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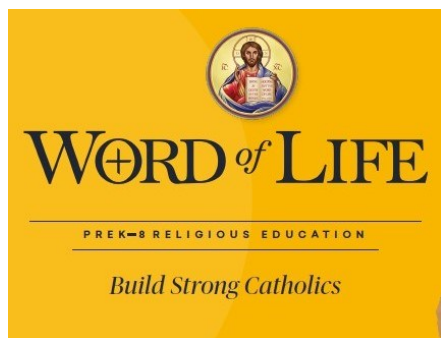
Preschool and Kindergarten Students: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sundays 8:45-9:45

3-6 years old - "Hands On" Experience— Learn by playing, enacting the Gospel Stories, and Preparing for "a Mass" - Grounded in Montessori educational principles.
Topics emphasized: Gospel stories, Kingdom Parables, Elements of the Mass, Articles of the Altar, The Liturgical Year of the Church, Geography of the Holy Land
Parent Orientation is in September with the first session for children on the following Sunday.
Held in rooms 7-8 in the Ed. Building (follow signs in Keefe Hall.)

1st-3rd Grade



4th-7th Grade



Older Students: Faith Formation Grades 1-7

Every Wednesday from 6:30-7:45 PM

Grade 1-3 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Level 2

In Level 2, we build upon the foundational themes of Level 1 through the lens of "the History of the Kingdom of God"—the big picture that is set in history and time, which are developmental needs of a Level 2 child.

Additional themes include:

- The History and Gifts of the Kingdom of God
- The Holy Bible
- The Moral Parables and the Moral Life
- Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation & the Eucharist
- The Holy Mass & More!

Grades 4-7 Word of Life Curriculum, Ignatius Press

The Word of Life curriculum brings together faith and reason and demonstrates how the truths of the faith speak to the human heart.

Word of Life unites a faithful articulation of the faith as it is presented in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* with, when necessary, esteemed sources in the living tradition of the Church to form a presentation of faith that is meaningful, practical, and intelligible for modern students. Each grade level is custom-designed to speak to students of that level and also contains robust online and parent resources for Family Formation



7th Grade sessions are a requirement before enrolling in Confirmation.)

Having completed the 7 Grade program, or the equivalent, 8th Gr. and older, can enroll in Confirmation preparation.

8th-12th Grade Confirmation

Most Wednesdays ^;30-7:45 PM

Process includes small groups & large groups with Sponsors, using **The Chosen** curriculum by Ascension press, attending Archdiocesan Youth Day, retreats, group service projects, Sharing & Caring Hands, Feed My Starving Children and more!



Reconciliation & Eucharist

Preparations for these First Sacraments include attending your grade level Faith Formation sessions, a parent/child retreat, and completing 5 service hours. Children must be in at least the 2nd Grade.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

During the 9:00 am Mass Sunday, October thru May - Grades 1-5 are dismissed prior to the 1st Reading and return for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Prayer and reflections are based on the Sunday reading using the Children's Lectionary. No registration necessary.

Vacation Bible School

Ages 3 through 4th grade
Hands-on Bible Fun. Held in July-August



Youth Activities



High School Mission Trips! Middle School Faith Camp!

High School Youth have traveled to Catholic Heart Workcamps in Marshalltown, IA, Billings, MT, Huntingburg, IN, Oklahoma City, and more!

Fundraisers held during the year help supplement costs. See the bulletin for more details!

Extreme Faith Camp is a 5-day adventure camp experience and an opportunity for middle school students to share in fun and fellowship with students from throughout the Archdiocese.

Look for information in the bulletin for other ways to be involved in Faith Formation, prayer, liturgy, service, fun, and community!

