

WHAT IS THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD?

- CGS is an approach to the religious formation of children rooted in the Bible, the Liturgy of the Church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori.
- Children gather in an “atrium,” a space prepared especially for them, which contains simple yet beautifully crafted materials.
- Catechists present scriptures that nurture the child’s innate desire to draw near to God. Together they ask questions and ponder the most essential and profound truths of our Catholic faith.
- Through guided exploration, quiet work, art, song, and celebrations, children discover the answers in their own time.
- Children freely choose materials that aid them in listening to Christ, the true teacher who forms their hearts.

*If you are interested in a tour,
please contact us.*

HOW TO REGISTER
MY CHILD FOR CGS



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CHILDREN'S
RELIGIOUS FORMATION
PREK3-2ND GRADE

BASIC CGS INFORMATION

Ages

- Level 1~ Potty Trained PreK 3 – K
- Level 2~ 1st and 2nd Grade
- Class Sizes are Limited to 12
- This program is available to children who do not receive CGS during their school day.

When

- Wednesdays, Mid-Sept through Mid-May
- Follows The Church and School Calendar

Time

- 3:30–5:30 pm, Snack Provided

Where

- Drop off St. Augustine, Jennings Hall
- Pick Up at Pacelli School Next to Church
- Enter Doors off Parking Lot, Located on 2nd floor

Fee

- 1 Child- \$20
- 2 or More Children- \$40
- An Additional \$20 Fee if a Child is in 2nd Grade and Preparing for First Reconciliation/Holy Communion



Level 1 (PreK 3-K)

Most beneficial to start at age 3

The motto of CGS is: "Help me fall in love with God by myself." Children encounter Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who loves and cares for them and calls them by name.

Through geography, the words of the prophets, and Infancy Narratives, Jesus is established as a real person.

The Catechesis also includes the Paschal Narratives, Parables of the Kingdom of God, Liturgical Seasons and Colors, Mass Gestures, Baptism, and the Holy Eucharist.

Level 2 (1st-2nd grade)

A two-year sacramental preparation

Children revisit and ponder the work of Level 1 at a deeper level; however, now the image of Jesus, The True Vine, captivates them. At this age, there is a deep need to understand their relationship with God and others and their role in His Kingdom.

The History of the Kingdom of God is introduced, Moral Parables are examined, and Sacramental Liturgy is expanded. Presentations and meditations enhance the older children's preparation for 1st Reconciliation/Holy Eucharist.



Parents are their children's first teachers in the Catholic Faith. Praying with your child, taking them to Mass regularly, and being a good example are the most important ways to set them on the path to knowing, loving, and serving Christ.

We hope to assist you in your vital role. CGS supplements our parish's family faith formation. Registration for Family Faith Formation is highly encouraged. staugustinestedward.org