

*"... The life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ."*

1 John 1:2-3

### ***Do you ever ask yourself...***

*"What am I looking for in life? What is the meaning of my life? How can I be a better person? What can I do about the loneliness I feel? How can I come to know God's love? How can I know the right path God has in store for me?"*

If you are asking these questions, or questions like them, the Catholic way of life awaits you. For centuries, people have turned to the Church to find the answers to the deepest and hardest questions of everyday life.

### ***If....***

- You have never been baptized or
- You were baptized in another Christian Church and seek full membership in the Catholic Church or
- You were baptized Catholic but not raised in the Catholic Church

### ***And if....***

- You are interested in becoming Catholic
- You are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or
- You would like to participate more fully in the life of the Catholic Church

### ***Then, you are invited....***

~ to journey with us in faith. We invite you to become part of our Catholic Community, to pray with our Catholic community, to believe with our Catholic community and to serve with our Catholic community

### ***And we welcome you....***

~ to St. Monica Church! To be Catholic is to be in relationship with Jesus Christ in the Church which He founded upon His apostles.

## RCIA is...

~the 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults,' process is a journey of faith;

- through the initial stages of asking and seeking,
- through beginning involvement with faithful Catholics,
- through hearing the Gospel proclaimed, and by faithful reflection and prayer on this Word of God,
- through study and discussions about Catholic teaching and way of life,
- through doubts and hesitations,
- through a growing desire to serve and love others,
- through discernment of God's call to each human life,
- through the steps of commitment,
- through the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.)

Sessions are held on Sunday mornings in the Rectory meeting room, next to the rectory garage, beginning in late September and continuing until Pentecost (May-June.) Accommodations can be made if this time period is difficult to assure sustained attendance.

**Please contact Joyce at the St Monica Church office, 269-345-4389 ext. 233, or click the "contact us" button on the website to inquire about becoming Catholic and the R.C.I.A. process.**

More information about the RCIA process can be found from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/who-we-teach/rite-of-christian-initiation-of-adults/index.cfm>

*The Good News of Jesus Christ" ..... Is a call to recognize that the Kingdom of God is at hand, here and now, among us. It is an invitation to enter that Kingdom, here and now, through ongoing conversion of heart and way of life."* George Weigel, Evangelical Catholicism pg 34, summarizing Matthew 4:17, Mark 1:14