

Becoming Catholic at St. Patrick's North Platte

For the Curious, the Interested, the Committed and You

Thursdays from 6:00-8:00pm in St. Patrick's Spiritual Life Center

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Texts Used:

United States Catholic Catechism for Adults

Bible, New American Bible (NAB) translation

Handouts

Thursday	26 September	Meet and Greet, answer questions Explanation of calendar and the US. Catholic Catechism for Adults Chapter 1: The Human Quest for God - Intro to St. Patrick	JDS
Thursday	10 October	Chapter 2: God's Self-Revelation to Us Chapter 3: How Revelation Comes to Us (Scripture & Tradition)	EP
Thursday	24 October	Chapter 4: Belief, Faith and Obedience Chapter 5: Trinity & Creator; Angels, God's Relation to the World	EP
Friday	1 November	ALL SAINTS, Solemnity. (Obligatory) Vigil (Oct 31): 6:30pm; Masses (1 Nov): 7:00am, 6:30pm	
Thursday	7 November	Chapter 8: The Paschal Mystery – Christ's Life, Death, Resurrection - Brief Intro to the RCIA / Catechumenate / Full Communion Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate, 7:30pm (required for those seeking baptism)	JDS
Thursday	21 November	Chapter 9: The Spirit: Revelation and Co-Mission with Christ Chapter 10: The Church - Reflecting the Light of Christ - Introduction to Advent	
Thursday	5 December	Chapter 13: The Four Last Things - Death, Judgement, Heaven & Hell Chapter 14: Introduction to the Sacramental Life and the Liturgy	EP
Monday	9 December	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, Solemnity (Not Obligatory 2025) Vigil (7 Dec): 6:30pm; Masses (8 Dec): 7:00am, 6:30pm	
Thursday	19 December	Chapter 12: Mary, the Church's First and Most Perfect Member - explanation of the Rosary, brief into to the Christmas season - Registration in the parish	BR
Sunday	22 December	Communal Penance Service 3:00pm, followed by Wine & Cheese reception and Open House at the Rectory (Optional)	
Wednesday	25 December	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD [Christmas], Solemnity (Obligatory) Vigil (24 Dec) 4:00pm, 6:00pm, Masses (25 Nov) 12:00a, 9:00a	
Wednesday	1 January	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, Solemnity (Obligatory) Vigil (31 Dec): 6:30pm; Masses (1 Jan): 7:00am, 6:30pm	
Thursday	2 January	Chapter 15: Baptism Chapter 16: Confirmation	BR
Thursday	16 January	Chapter 18: Confession Chapter 19: Anointing of the Sick and the Dying - Intro to Day of Prayer and Penance for Unborn Life (Jan 22nd)	EP
Thursday	30 January	Chapter 17: The Eucharist – Source & Summit of the Christian Life How to participate in and pray with the Mass	EP
Thursday	13 February	Chapter 21: Marriage - Introduction to Church Marriage: Law and Ritual Chapter 20: Holy Orders	BR

Thursday	27 February	Intro to Lenten Season, Review of Fasting/Abstinence - Explanation of the Precepts of the Church - Practicum on Confession, Confirmation, Communion	JDS
Sunday	2 March	Reception into Full Communion (required for the already-baptized) - during the 11:00am Mass - sponsors are required to be present	
Wednesday	5 March	Ash Wednesday: services 7:00am, 12:05pm, 6:30pm (fasting day)	
Thursday	6 March	Chapter 25: The 1st Commandment: Believe in the True God Chapter 26: The 2nd Commandment: Reverence God's Name	EP
Sunday	9 March	RITE OF ELECTION, 2:00pm (required for catechumens)	
Thursday	13 March	Chapter 27: The 3rd Commandment: Love the Lord's Day Chapter 28: The 4th Commandment: Strengthen Your Family	
Thursday	20 March	Chapter 29: The 5th Commandment: Promote the Culture of Life Chapter 30: The 6th Commandment: Marital Fidelity	EP
Sunday	23 March	1st Scrutiny: 8:30am Mass (required for those to be baptized)	
Thursday	27 March	Chapter 31: the 7th Commandment: Do Not Steal: Act Justly Chapter 32: the 8th Commandment: Tell the Truth - Brief Intro to Stewardship, Tithing, Registration in the Parish	
Sunday	30 March	2nd Scrutiny: 8:30am Mass (required for those to be baptized)	
	3 April	Chapter 33: The 9th Commandment: Practice Purity of Heart Chapter 34: The 10th Commandment: Embrace Poverty of Spirit	
Sunday	6 April	3rd Scrutiny: 8:30am Mass (required for those to be baptized)	
Monday	7 April	Chrism Mass 4:00pm (Optional)	
Thursday	10 April	- Intro to Holy Week, Easter Season - Explanation of Eucharistic Adoration - Visit the Blessed Sacrament and pray Night Prayer	JDS
Sunday	13 April	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (go to Mass)	
Thursday	17 April	Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:30pm, followed by Adoration	
Friday	18 April	Good Friday Service, Time 12 noon (fasting day)	
Saturday	19 April	Afternoon practice 2:00pm (for those receiving Sacraments) Easter Vigil 9:00pm	
Sunday	20 April	THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (Easter) Vigil (19 Apr): 9:00pm; Masses (20 Apr): 9:00am, 11:00am	
Thursday	24 April	- Group Discussion: Holy Week and the Easter Vigil Chapter 35: God Calls Us to Pray - Pray Evening Prayer together from Liturgy of the Hours	JDS
Thursday	8 May	Chapter 36: Jesus Taught us to Pray - More on the practice of prayer	JDS
Thursday	29 May	ASCENSION, Solemnity (obligatory) Vigil (8 May): Wednesday, 6:30pm; Masses (9 May): 7:00am, 6:30pm	