September 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Labor Day	5	6 Catechist Orientation 6:30-7:30PM	7	8	9
10 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Parent Orientation 9:55 – 10:05 a.m. (Parents Only)	11	12	13 Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	14	15	16
17 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.	18	19	20 Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	21	22	23
24 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.	25	26	27 Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	28	29	30

October 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.	2	3	4 Christmas Program Rehearsal 6:00-6:30 pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	5	6	7
8 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.	9	10	11 Christmas Program Rehearsal 6:00-6:30pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	12	13	14
15 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.	16	17	18 MEA Week—No FF	19	20	21
22 NO Preschool Catechesis	23 Trunk or Treat! Families and Community Invited! 6:30-8:00	24	25 Christmas Program Rehearsal 6:00-6:30pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	26	27	28 Raking Service Project 9 am-1:30 pm
29 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.	30	31				

November 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 All Saints Day! Christmas Program Rehearsal 6:00-6:30 pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	2	3	4
5 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.	6	7	8 Christmas Program Rehearsal 6:15-6:45 pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	9	10	11
12 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.	13	14	15 Christmas Program Rehearsal 6:00-6:30 pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	16	17	18
19 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.	20	21	22 NO FF-Happy Thanksgiving!	23 Happy Thanksgiving	24	25
26 NO Preschool Catechesis	27	28	29 Adoration Available 5:30-6:30 pm Christmas Program Rehearsal 6:00-6:30 pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	30		

December 2023

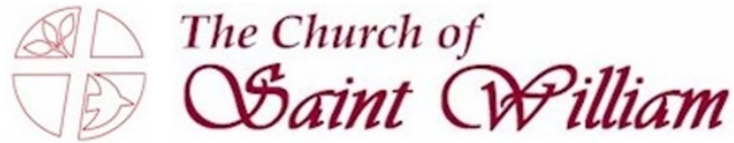


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3 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.	4	5	6 5:30 pm Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	7	8*	9
10 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m. 10:00 Children's Christ- mas Program	11	12	13 Feed My Starving Children 4:30-6:15 PM Coon Rapids Family Service Night 6:30- 8:00 PM	14	15	16
17 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.	18	19	20 No FF- Merry Christmas!	21	22	23
24 NO Preschool Catechesis Merry Christmas!	25 Christmas	26	27 No FF- Happy New Year!	28	29	30
31 NO Preschool Catech- esis Happy New Year!						

* Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation- Check Bulletin for Mass Times

January 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy New Year*	2	3 Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	4	5	6
7 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.	8	9	10 Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM MANDATORY SAFETY CLASS	11	12	13
14 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.	15 ML King's Day	16	16 Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	18	19	20
21 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.	22	23	24 Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	25	26	27
28 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.	29	30	31 Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM			

* Mary Mother of God– Holy Day of Obligation. See Bulletin for Mass Times

February 2024



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.	5	6	7 Elementary and Confirmation Faith For- mation 6:30-7:45PM	8	9	10
11 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.	12	13	14 ASH WEDNESDAY NO FAITH FORMATION See bulletin for Mass Times	15	16	17
18 NO <i>Preschool Catechesis</i> <i>Pres. Day Weekend</i>	19 Presidents Day Sharing and Caring Hands Svc Proj 8:30-1:30 pm	20	21 Elementary and Confirmation Faith For- mation 6:30-7:45PM	22	23	24
25 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.	26	27	28 Elementary and Confirmation Faith For- mation 6:30-7:45PM	29		

March 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Confirmation Retreat Rite of Enrollment
3 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.	4	5	6 Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	7	8	9
10 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.	11	12	13 Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	14	15	16
17 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.	18	19	20 Adoration Available 5:30-6:30 pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	21	22	23
24 PALM SUNDAY Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.	25	26	27 HOLY WEEK- NO FF	28 Holy Thursday	29 Good Friday	30 Holy Saturday- Easter Vigil
31 EASTER SUNDAY NO Preschool Catechesis Happy Easter!						

April 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	4	5	6 First Comm/Reconc Retreat First Confession 3:15 pm
7 <i>Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45</i>	8	9	10 Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	11	12	13 Rite of Confirmation—St. Mary's Basilica
14 <i>Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45</i>	15	16	17 Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	18	19	20
21 <i>Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45</i> First Communion—9am Mass	22	23	24 Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	25	26	27
28 <i>Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.</i>	29	30				

May 2024



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Elementary and Confirma- tion Faith For- mation 6:30- 7:45PM	2	3	4 Faith Formation picnic 1-4 pm
5 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 9 am: Mass for graduat- ing Seniors	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	