



2026-2027 OCIC SPY 2 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 this school year at the Easter Vigil in 2027. 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 these graces bestowed through these Sacraments. This year, your child will learn about the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist through the SPY2 class as outlined below.*

Sacramental Preparation Year 2 (SPY2) Expecations **Preparation for Confirmation & First Eucharist ~ 3rd-5th grade**

We want to welcome you to the second 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 any 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 (Parent or Sponsor) and Child required to attend.
- Sunday, October 4, 2026, 2:30-4:00 pm
- Sunday, January 10, 2027, 2:30-4:00 pm
- Sunday, April 18, 2027, 2:30-4:00 pm

“Charting your Course” Meeting

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

Retreat Days

- Fun days for the child to prepare for the Sacraments through different stations and experiences.
- Saturday, January 23, 2027, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm (Reconciliation retreat)
- Saturday, March 6, 2027, 8:45 am - 2:00 pm (Confirmation and Eucharist retreat)



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rites and SCRUTINIES in preparation for receiving sacraments

These are times for special recognition and prayers prayed over the child in preparation for baptism and full initiation in the Catholic church. The rites and scrutinies happen during Sunday Mass at Spirit of Christ, with the exception of the Rite of Election which happens at the Cathedral with the Bishop.

- Sponsor required to attend with child
- (Tentative) October 4, 2026, Mass, OCIC: Rite of Acceptance
- Sunday, February 7, 2027, Mass, OCIC: Rite of Sending
- (Tentative) February 13, 2027: OCIC: Rite of Election at Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception
- Sunday, February 28, 2027, Mass: OCIC: 1st Scrutiny
- Sunday, March 7, 2027, Mass: OCIC: 2nd Scrutiny
- Sunday, March 14, 2027, Mass: OCIC: 3rd Scrutiny

EASTER VIGIL to receive sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist

- Sponsor required to attend with child
- Rehearsal: Tuesday, March 23, 2027, 6:30-8:00 PM (tentative)
- Easter Vigil Mass: Saturday, March 17, 2027, 8:00 PM (arrive by 7:00 PM)

Dates to add to your calendar:

Date	Time	Description
Sunday, October 4, 2026	9:00AM or 4:30PM Mass	OCIC Y2: Rite of Acceptance
Sunday, October 4, 2026	2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	SPY2: Confirmation & Eucharist Mandatory Meeting
Sunday, January 10, 2027	2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	SPY2: Confirmation & Eucharist Mandatory Meeting
Saturday, January 23, 2027	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	SPY1: Reconciliation Retreat
Sunday, February 7, 2027		OCIC Y2: Rite of Sending
Saturday, February 13, 2027	TBD	OCIC Y2: Rite of Election at Cathedral
Sunday, February 28, 2027		OCIC- 1st Scrutiny
Saturday, March 6, 2027	8:45 AM - 2:00 PM	SPY2: Confirmation & 1st Communion Retreat
Sunday, March 7, 2027		OCIC- 2nd Scrutiny
Sunday, March 14, 2027		OCIC- 3rd Scrutiny
Tuesday, March 23, 2027	6:30 PM- 8:00 PM	OCIC Y2: Rehearsal for Easter Vigil Mass
Saturday, March 27, 2027	7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Easter Vigil- OCIC2
Sunday, April 18, 2027	2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	SPY2: Confirmation & Eucharist Mandatory Meeting

Key:

Meeting	Retreat	Rite or Scrutiny	Easter Vigil
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