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# OUR LADY OF FATIMA

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Faith Formation for All

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your  
child  
belongs

...in this church  
...in this community  
...in the body of Christ  
**...in Faith Formation**

As we begin the 2023-2024 school year, there are a number of opportunities for faith formation.

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** (formerly RCIA): Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home? Have you been sitting next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you have to do to become Catholic? Statistics show that most people respond to a personal invitation. So this is that personal invitation and a challenge to all of you who might know someone who fits the categories above and invite that person. Contact Susan Burdett ([sburdett@olfatima.org](mailto:sburdett@olfatima.org)) for more information. Our first session begins on September 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center. All are welcome.

Children of catechetical age who have not been baptized are asked to participate in OCIA for children. This process will include prayer, instruction, working with peers, and the celebration of rites leading to the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

**Baptism** for children 7 and younger: If you want your child baptized in the Catholic Church contact Susan Burdett ([sburdett@olfatima.org](mailto:sburdett@olfatima.org)). Children baptized in another tradition can be welcomed into the Catholic Church.

**First Reconciliation and First Eucharist** (generally 2nd grade students): There will be an Introductory Meeting on September 17th for parents. Materials will be given as well as how you can prepare your children for these most important sacraments. Student classes begin in October (Sundays and Wednesdays—what works best for you). The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on December 7 (6:30 p.m.) and December 9 (10:00 a.m.). First Eucharist will be celebrated on May 11 with a practice on Wednesday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m.

**Confirmation** (7th grade and above): There will be an Introductory Meeting on September 24th for parents. Materials and information will be given as well as how you can prepare your children for this sacrament. The first session will begin on October 1 in the Parish Center. Sessions run 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

**Volunteer and Support Opportunities:** In order to have successful programs we need people to help in the following programs: Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sacramental preparation, OCIA support. Please contact Susan for more information.