

# Weekly Classes

Following are the class descriptions available for internationals. **The classes in orange are those with our strongest needs, but we know that God can be calling you for any of the classes mentioned.**

## Monday

**Moms and Tots A and B** - Class leader Jan Roth-Heikkinen (*All English levels welcome*) Designed for American and International children and their moms. Do craft activities, sing songs, read books, and go on a few field trips. Easy English.

**Moms & Tots (A)** - 10:00-11:30 a.m.

*No Childcare available for the afternoon class.*

**Beginning English (A and B)** - Class leader Rebecca Masters (*English level 1-2*) Practice basic English skills (pronunciation, vocabulary, listening) and learn about American customs to feel more comfortable in America.

**Beginning English (A)** - 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

**Beginning English (B)** - 1:00-2:30 p.m.

*No Childcare available for the afternoon class.*

## Tuesday

**Conversation (A and B)** - Class leader Jan Roth-Heikkinen (*English level 3-5*) Speak in small groups with 2-3 Americans at each table. Conversations about holidays, traditions, American life, etc.

**Conversation (A)** -10:00-11:30 a.m.

**Conversation (B)** - 1:00-2:30 p.m.

*No Childcare available for the afternoon class.*

## Wednesday

**Sewing & Quilting Class** - Class leader Mamie Shotwell (*All English levels welcome*) Learn sewing techniques and basic quilting skills. Sometimes we will do group projects. You will also have time to work on your own projects with help from those experienced at sewing. We have many binders of projects to pick from. Sewing machines and other tools are provided. If you want to bring your own, you are welcome to. All experience levels are welcome, beginners to advanced. You will have an opportunity to build on the skills you already know.

**10:00 - 11:30 a.m.**

*No Childcare available for this class.*

## Wednesday

**Survival (A and B)** Staff Contact Rebecca Masters (*English level 2-4*) Learn practical skills for survival in America. Talk about topics like doctors, shopping, travel, traffic laws, American holidays and more. Practice important conversations and phrases to feel comfortable communicating and living in America.

**Survival (A)** - 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

**Survival (B)** - 1:00-2:30 p.m.

*No Childcare available for the afternoon class.*

## Thursday

**Toddler & Me (A)** - Class leader Jan Roth-Heikkinen (*All English levels welcome*)

Toddler and Me class is a time for your child to learn and play with other children. It is also a great opportunity for you to talk with other moms about parenting. Toys and table activities are provided for everyone to share. There will be a circle time with stories, songs, and fun activities. **10:15-11:00 a.m.**

**Bible Class (A)** - Class leader Rebecca Masters (*All English levels welcome*)

Easy English discussion about the Bible and what Christians believe. Everyone welcome to join this class. Enjoy a relaxed, comfortable atmosphere with time for questions and answers. It's a good class if you've never studied the Bible before. **10:00-11:30 a.m.**

**Bible Class (B)** - Class leader Rebecca Masters (*English Level 3-5*)

Discussion about the Bible and what Christians believe. Everyone interested is welcome to join this class. Enjoy a relaxed comfortable atmosphere with time for questions. It is a good class to explore the Bible. **1:00 - 2:30p.m.**

**Men's Class**—Class leader Fadi Gammou (*All English levels welcome*)

This class is a good place for any man to come and practice his English. This class will meet once a month. Our main purpose each time we meet is to build friendships, discuss life issues & experiences, help men understand any English words they don't understand, learn everyday American expressions (i.e. Idioms), read a short story from the Bible and also share how Jesus impacts our everyday lives. A couple times during the year, we'll have an outing at a local sports bar for dinner and drinks in order to grow our friendships even more. We also would like to have family nights a couple of times where the families can attend to do something fun together.

**7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

*No Childcare available for this class.*

## Friday

**Baby & Me** Class leader Fedaa Gammou & Ashley Nash (*All English levels welcome*)

This class provides age appropriate toys and activities for babies & moms. Enjoy play time with your baby and conversation with other moms. Learn traditional American songs with exciting actions to entertain and sing to your baby.

**10:15-11:00 a.m.**

*No Childcare available for this class.*

**Toddler & Me (B)** Class leader Jan Roth-Heikkinen (*All English levels welcome*)

Toddler and Me class is a time for your child to learn and play with other children. It is also a great opportunity for you to talk with other moms about parenting. Toys and table activities are provided for everyone to share. There will be a circle time with stories, songs, and fun activities.

**10:15-11:00 a.m.**

*No Childcare available for this class.*

**American Cooking** - Class leader Jan Roth-Heikkinen (*All English levels welcome*)

Learn easy recipes you can make at home. Help prepare food during the class. Enjoy a relaxed "girlfriends in the kitchen" atmosphere. You will impress your family and friends with your American cooking.

**1:30 - 3:00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Fridays**

*No Childcare available for this class.*

## Be a prayer partner for a class.

We need prayer partners for all our classes as well. Prayer partners are someone who commits to pray for a class weekly. Class leaders will communicate specific prayer needs that are given.



## What is International Ministry?

We are a ministry that started over 31 years ago by church members that were called by God to reach out to the internationals that live in our area of Michigan for 2 to 5 years. This ministry meets the needs of our international friends by:

- Helping them get acclimated to life in the U.S.,
- Offering friendship with Americans that genuinely love and care for them,
- Intentionally sharing Jesus in ways they understand and can relate to.
- Currently we offer 15 different in person classes to help our international friends connect.
- We offer 5 different online class options for those not living in Michigan.
- It is not necessary for our team members to speak the languages of our international friends because when they show Jesus' love, it transcends all language barriers.

## English Levels for Classes

**Level 1**—Speaking in English our friends cannot make basic, complete sentences. Listening in English our friends can only understand a few words here and there.

**Level 2**—Speaking our friends can make a simple, basic sentence. Listening our friends can understand adjectives and descriptions.

**Level 3**—Speaking our friends can have a simple conversation with Americans. Listening our friends can understand the main ideas and concepts of a conversation.

**Level 4**—Speaking our friends can express opinions and feelings. Listening our friends can understand and participate in conversations about others opinions and feelings.

**Level 5**—Speaking and Listening our friends can participate in discussions on most topics and are comfortable in "English only" situations.

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