

# Children's Faith Formation Calendar 2023-24

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

### Sunday Sessions

Level I: 3 yr. ~ Kindergarten

Level II: 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Level III: 4<sup>th</sup> ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Children's Faith Formation – Sunday Sessions for Levels I, II, & III, will take place from 9:30-11:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted. These sessions are preceded and followed by the celebration of the Eucharist. It is expected that you and your family attend and participate fully in Eucharist each weekend in conjunction with our sessions. The Eucharist is the source and summit of who we are as Catholics, and it is vital to the faith development of your child(ren). You are highly encouraged to sit in one of the first several rows of pews in front, so the children will be much more engaged in the Mass and participate in it more fully. It is only at Mass that they will see and come to understand many of the presentations that we share with them in the Good Shepherd Atrium.

If any changes need to be made to this schedule, revised calendars will be sent out by email. If you do not have access to a computer, please let me know and I will be sure to make a paper copy available for you. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me.

We are looking forward to sharing this faith journey with you and your family and nurturing the spiritual potential of each and every child!

Joyfully,

Cindy Monn at 952-890-0045 ext. 243 or email [cmonn@mmotc.org](mailto:cmonn@mmotc.org).

September 24 Su. 9:30 a.m. Session 1 - **Orientation for Parents & Children!** – Meet in the Mary Center

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October	1	Session 2 – Ordinary Time
	8	Session 3 – Ordinary Time
	15	Session 4 – Ordinary Time
	22	NO SESSION - MEA
	29	Session 5 – Ordinary Time

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November	1	We. 7:00 p.m.	Feast of All Saints – <b>Holy Day of Obligation</b> – Attend Mass as a family
	5		Session 6 – Ordinary Time
	12		Session 7 – Ordinary Time
	19		Session 8 – Ordinary Time
	26		NO SESSION – Happy Thanksgiving!

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December	3	Session 9 – Advent
	10	Session 10 – Advent
	17	Session 11 – Advent
	24	NO SESSION – Christmas-New Year's Break
	31	NO SESSION – Christmas-New Year's Break

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January	7	Session 12 – Feast of Christmas
	14	Session 13 – Ordinary Time
	21	Session 14 – Ordinary Time
	28	Session 15 – Ordinary Time

February	4		Session 16 – Ordinary Time
	11		Session 17 – Ordinary Time
	14	We. 6:00 p.m.	Family Event Night – Ash Wednesday – Meet in the Mary Center
	18		Session 18 – Lent
	25		Session 19 – Lent
March	1	Fr. 6:00 p.m.	Lenten Family Night – Living Stations and Prayer Pretzel Making – Mary Center
	3		Session 20 – Lent
	10		Session 21 – Lent
	17		Session 22 – Lent
	24		Session 23 – Lent
	26	Tu. 7:00	Communal Reconciliation (3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade) AND First Reconciliation Celebration
	28	Th. 7:00 p.m.	Triduum – Mass of the Lord's Supper
	29	Fr. 7:00 p.m.	Triduum – Commemoration of the Passion (Veneration of the Cross)
	30	Sa. 8:30 p.m.	Triduum – Easter Vigil!!
	31	9 or 11 a.m.	NO SESSION - Celebrate Easter Mass
April	7		NO SESSION – Spring Break
	14		Session 24 – Feast of Easter
	21		Session 25 – Feast of Easter (First Eucharist weekend)
	28		Session 26 – Feast of Easter
May	5		Session 27 – Feast of Easter
	12		Session 28 – Feast of Easter
	19		Feast of Pentecost – Celebrate Mass with your family then join us for our Pentecost Party Family Event, following 11:00 Mass

This calendar is subject to change. Your family will be notified of any changes as soon as possible by email.

**Vacation Bible School:** July 15-19, 2024