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SUNDAY MASS

9:30 a.m.

*1:00 p.m.

*Español/Spanish
(Church & On-line)

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday

7:30 a.m.

(Chapel & On-line)

**OFFICE
HOURS**

Monday - Thursday

9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION

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**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

First Friday of the
Month

8:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

(Chapel)

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south
and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who
will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

- Lk 13:29-30

21^{er} DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

“Vendrán muchos del oriente y del poniente, del norte y del sur, y participarán
en el banquete del Reino de Dios. Pues los que ahora son los últimos, serán los
primeros; y los que ahora son los primeros, serán los últimos”.

- Lc 13, 29-30



AUGUST 24, 2025

ON THE WAY....



May the grace and peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever.

This past week those of us on retreat had the opportunity to share what it means to be a spiritual person in today's world. Here were some of the thoughts:

Value everyone's uniqueness. Jesus respected himself and each person he met. He demanded respect for his message even in the face of opposition. Respecting self is essential for respecting others. We come from different life experiences and ways of life so there cannot be just one way to be a Christian or a Catholic. Different spiritual dimensions nourish and influence the Body of Christ. Christian unity is built on diversity, not conformity. We will grow as spiritual people by learning to see everyone we meet as a child of God, made in God's image and likeness.

Open for encounter. Jesus regularly retreated to deserted places to pray and reflect. He sought the will of God in his experiences. In our too busy days we neglect taking the time to reflect on experience. It is not experience which is the best teacher but reflection on experience. Christ is already present in the world but we have usually too busy to take a step back and notice him.

Community. Jesus not only shared his vision with his disciples he also formed a community in which his vision took root and flourished. He demanded his followers share their thoughts, beliefs and experience with one another. It is in self-disclosure that we realize the need for others. Mutual respect develops and more gifts are given. By loving one another God is present.

Face the demons. Jesus reverses cultural values of all ages by saying, "the last will be first," "the first among you will be the one who serves," "the weak will confound the strong." His cross was his greatest failure and at the same time was his redeeming success. Success, power, perfection, control are the values of the world. Suffering, loss, conflict, and failure – which are woven into every life – are given their true meaning in light of the gospel. To value oneself and find one's gift one must accept and learn from the messiness of life.

Rooted in Scripture. Jesus knew the Hebrew Scriptures and used that knowledge to help him understand himself and to define his mission. Scripture is the shared memory of God's action within the faith community. We share with the people of the Bible the struggle to make our way in the world and their insights guide us today. Through meditation on the scriptures we find the word of God revealing to us the essentials of faith. The scriptures are God speaking to us and through the ages the Church has deepened its understanding of the divine Word.

Compassionate action. Jesus not only share his inspiration, he put his insights into action. He responded with self-sacrificing love to people in need. His prophetic vision of the love of his Heavenly Father, which would be manifest in the Kingdom he preached, were the heart of his message. The earliest Christians were known because of their love and that is our call today.

In the Most Holy Trinity,
Fr. John Edmunds, S.T

Sun
8/24

21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

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| 9:30 a.m. | Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line)
https://zoom.us/j/622647147
Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957)
† <i>Issa Tall by Cathy Moore</i>
<i>Academic success of students by Cynthia Cooper</i> |
| 1:00 p.m. | Mass - Español/Spanish
(Presentation Hall) |
| 5:00 p.m. | Campus Mass (Godbox) |

Mon
8/25

7:30 a.m. Mass (Chapel & On-line)

Tue
8/26

7:30 a.m. Mass (Chapel & On-line)

Wed
8/27

7:30 a.m. Mass (Chapel & On-line)
† *Donald Eaton by Sister Bernadette Eaton, CSJ*

Thurs
8/28

7:30 a.m. Mass (Chapel & On-line)
† *Happy Birthday of Mena Marano*

Fri
8/29

7:30 a.m. Mass (Chapel & On-line)
Eileen McDonough by Sister Bernadette Eaton, CSJ

Sun
8/31

22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

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| 9:30 a.m. | Mass (Presentation Hall & On-line)
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Passcode: SJSUNDAY (57935957)
† <i>Issa Tall by Cathy Moore</i> |
| 1:00 p.m. | Mass - Español/Spanish
(Presentation Hall) |



The first Mass of the school year for students from IIT, VanderCook and ICO will be held at 5:00pm next Sunday in the GodBox on the IIT campus. A meal will follow.

Join us for an evening of song and reflection in the Taize tradition



Taize Prayer

St. James on Wabash
21 East 29th Street
www.stjameswabash.org

Wednesday
September 10
7:00 p.m.
Free and open to all!

