

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Becoming Catholic (OCIA)
2026-2027**

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. 13, 2026	6:00-7:30 pm	Becoming Catholic Team Meeting		Marcie/Team
Aug. 20, 2026	6:00-8:00 pm	Introductory Welcome and Overview		Marcie
Aug. 27, 2026	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word/Faith Sharing Call and Response: The Journey of Conversion <i>(Distribute books)</i>	Sign of the Cross	Marcie
Sept. 3, 2026	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word/Faith Sharing The Existence of God/Divine Revelation <i>(pgs. 1-28 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)</i>	Our Father	Matt
Sept. 10, 2026	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word/Faith Sharing The Person and Mission of Jesus <i>(pgs. 29-58 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)</i>	Jesus Prayer	Matt
Sept. 17, 2026	6:00-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word/Faith Sharing Holy Spirit/Blessed Trinity <i>(pgs. 59-84 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)</i>	Glory Be	Tracey
Sept. 24, 2026	6:00-6:30- pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word/Faith Sharing The Catholic Church/Tour of Church <i>(pgs. 85-111 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)</i>	Nicene Creed	Deacon Steve
Oct. 1, 2026	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word/Faith Sharing Introduction to the Bible	Gloria	Marcie

Oct. 8, 2026	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word/Faith Sharing The Old and New Testaments	Lectio Divina	Matt
Oct. 15, 2026	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word/Faith Sharing Prayer: Our Conversation with God (pgs. 323-344 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Spontaneous Prayer	Fr. Joachim
Oct. 16, 2026 Oct. 17, 2026	5:00-9:00 pm 1:00-9:00 pm	All invited to participate in parish BOO BASH festival. Families and friends welcome!		
Oct. 22, 2026	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
Oct. 26, 2026	10:00 am 12:00 pm	RITE OF ACCEPTANCE OF CATECHUMENS (not baptized) (Sponsors must be present) RITE OF WELCOME OF CANDIDATES (baptized) (Sponsors must be present)		
Oct. 29, 2026	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word/Faith Sharing Mary, Saints, and Holy Days (pgs. 125-136 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Hail Mary	Fr. Jim
Nov. 5, 2026	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word/Faith Sharing Fruits of the Holy Spirit/Precepts/Works of Mercy	Spontaneous Prayer	Deacon Steve
Nov. 12, 2026	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word/Faith Sharing The Creed: What We Believe	Nicene Creed	Marcie
Nov. 19, 2026	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word Advent/Liturgical Year	Angelus	Deacon Steve
Nov. 26, 2026		NO SESSION ... THANKSGIVING		

Dec. 3, 2026	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word/Faith Sharing Sacraments and Sacramentality (pgs. 155-170 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Act of Faith	Tracey
Dec. 10, 2026	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word/Faith Sharing Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism and Confirmation (pgs. 171-186 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Come, Holy Spirit	Marcie
Dec. 12, 2026	6:00-8:00 pm	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!		
Dec. 17, 2026	6:00-8:00 pm	Christmas Trivia/Potluck	Gloria	Marcie/Team
Dec. 18, 2026	7:00 pm	All invited to attend parish Advent Concert and Social. Families and friends welcome!		
Dec. 24, 2026		No Session – VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS		
Dec. 25, 2026		SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD/CHRISTMAS (holy day of obligation)		
Dec. 31, 2026		No Session – Christmas/New Year Break – offices closed		
Jan. 1, 2027		No Session – SOLEMNITY OF MARY (holy day of obligation)		
Jan. 7, 2027	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word/Faith Sharing The Eucharist/Mass ... Part 1 (pgs. 187-200 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Divine Praises	Fr. Jim
Jan. 14, 2027	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word/Faith Sharing The Eucharist/Mass ... Part 2 (pgs. 187-200 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Divine Praises	Fr. Jim
Jan. 21, 2027	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word/Faith Sharing Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing (pgs. 201-214 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Act of Contrition	Marcie
Jan. 28, 2027	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word/Faith Sharing Sacraments of Service: Holy Orders and Marriage pgs. 215-240 in <i>This Is Our Faith</i>)	Act of Hope	Deacon Steve

