

Religious Formation Year 2023-2024

OCIA: (Sunday Mornings from 9am to 11:30am)

St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr

- **Week 1: September 10th**
 - Orientation – All OCIA Classes
- **Week 2: September 17th**
 - Parent VIRTUS Training in the Parish Hall – Children & Teen Parents
- **Week 3: September 24th**
- **Week 4: October 1st**

**Oct. 8th = FALL BREAK
(NO CLASSES)**

- **Week 5: October 15th**
 - Parent Session in the Parish Hall
- **Week 6: October 22nd**
- **Week 7: October 29th**
- **Week 8: November 5th**
- **Week 9: November 12th**
 - Parent Session in the Parish Hall
- **Week 10: November 19th**

**November 26th = Thanksgiving
(NO CLASSES)**

- **Week 11: December 3rd**
- **Week 12: December 10th**
 - Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming
 - Parent Session in the Parish Hall
- **Week 13: December 17th**

**December 24th = Christmas
December 31st = New Years
Holiday
(NO CLASSES)**

- **Week 14: January 7th**

**January 13th – 14th
MLK HOLIDAY
(NO CLASSES)**

- **Week 15: January 21st**
 - Parent Session in the Parish Hall
- **Week 16: January 28th**
- **Week 17: February 4th**
- **Week 18: February 11th**
 - Parent Session in the Parish Hall
- **Week 19: February 18th**
- **Week 20: February 25th**
- **Week 21: March 3rd**
 - First Scrutiny

**March 10th = SPRING BREAK
(NO CLASSES)**

*****Second Scrutiny*****

- **Week 22: March 17th**
 - Third Scrutiny
- **Week 23: March 24th**
 - Parent Session in the Parish Hall

Holy Week

- **March 28th**
 - HOLY THURSDAY
- **March 29th**
 - GOOD FRIDAY
- **March 30th**
 - Easter Vigil Retreat
 - Easter Vigil

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- **Week 24: April 7th**
- **Week 25: April 14th**
 - Parent Session in the Parish Hall
- **Week 26: April 21st**
- **Week 27: April 28th**
- **Week 28: May 5th (Last Day)**

Policies:

Mass Attendance:

- OCIA Children, Teen, & Adults are required to attend 10:30am Mass on Sundays. Mass is part of class so if a child/teen/adult miss mass, that will count as an absence.

Dress Code:

- We kindly ask that students are appropriately dressed for Class and Mass! Jeans are okay as long as they are not torn. We highly recommend the St. Stephen T-shirt.

Attendance Policy:

- Students are allowed ONLY 5 absences for the entire Religious Formation Year.

Parent Session Policy:

- ***Parent Sessions are mandatory.*** If at least one parent cannot regularly attend the Parent Sessions please be advised that it may jeopardize your child/teen receiving their Sacrament. The Parent Sessions are clearly written on the Schedule. They are held in the Parish Hall at the same time that your child is in class.

Important Dates:

- OCIA Children/Teens Yr. 2 & Adults
 - Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming
 - December 10th
 - Rite of Election
 - TBD
 - First Scrutiny
 - March 3rd
 - Second Scrutiny
 - March 10th
 - Third Scrutiny
 - March 17th
 - Easter Vigil Retreat
 - March 30th
 - Mystagogy Mass
 - TBD