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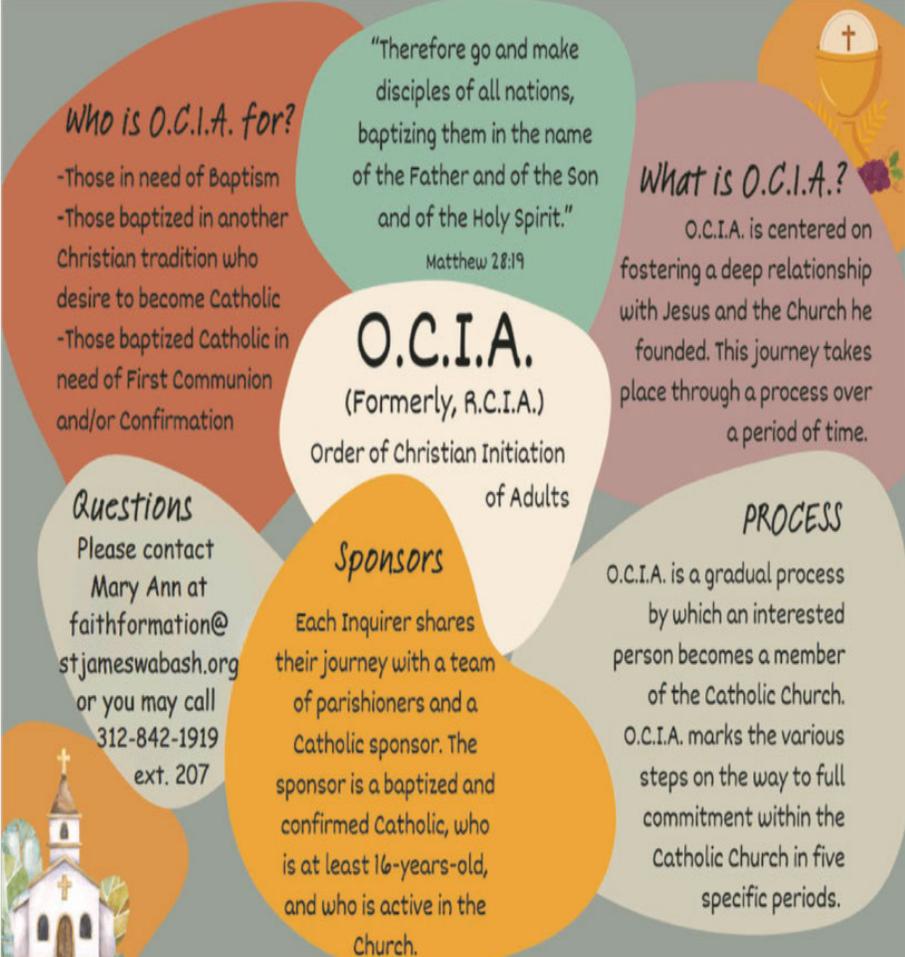


If we do not
teach our child
to follow
Jesus,
the world will
teach them
not to.

Save the date - at St. James, Sunday School is open to all children, Catholic and non-Catholic. Sunday School is held from 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. in the lower level of St. James. This year our first session will begin on Sunday September 14th. We have a special event planned at the Food Pantry after mass where a light lunch will also be provided. All parents are asked to attend with their child if they will be enrolled in the program.

Please contact Mary Ann at
faithformation@stjameswabash.org or
312-896-1911 ext. 207

Registration information will follow in next weeks
bulletin and newsletter.
Be on the lookout!



Who is O.C.I.A. for?

- Those in need of Baptism
- Those baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to become Catholic
- Those baptized Catholic in need of First Communion and/or Confirmation

What is O.C.I.A.?

O.C.I.A. is centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church he founded. This journey takes place through a process over a period of time.

O.C.I.A.
(Formerly, R.C.I.A.)
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

SPONSORS

Each Inquirer shares their journey with a team of parishioners and a Catholic sponsor. The sponsor is a baptized and confirmed Catholic, who is at least 16-years-old, and who is active in the Church.

PROCESS

O.C.I.A. is a gradual process by which an interested person becomes a member of the Catholic Church. O.C.I.A. marks the various steps on the way to full commitment within the Catholic Church in five specific periods.

Questions
Please contact Mary Ann at faithformation@stjameswabash.org or you may call 312-842-1919 ext. 207

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Prayer for Holiness

Good Shepherd,
Guide me through the narrow gate. Remove from me anything that distracts me from You, Your love, Your invitation, Your mission. Keep me close to You, familiar at every step.
Amen.



St. James has a google form for submitting prayer requests:

<https://forms.gle/ZgbVkgarRRgDmJR6A>



In Our Prayers



Our Home Bound:

Margie Bass
Paul Freeman
Orean Perry
Juanita James
Barbara Southhall

Our Sick:
Aayliah Cooper
Patsy Cunningham

Marvelean Doss
Claude Fisher
Paul Kanzer
Linda Griffin Kennard
Nancy McCarthy
Samuel Akuo Opong Duah
Sandra Reynolds
Donald Rogers
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