

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2026-2027 HIGHLIGHTS

Friday, September 11 – A catechist/aide luncheon and meeting at noon (Class Prayer Intercessors invited, too!)

Friday, Sept. 18 – FIRST CLASS – Welcome students

Sunday, September 20 – Catechetical Sunday (Catechists, aides, OCIA, Youth coordinator – recognized, blessed, and commissioned during the 11:15 a.m. Mass) – **OPEN HOUSE** in Level I, II, III – meet catechists, review curriculum)

Sunday, October 4 – FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PET BLESSING after 11:15 a.m. Mass in church parking lot (Bring your pets!)

Sunday, November 1 – All Saints Day – Children and teens are welcome to dress up as their favorite saint and walk in the entrance procession at 11:15 a.m. Mass. Turn in your child's name and saint they want to honor (we will print all children's names/saints in the bulletin!)

Sunday, November 29 – Advent Tea for Women 2-5 p.m. in family life center (Scripture/witness talks/fellowship/desserts)

Sunday, November 29 – Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest – Papers for contest distributed

Friday, Dec. 4 – Children's Advent Presentation at 7 p.m. (To help prepare one's heart for Jesus' birth this meditation is designed to help families focus on the gift of "Presence.") A reception of punch and cookies to follow (*Must have at least 10 children willing to participate! Parent help appreciated, too!*)

Tuesday, Dec. 8 – Feast of Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 6:30 p.m. (Children serve as lectors/etc.)

Saturday, Dec. 12 – Breakfast with Santa hosted by the youth group 9 a.m.-noon – open to all; proceeds benefit families in need

Sunday, Dec. 20 – Bring in nativity scene, nativity set, or manger for a traditional blessing

Sunday, Jan 3 – The King's Cake Celebration – To celebrate the Feast of Epiphany bring in a cake with a baby Jesus baked inside! (This is instead of coffee/doughnuts) The Magi were in search of the Baby King, and they received hospitality from the Holy Family. We participate in the story of the Magi and their search for the Christ Child through our "sampling" of a variety of cakes. Maybe your slice will have the Baby Jesus inside!

ASH Wednesday, Feb. 10 – Mass at 6:30 p.m. –

LENTEN Outreach - All families and parishioners invited to share in collecting towels and washcloths -- Lenten Outreach efforts for St. Luke NEW Life Center will operate from Feb. 10 through Palm Sunday, March 21.

Saturday, Feb. 27 – Confirmation candidates/Youth Group **serve at Flint North End Soup Kitchen** 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Friday, March 12 – Last Supper Reenactment all students 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 28 – Easter Sunday – Mass of the Lord's Resurrection at 11:15 a.m. followed by a children's **Easter egg hunt**

Saturday, April 17 – First Holy Communion Retreat and First Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession (9a.m.-noon)

Sunday, April 18 – Sacrament of First Holy Communion; cake and punch reception to follow in Family Life Center

Friday, April 30 – Children's Liturgy of the Light- In the church/all grades

Tuesday, May 4 – May Crowning Mass and Ice-Cream Social – all children honor Mary with flowers (Confirmation students serve ice-cream)

Friday, May 7 – LAST Friday class – Prayer Intercessors invited to class