



2026-2027 OCIC SPY 1 Information

OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation for Children)

*Your child is preparing to enter the Catholic Church and will likely receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil in 2028. This process is called **OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation for Children)**. It is usually a two-year program in which your child and your family is prepared to receive the graces bestowed through these Sacraments. This year, your child will learn about the Sacrament of Reconciliation, but will not receive this Sacrament until after they have been Baptized at the end of the second year of preparation. The Sacrament of Baptism is similar to the Sacrament of Reconciliation in many ways and they will learn about the graces of Baptism and Reconciliation through the SPY1 class as outlined below.*

Sacramental Preparation Year 1 (SPY1) Expectations

Preparation for 1st Reconciliation ~ 2nd grade - 5th grade

We want to welcome you to the first year of the two-year Sacramental Preparation journey for your child and your family. It is an exciting time of learning, growth, and preparation for all of you. Listed below are the expectations for Sacramental preparation here at Spirit of Christ parish.

If you are unable to meet these expectations, there may be a delay in the Sacramental process. All Sacramental preparation meetings and the retreat are mandatory and full attendance at Anchor should take top priority for your family. Exceptions for extenuating circumstances for absences will be discuss on a case-by-case basis. Sports activities do not count as extenuating circumstances.

There will be some at home practice and assignments to complete to prepare for the Sacraments. We look forward to walking with you and praying for you along this journey.

Regular Sunday Mass Attendance

- Use your MagnifiKid subscription to follow along with the Holy Mass each week.

Anchor Attendance on Wednesday Nights

- 80% or better in-class attendance.

3 In-person Sacramental Preparation Meetings

- Adult and Child required to attend.
- Sunday, October 4, 2026, 12:30-2:00 pm
- Sunday, January 10, 2027, 12:30-2:00 pm
- Sunday, April 18, 2027, 12:30-2:00 pm (this is the first meeting to prepare for Eucharist and Confirmation)

“Charting your Course” Meeting

- A 20 minute Pastoral meeting for the parent/guardian and child to meet personally with a staff or clergy member. This will be scheduled in the fall via sign up genius.