



In your journey towards becoming Catholic, there are a few diocesan events in which you're asked to participate. Please mark your calendar for the following events:

RCIA Check-in Meetings:

RCIA students will meet virtually and/or in person monthly with the CRE while they are enrolled in the RCIA program to answer questions, discuss concepts addressed in the lessons/videos, and ensure all program requirements are met. Fall meetings are set for the dates listed below and will take place between the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses. If you are not able to attend every meeting, that is OK, but please plan to attend a few of these meetings.

Sunday, August 4th

Sunday, September 8th

Sunday, October

Sunday, November 17th

Sunday, December 1st

Rite of Sending & Rite of Election - March 9th, 2025 (First Sunday of Lent)

For Catechumen & Candidates

(1) Rite of Sending- 11 a.m. - Catechumen for election and candidates for recognition will be announced at the 11:00 Rite of Sending Mass at St. Louis before the Rite of Election ceremony. Please plan to attend this Mass with your sponsor. You and your sponsor will be called to come to the altar during the Mass.

(2) Rite of Election- 3 p.m. at St. Joseph's Cathedral (downtown). The Rite of Election ceremony is a formal recognition by the Buffalo Diocese of individuals planning on full initiation into the Catholic Church.

Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 19th, 2025

For Catechumen

(1) Rehearsal- 5:30 p.m. - Catechumen and sponsors attend a 30- to 45- minute rehearsal at St. Louis before the ceremony.

(2) Easter Vigil Mass- Catechumen and sponsors attend this Mass at St. Louis before. The catechumen will receive all three sacraments (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) at this Mass.

Pentecost - Sunday, June 8th, 2025

For Candidates

Confirmation Mass/Ceremony – 3:00 p.m. (plan at least to arrive 30 minutes early) at St. Joseph's Cathedral (downtown). This 2-hour Confirmation and Mass is for candidates who only need to make their Confirmation.

Questions? - contact the CRE, Ashlee Campbell, via phone or email (443-744-0354 / religioused@stlouisrcchurch.org)