

# Becoming Catholic at St. Patrick's North Platte

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

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**Texts Used:**

United States Catholic Catechism for Adults

Bible, New American Bible (NABRE) translation

Handouts

Thursday	5 June	Chapter 1: The Human Quest for God - Intro to St. Patrick	JDS
Thursday	26 June	Chapter 2: God's Self-Revelation to Us Chapter 3: How Revelation Comes to Us (Scripture & Tradition)	
Thursday	17 July	Chapter 4: Belief, Faith and Obedience Chapter 5: Trinity & Creator; Angels, God's Relation to the World	
Thursday	7 August	Chapter 6: Man and Woman in the Beginning Chapter 7: The Good News: God Has Sent His Son	
Friday	15 August	<b>ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Solemnity</b> (Obligatory) Vigil (14 Aug): 6:30pm; Masses (15 Aug): 7:00am, 6:30pm	
Sunday	17 August	<b>Rite for Entrance into the Catechumenate, 8:30am</b> - (required for those seeking baptism)	
Thursday	28 August	Chapter 8: The Paschal Mystery – Christ's Life, Death, Resurrection - Pray Stations of the Cross together	JDS
Thursday	11 September	Chapter 9: The Spirit: Revelation and Co-Mission with Christ - Brief Intro to the RCIA / Catechumenate / Full Communion	
Thursday	25 September	Chapter 10: The Church - Reflecting the Light of Christ Chapter 11: The Four Marks of the Church	
Thursday	9 October	Chapter 12: Mary, the Church's First and Most Perfect Member - explanation of the Rosary; pray the rosary together	
Thursday	23 October	Chapter 14: Introduction to the Sacramental Life and the Liturgy - introduction to Holy Days, Precepts of the Church, LOTH	
Sunday	26 October	Chapter 13: The 4 Last Things - Death, Judgement, Heaven & Hell - Handing on of the Creed - Registration in the parish	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1 November</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS, Solemnity</b> (Not Obligatory 2025) Vigil (Oct 31): 6:30pm; Masses (1 Nov): 9:00am	
Thursday	6 November	Chapter 15: Baptism Chapter 16: Confirmation	
Thursday	20 November	Chapter 23: The Foundations of the Christian Moral Life Chapter 24: The Principles of the Christian Moral Life - Introduction to Advent	
Thursday	4 December	Chapter 17: The Eucharist – Source & Summit of the Christian Life - How to participate in and pray with the Mass - Explanation of Eucharistic Adoration	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8 December</b>	<b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, Solemnity</b> (Obligatory) <del>Vigil (7 Dec): 6:30pm</del> ; Masses (8 Dec): 7:00am, 6:30pm	
Thursday	18 December	Chapter 18: Confession - brief into to the Christmas season, traditions	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21 December</b>	Communal Penance Service 3:00pm, followed by Wine & Cheese reception and Open House at the Rectory (Optional)	

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>25 December</b>	<b>NATIVITY OF OUR LORD [Christmas], Solemnity (Obligatory)</b> Vigil (24 Dec) 4:00pm, 6:00pm, Masses (25 Nov) 12:00a, 9:00a	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1 January</b>	<b>MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, Solemnity (Obligatory)</b> Vigil (31 Dec): 6:30pm; Masses (1 Jan): 9:00am	
Thursday	8 January	Chapter 19: Anointing of the Sick and the Dying - Intro to Day of Prayer and Penance for Unborn Life (Jan 22nd)	
Thursday	22 January	Chapter 21: Marriage - Introduction to Church Marriage: Law and Ritual	
Sunday	25 January	<b>Rite for Entrance into the Catechumenate, 11:00am</b> - (required for those seeking baptism)	
Thursday	5 February	Chapter 20: Holy Orders Intro to Lenten Season, Review of Fasting/Abstinence - Practicum on Confession, Confirmation, Communion	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15 February</b>	<b>Reception into Full Communion (required for the already-baptized)</b> - during the 11:00am Mass - sponsors are required to be present	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>18 February</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday: services 7:00am, 12:05pm, 6:30pm (fasting day)</b>	
Thursday	19 February	Chapter 25: The 1st Commandment: Believe in the True God Chapter 26: The 2nd Commandment: Reverence God's Name	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9 March</b>	<b>RITE OF ELECTION, 2:00pm (required for catechumens)</b>	
Thursday	26 February	Chapter 27: The 3rd Commandment: Love the Lord's Day Chapter 28: The 4th Commandment: Strengthen Your Family	
Thursday	5 March	Chapter 29: The 5th Commandment: Promote the Culture of Life Chapter 30: The 6th Commandment: Marital Fidelity	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8 March</b>	<b>1st Scrutiny: 8:30am Mass (required for those to be baptized)</b>	
Thursday	12 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	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15 March</b>	<b>2nd Scrutiny: 8:30am Mass (required for those to be baptized)</b>	
Thursday	19 March	Chapter 33: The 9th Commandment: Practice Purity of Heart - Intro to Holy Week, Chrism Mass (holy oils) - Intro to Easter Season	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22 March</b>	<b>3rd Scrutiny: 8:30am Mass (required for those to be baptized)</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>23 March</b>	<b>Chrism Mass 4:00pm (Optional)</b>	
Thursday	26 March	Chapter 34: The 10th Commandment: Embrace Poverty of Spirit - Communal examination of conscience - handing on of Lord's Prayer; anointing of the catechumens/elect	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29 March</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (go to Mass)</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2 April</b>	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:30pm, followed by Adoration</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3 April</b>	<b>Good Friday Service, Time 12 noon (fasting day)</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4 April</b>	<b>Preparation rites &amp; walkthrough 2:00pm (for those receiving Sacraments); Easter Vigil 9:00pm</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5 April</b>	<b>THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (Easter), Solemnity</b> Vigil (19 Apr): 9:00pm; Masses (20 Apr): 9:00am, 11:00am	
Thursday	9 April	- Group Discussion: Holy Week and the Easter Vigil	
Thursday	23 April	Chapter 35: God Calls Us to Pray - Pray Evening Prayer together from Liturgy of the Hours	
Thursday	7 May	Chapter 36: Jesus Taught us to Pray - More on the practice of prayer	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>14 May</b>	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, Solemnity (obligatory)</b> Vigil (Wed, 13 May): 6:30pm; Masses (14 May): 7:00am, 6:30pm	