**RCIA Meeting Schedule for 2023-2024**

*All sessions unless otherwise mentioned will begin with 9:30 AM Mass. The Catechumens and Elect will be dismissed from Mass and go to the Little Church basement. We will finish our session by 11:30 AM. If you are unable to make a session, please text Jonathan at 716-381-7386.*

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| **September**  3,10,17,24 | **October**  1,8,15,22,29 | **November**  5,12,19 | **December**  3,10,17 |
| **January**  7,14,21,28 | **February**  4,11,18,25 | **March**  3,10,17,24 |  |

**Important Dates:**

**October 1st- Rite of Acceptance:** Those who are to be accepted into the order of catechumens, along with those who are candidates for the sacraments of confirmation and Eucharist, and their sponsors will attend the 9:00 AM Mass and be officially received into the RCIA program.

**TBD- Rite of Election:** Catechumens, elect, and their sponsors will be invited to St. Joseph’s Cathedral in Buffalo to be received by Bishop Michael Fisher.

**March 26th- Chrism Mass**: Catechumens, elect, and their sponsors will be invited to St. Joseph’s Cathedral for the annual Chrism Mass. Bishop Fisher will consecrate and bless the Holy Oils that will be used for your sacraments at the Easter vigil.

**March 28th- Holy Thursday**: Catechumens, elect, and their sponsors will present the oil received at the Chrism Mass to the local community. You will also have your feet washed by the presiding priest.

**March 30th- Easter Vigil:** Mass will begin sometime after 8:00 PM when the sunsets. We will gather at some point prior for rehearsal. Catechumens, elects, and their sponsors will be expected to be present at both events.