



St John the Apostle Catholic Church

Faith Formation Registration 2025 – 2026



PAY ONLINE

Welcome to St John the Apostle Catholic Church's Faith Formation Programs!

We are delighted to support you and your family in growing together within our faith community.

Household Last Name

Parent/guardian First Name(s)

Primary Email

Secondary Email

Parent / Guardian Phone

Secondary Phone

Street Address

City

Zip

Emergency Contact Name

Emergency Contact Phone

Permission to use your child(ren)'s photo in church or social media YES NO

Faith Formation Program Descriptions by School Grade & Ages

Please See Dates on Calendar

Parish Family Nights – PK – 5 Faith Formation All Ages welcome for Family Catechesis	PK – Adults
*CGS Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	12mo – 5 th Grade
1st Reconciliation & Communion Classes + Expected Parish Family Night Attendance	2 nd Grade
Edge programs	6 th – 8 th Grade
HS Youth Group & Confirmation Year 1 (9 th Gr. Required)	9 th – 12 th Grade
Confirmation Year 2	10 th Only

Registration and Payment: We strive to keep costs minimal to cover necessary expenses for our programs. We understand that financial situations vary. If payment is an obstacle, please pay what you can, or do not pay at all—your presence and participation are what matter most.

**\$50 per person
(\$150 Max per Family)**

Supporting Each Other: If you feel called to contribute more, we welcome donations to sponsor other families or to support our Faith Formation programs. Your generosity helps everyone in our community grow in their faith.

Registrant Information (Include Adults for Our Parish Family Nights)						Program Selection (Mark with an X to all that apply per person)					
First Name	Last Name	Birthdate	Grade	Baptized Y/N	Confirmed Y/N	Parish Family Night	CGS*	1 st Rec. & Com+ Parish Family Night	6 th – 8 th Grade Edge	9 th – 12 th Grade Youth Group	Confirmation 10 th Only

***PLEASE MARK BELOW AND FILL OUT THE CGS SPECIFIC SECTION ON THE BACKSIDE OF THIS FORM ***

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St. John the Apostle Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Welcome to the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Registration! The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Montessori-based method of spiritual and religious formation for children, founded in Rome in 1954. This approach follows the teaching of St. Thomas Aquinas that all of our knowledge has its origin in the senses. Children are given developmentally appropriate presentations and sensorial materials with which to explore the life of Jesus, the Scripture and the Sacraments. These materials include— among many others— figures of Jesus and the Apostles during the Last Supper, a model altar, a model baptismal font and a raised-surface map of the land of Israel. This concrete way of presenting the faith mirrors the way the Church teaches us throughout our lives, by means of the sacraments, holy water and oils, incense, sacred art and statues.

The “atrium” is a room specially prepared for our children to grow in their relationship with Jesus. It is a place of prayer. CGS is not a program or a class with a textbook curriculum as in a traditional setting, but rather a shared religious experience with children and adults. They will grow in their knowledge of the life of Jesus and the land of Israel, and of their Catholic faith through reflecting on passages from the Bible and learning about the Mass and the Sacraments. The children will also learn to choose appropriate works and to concentrate as they work, to contemplate the religious themes, then restore their work for the next person.

CGS catechists are trained to serve the children in humility knowing that the true teacher is the Holy Spirit. They receive 90 hours of formation for each age level that they serve. Both the prepared adult and the prepared environment are key to this approach.

ATRIUM SESSIONS FOR 2025-2026 CGS is offered on a first come first serve basis, with preference given to families who have previously participated. Registration date will be noted. When a session is full, the child will be placed on a waitlist. Notification of acceptance into an atrium will be sent by email.

"All sessions are subject to cancellation if minimum registration class sizes are not met."

Previous SJA CGS Participation YES ☐ NO ☐

New Family to CGS: YES ☐ NO ☐

Date Submitting and paid to SJA: _____

Please Choose Session Preference

Mondays - 4:15-6:15 ALL Levels ☐

Fridays - 9-11AM Level I/T, I, II ☐

Level Infant/Toddler (ages 12 months-3years old):

Level I (ages 3-6)

Level II (ages 6-9)

Level III (ages 9-through 5th grade)

Name	Atrium Level	Age

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