feb. 26, 2026	6:00-8:00 pm	<b>Questions and Answers w/ panel</b> <b>Signing of the Book of Elect for Catechumens</b>		Catechists
Feb. 27, 2026	7:00 pm	<b>Way of the Cross w/Taize Prayer and Benediction</b> (in church) ... all are welcome		
Mar. 1, 2026	10:00 am	<b>PARISH SENDING FORTH FOR ELECTION</b> Only for unbaptized who will receive sacraments of initiation at Easter Vigil. Sponsors must be present!		Presider
Mar. 1, 2026	2:30 pm	<b>RITE OF ELECTION</b> Only for unbaptized who will receive sacraments of initiation at Easter Vigil. Sponsors must be present! (Guardian Angels Cathedral)		Archbishop Thomas
Feb. 27, 2026	7:00 pm	<b>Way of the Cross w/Taize Prayer and Benediction</b> (in church) ... all are welcome		
Mar. 5, 2026	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Guided Reflection on the Scrutinies for Unbaptized;</b> <b>All baptized go to the church to celebrate their 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation</b>		Marcie Deacon Steve
Mar. 6, 2026	7:00 pm	<b>Way of the Cross w/Taize Prayer and Benediction</b> (in church) ... all are welcome		
Mar. 8, 2026	8:00 a.m.	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny</b> – only for the elect who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Sponsors must be present.		Presider
Mar. 12, 2026	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Breaking Open the Word</b> <b>Commandments 1-3: Love of God</b> (pgs. 291-302 in <i>This is Our Faith</i> )	Te Deum	Deacon Steve
Mar. 13, 2026	5:00-7:00 pm	<b>Fish Dinner</b> sponsored by Knights of Columbus and SEAS Men's Group in hall – all are welcome!		
Mar. 13, 2026	7:00 pm	<b>Way of the Cross w/Taize Prayer and Benediction</b> (in church) ... all are welcome!		

Mar. 15, 2026	8:00 am	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny</b> – only for the elect who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Sponsors must be present.		Presider
Mar. 19, 2026	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Breaking Open the Word</b> <b>Commandments 4-10: Love of Neighbor</b> (pgs. 302-322 in <i>This is Our Faith</i> )	Prayer of St. Francis	Deacon Steve
Mar. 20, 2026	7:00 pm	<b>Way of the Cross w/Taize Prayer and Benediction</b> (in church) ... all are welcome!		
Mar. 22, 2026	8:00 am	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny</b> – only for the elect who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Sponsors must be present.		Presider
Mar. 26, 2026	6:00- 6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Breaking Open the Word</b> <b>Catholic Social Teaching</b> (pgs. 261-278 in <i>This is Our Faith</i> )	The Romero Prayer	Matt/Tracey
Mar. 27, 2026	5:00-7:00 pm	<b>Fish Dinner</b> sponsored by Knights of Columbus and SEAS Men’s Group in hall ... all are welcome!		
Mar. 27, 2026	7:00 pm	<b>Way of the Cross w/Taize Prayer and Benediction</b> (in church) ... all are welcome!		
Mar. 29, 2026		<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> – START OF HOLY WEEK		
<b>TUESDAY</b> Mar. 31, 2026	6:00-8:00 pm	<b>Triduum Retreat/Pastoral Conversations</b> for participants and sponsors (in church)		Marcie
Apr. 2, 2026	7:00 pm	<b>Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper</b> Please attend with family.		
Apr. 3, 2026		<b>Good Friday Celebration of the Lord’s Passion</b> Mass/Adoration of the Cross @ 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm; Tenebrae Service of Light @ 7:00 pm Please attend one of these!		
Apr. 4, 2026	9:00 am	“Ephphetha Rite” and Practice for Easter Vigil for all candidates/elect. Sponsors must be present Elect arrive by 9:00 am; Candidates arrive at 10:00 am		Fr. Jim/Marcie
Apr. 4, 2026	TBD	<b>EASTER VIGIL ... CELEBRATION OF INITIATION AND FULL COMMUNION</b> (Sponsors present)		

Apr. 5, 2026		<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>		
Apr. 9, 2026	6:00-8:00 pm	<b>Christian Morality and Conscience Formation</b>	Spontaneous Prayer	Matt
Apr. 16, 2026	6:00-8:00 pm	<b>Stewardship and Parish Ministries Panel</b>	Prayer of Surrender	Fr. Jim/Panel
Apr. 23, 2026	6:00-8:00 pm	<b>Missionary Discipleship/Call to Holiness</b> (pg. 278-290 in <i>This is Our Faith</i> )	Magnificat	Tracey
April 30, 2026	6:00-8:00 pm Church ... then move to Parish Hall/ Courtyard	<b>Closing Mass/Potluck for all participants, families, sponsor and team members</b>		Fr. Jim Marcie/Team