

St. Timothy Homeschool Fellowship

Class Offerings

2026-2027

Moms of St. Tim's

Open to all moms

Moms of St. Tim's is a community of Catholic women who are seeking to support and encourage each other in our faith and in our vocation as mothers! We meet weekly during the school year from 9:45-11:00 in the Parish Library for fellowship, Lectio Divina (Scripture study), and prayer. Please reach out to Erika Nieves for more information

(Erika.nieves@iws.edu). We'd love to have you join us!

**Free nursery provided for 9 months-4 years*

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Level 1 (3-6 years old)- At Capacity **Wednesdays, 9:45am-11:10am**

Registration: \$110 supply fee per child for the 2025/2026 school year

****Must be three (3) by June 1, 2026 and potty trained to register.**

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of Heaven." -Matthew 19:14

CGS is a Montessori-based religious education that draws children deeper into relationship with Christ and His Church through hands-on encounters with Scripture and the Liturgy. Level 1 focuses on God's love for us through Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The Eucharist is introduced through learning the names of the articles and important gestures. Mass is presented as the gift of our Good Shepherd.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Level 2 (6-9 years old)- At Capacity **Wednesdays, 9:45am-11:10am**

Registration: \$110 supply fee per child for the 2025/2026 school year

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CGS is a Montessori-based religious education that draws children deeper into relationship with Christ and His Church through hands-on encounters with Scripture and the Liturgy. Level 2 focuses on our relationship with God through the parable of the True Vine. Moral parables, salvation history, and the prayers of the Mass are also introduced.

Lived Theology with Mr. Joe, Ms. Cathy, and Mr. Zack

3rd-8th grade

Wednesdays, 9:45am-11:10am

Registration: \$60 supply fee per student per semester to be paid on the first day of class

Enjoy fellowship and fun while growing in faith through Scripture and prayer! We will explore different theological topics throughout the year and learn to apply them to life through various spiritual practices, such as Lectio Divina, Eucharistic Adoration, prayer and journaling, and praise and worship.

Beginning Apologetics with Mr. Whiskeyman (8th-12th grade)

Wednesdays, 9:45am-11:10am

Registration: \$10/class per student (approx.. \$110/semester), to be paid by semester on the first day of class, plus \$25 supply fee per year

1 Pet 3:15 "Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence"

This course introduces students to defending the Catholic faith - "clarity in charity." This is especially important when engaging with other Christians (our separated brothers and sisters in Christ) who have many objections to the faith. To do this, we'll dive more deeply into what (and why) we believe. This course primarily uses the Bible and Catechism to build a solid, logical response to common objections to the faith. Students will explore the nexus of faith and reason (*fides et ratio*); learning how to explain and defend their faith to others. We will accomplish this by learning key scripture citations, catechism references, and sources from the early Church Fathers, and by practicing/rehearsing one-on-one dialog and speaking in front of a group.

Literature Discussion Class

Wednesdays, 11:15am-12:10pm

5th-9th Grade

Registration: \$5/class per student (approx.. \$55/semester), to be paid by semester on the first day of class, plus \$20 supply fee per year

Middle School literature discussion class will focus on the enjoyment of story and the overarching themes of each work of literature. We will briefly discuss basic literary elements of plot, setting, action, climax, and characters and how each story fits in to its literary and historical context. This class can supplement your at-home literature study. We will not be doing any written work. It is my aim that by guiding discussions of these books students will deepen their enjoyment of the literature and build community with each other.

Young Explorers Class
Wednesdays, 11:15am-12:10pm
Pre-K4 – 1st Grade

Registration: \$45 supply fee per student per semester, to be paid on the first day of class

Get ready for a world of wonder and creativity in our Young Explorers Class! This fun-filled class will alternate between different unit studies, covering subjects such as science, crafts, PE, storytime, and more! Due to the hands-on nature of our class, we kindly request that parents of Pre-K4 students participate alongside their children and that parents of K-1st grade students rotate through a volunteer sign-up to assist in the class. We're looking forward to a fun and exciting year together!

Explorers Class
Wednesdays, 11:15am-12:10pm
2nd-4th Grade

Registration: \$45 supply fee per student per semester, to be paid on the first day of class

Get ready for a world of wonder and creativity in our Explorers Class! This fun-filled class will alternate between different unit studies, covering subjects such as science, crafts, PE, and more! Due to the hands-on nature of our class, we kindly request that parents rotate through a volunteer sign-up to assist in the class. We're looking forward to a fun and exciting year together!

Private Math Tutoring with Ms. Alyssa
Grades 7-12 (or as requested)

\$40/hour

Offering one-on-one tutoring for high school students in Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, and SAT Math Prep. With several years of classroom teaching experience and a passion for making math understandable and approachable, I help students build confidence, master foundational skills, and prepare for success in class and on standardized tests. Sessions are tailored to each student's needs, whether they're catching up, staying on track, or aiming ahead.

Teacher Bios

Mrs. Cathy Stipanov

As a homeschool parent of 20 years, I discovered faith formation is a lifelong journey that is best nurtured in the home and with the support of our parish community. I've been blessed to serve in the Faith Formation program at St. Timothy's for the past 15 years—as both a catechist and a member of the core team. I studied Theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville before serving as a missionary with the Community of Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. That Franciscan formation ignited my lifelong passion for serving our Church through catechesis. I am excited to be a part of your children's faith journey!