Feb. 4, 2027	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word/Faith Sharing Lent and Lenten Practices	Act of Love	Matt/Tracey
Feb. 10, 2027		ASH WEDNESDAY ... you are invited to join any of the regular services to mark the start of the Lenten season (follow regular Sunday schedule)		
Feb. 11, 2027	6:00-8:00 pm in Church	Pastoral Conversations with catechumens, candidates and sponsors in preparation for Rite of Election (sponsors must be present). Signing of the Book of the Elect		Marcie
Feb. 12, 2026	7:00 pm	Way of the Cross w/Taize Prayer and Benediction (in church) ... all are welcome		
Feb. 14, 2027	10:00 am 2:30 pm	PARISH SENDING FORTH FOR ELECTION @ SEAS Only for unbaptized who will receive sacraments of initiation at Easter Vigil. Sponsors must be present! RITE OF ELECTION Only for unbaptized who will receive sacraments of initiation at Easter Vigil. Sponsors must be present! (site TBD)		
Feb. 18, 2027	6:00- 6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word/Faith Sharing Commandments 1-3: Love of God (pgs. 291-302 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Te Deum	Deacon Steve
Feb. 19, 2027	7:00 pm	Way of the Cross w/Taize Prayer and Benediction (in church) ... all are welcome		
Feb. 25, 2027	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Guided Reflection on the Scrutinies for Elect; Review of 1st Scrutiny All baptized go to the Church to celebrate their 1st Reconciliation		Marcie Deacon Steve
Feb. 26, 2027	7:00 pm	Way of the Cross w/Taize Prayer and Benediction (in church) ... all are welcome		

Feb. 28, 2027	10:00 a.m.	1st Scrutiny – only for the elect who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Sponsors must be present.		Presider
Mar. 4, 2027	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word/Faith Sharing Commandments 4-10: Love of God (pgs. 302-322 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Te Deum	Deacon Steve
Mar. 5, 2027	7:00 pm	Way of the Cross w/Taize Prayer and Benediction (in church) ... all are welcome		
Mar. 7, 2027	10:00 am	2nd Scrutiny – only for the elect who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Sponsors must be present.		Presider
Mar. 11, 2027	6:00- 6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word/Faith Sharing Christian Morality and Conscience Formation	Spontaneous Prayer	Matt
Mar. 12, 2027	7:00 pm	Way of the Cross w/Taize Prayer and Benediction (in church) ... all are welcome!		
Mar. 14, 2027	10:00 am	3rd Scrutiny – only for the elect who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Sponsors must be present.		
Mar. 18, 2027	6:00-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Breaking Open the Word/Faith Sharing Catholic Social Teaching (pgs. 261-278 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	The Romero Prayer	Tracey
Mar. 19, 2027	7:00 pm	Living Stations of the Cross in Church		
Mar. 21, 2027		PALM SUNDAY – START OF HOLY WEEK		
Mar. 22, 2027	6:00-8:00 pm	Triduum Retreat/Pastoral Conversations for participants and sponsors (in church)		Marcie
Mar. 25, 2027	7:00 pm	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper Please attend with family.		
Mar. 26, 2027		Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion Mass/Adoration of the Cross @ 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm; Tenebrae Service of Light @ 7:00 pm Please attend one of these!		

Mar. 27, 2027	9:00 am	"Ephphatha Rite" and Practice for Easter Vigil for all elect. Elect and sponsor arrive by 9:00 am; Candidates and sponsors arrive at 10:00 am		Fr. Jim/Marcie
Mar. 27, 2027	TBD	EASTER VIGIL ... CELEBRATION OF INITIATION AND FULL COMMUNION (Sponsors present)		
Mar. 28, 2027		EASTER SUNDAY		
Apr. 1, 2027	6:00-8:00 pm	Eschatology: Suffering, Death, Heaven, Hell (pgs. 137-152 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Apostles Creed	Matt
Apr. 8, 2027	6:00-8:00 pm	Stewardship/Parish Ministries Panel	Prayer of Surrender	Fr. Jim/Panel
Apr. 15, 2027	6:00-8:00 pm	The Beatitudes and Virtues	Prayer of St. Francis	Tracey
Apr. 22, 2027	6:00-8:00 pm	Vatican II and the Role of the Laity (Shared Responsibility/Call to Holiness) (pg. 278-290 in <i>This is Our Faith</i>)	Magnificat	Marcie
April 29, 2027	6:00-8:00 pm Church ... then move to Parish Hall/ Courtyard	Closing Mass/Potluck for all participants, families, sponsor and team members		Fr. Jim Marcie/Team