Mr. Joseph Nieves

I was born in Puerto Rico but spent most of my childhood in Maryland and Florida. After graduating from FSU with my bachelor's degree in International Affairs, I worked as an active duty Air Force Intelligence officer for 10 years, during which time I earned my Masters in Theology from Christendom College. In 2023, I left active duty and joined the Reserves so that I could serve in full-time ministry in the Church, and I currently serve as Faith Formation Director at St. Timothy. My wife, Erika, and I have homeschooled our three kids for the past 4 years and are grateful to be a part of the homeschool fellowship here at St. Timothy. I love reading and studying Scripture and theology, and I am looking forward to being able to explore these topics with our students this year!

Mr. Zack Weiss

Zack Weiss is the Pastoral Associate for Lifelong Faith Formation at St. Timothy, which means he helps in sacramental preparation for all ages, infant baptism through OCIA. Zack was homeschooled from kindergarten through 12th grade. He has two degrees in ministry/theology from the University of Dallas and the University of Notre Dame. Zack has been working in children's ministry for the last seven years in parish settings as well as at the Pines Catholic Camp, a summer camp and year-round retreat center in Big Sandy, Texas.

Dr. Andrew Whiskeyman

Hi! My name is Dr. Andrew Whiskeyman, COL (Ret.), I am passionate about living out my faith in the world (especially in light of *Lumen Gentium*). I have been teaching apologetics to high school students for 5 years now (at the old Epiphany parish and with JMJ homeschool) and have designed several curricula supporting this mission. I love teaching apologetics - it's more fun than anything else I do. I have helped lead several youth group trips to the March for Life in DC (complete with cold and snow ;). I also designed, planned, and led a High School Senior pilgrimage last summer to the United Kingdom - "Walking with the English

Martyrs." When I am not pursuing my apologetics passion, I am busy in the world, too. I am the co-founder and CEO of two companies: *Quo Vadis* and JASSA Professional Services. I lecture internationally on the topics of information warfare, cognitive security, and the strategic implications of emerging technology. I pull those experiences into the classroom to ensure students have a meaningful (and rigorous) experience - and hopefully learn ways to be in the world, but not of the world.

Previously, I served 28 years in the U.S. Army, and have taught graduate-level courses at Syracuse University, Air University, Catholic Polytechnic University, and the National Defense University, where I also served as the Chair of the Cyber Strategy Department.

Mrs. Caren Sarkis

I taught in both public and Catholic schools before staying home to raise and homeschool our four boys. I have been CGS Level 1 trained since 2023, started training for CGS Level 2 last summer, and will complete Level 2 training this summer. I love the CGS model of catechesis and look forward to walking alongside your children as they deepen their relationship with God!

Mrs. Anne Perez

For as long as I can remember, for as long as I've known the love of Jesus, I've wanted to share his love with others. I got a bachelor's degree in Theology and Religious Education/Catechesis, participated in a 9 month school of mission in Rome, Italy, and then served in the Church through catechesis and mission work. I later married the love of my life and then completed my master's degree in Marriage and Family. Now I homeschool my two boys and in 2023, I was certified to teach Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), Level 1. During that course, I realized one of my greatest prayers was being answered - a way to introduce my children, from the youngest age, to encounter Jesus, to know him and to love him. CGS allows for that encounter in so many beautiful ways. This past year, I've fallen in love with CGS Level 2, where the children enter into the mystery of the History of the Kingdom of God and grow in their knowledge and interaction with Sacred Scripture as they continue to grow their relationship with Jesus. I'm excited to finish up my Level 2 Certification this summer. It is a true joy to share the faith with families through Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and I look forward to working with your children in the coming year!

Mrs. Barbie Bauer

I was born in New York and later moved to Florida, where I now live with my family. I was homeschooled throughout my own education and have continued that tradition by homeschooling my six children. As a cradle Catholic, my faith has always been at the center of my life, and I am grateful to share that foundation with my husband. Together, we attend the Traditional Latin Mass and strive to cultivate a rich and reverent spiritual life within our

home. I am certified to teach Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I and Toddler, and I am deeply honored to accompany young children as they encounter Christ in the atrium.

Mrs. Tiffany Nash

Tiffany Nash is a Catholic wife and mother of four. She has been homeschooling her younger two children since 2020. She is a lifelong reader and loves to share her love of stories with others. She has been a St. Timothy parishioner for over 8 years and has taught homeschool students at co-op classes since 2023.

Ms. Alyssa Hart

My name is Alyssa Hart, and I was born and raised in Jacksonville, Florida, and have lived in the Tampa area for the past nine years. I earned my undergraduate degree in International Affairs from Florida State University. I taught high school math for four years at a private K–12 school, including Geometry, Math for College Algebra, and Data & Financial Literacy. I'm now offering math tutoring and enjoy working with students to help them better understand concepts and grow in confidence. In my free time, I enjoy studying theology, playing sports, singing, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. If you're looking for a math tutor this year, I'd love to connect!