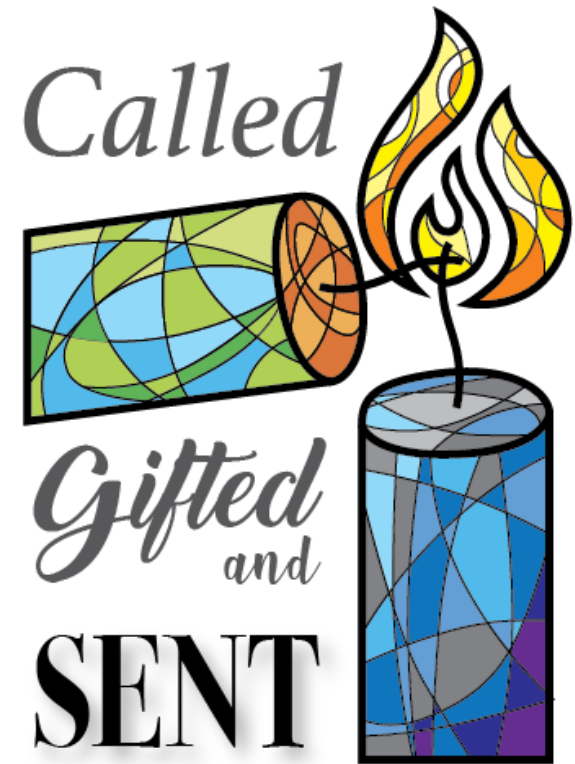




Family Faith Formation
2025-2026



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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Level I: Preschool—Kindergarten (ages 3-6)
The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Faith Formation program that uses the Montessori model to create and facilitate a sacred, “hands-on” space for children called an atrium. Children come to know Jesus, the Good Shepherd, through a deep engagement of Scripture and the Liturgy. During the school year, ages 3-6 children meet most Sundays from 8:45-10:00 am. They also have an opportunity to participate in a Christmas program with the older children.
Level II: Grades 1-2 (ages 6-9)
Continuing with the Montessori model, level II's theme is the True Vine and the Branches. The children learn of God's reign as it unfolds through the History of the Kingdom. The children and catechists are able to hear, ponder and celebrate God's perfect love for us as shown through Scripture, the Liturgy and the Sacraments,. Meeting on most Wednesdays with dinner starting at 6:00 pm and classes from 6:30—7:45pm



Parent Formation

Parent formation nights are typically held on the first Wednesday of the month from 6:00-7:45 pm. This includes a family style dinner making it easy for the whole family to attend. The goal is to help families grow in the transforming love of God and equip them to live out their Catholic Faith. According to the Catholic Church, parents are the primary educators of their children and the first heralds of the faith. Parents will be welcomed by a supportive community and will be invited to participate in a variety of resources including Mass, speakers and retreats.



Grades 3 -7

Meeting on most Wednesdays with dinner starting at 6:00 pm and classes from 6:30-7:45 pm. The students will meet according to specific age/grade groups. We will encourage a desire to learn more about our faith and develop a personal relationship with Christ. The students will use curriculum which has been strategically designed to present the fullness of the faith in a way that can resonate with students today. We incorporate opportunities for service and fun as well.

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



Confirmation formation is geared towards 8th grade and up as a two year program, meeting most Wednesdays from 6:30—7:45 pm. Students will choose a sponsor who can support them on this journey. We will be using the Chosen curriculum along with various speakers, retreats and service opportunities. Students are required to fulfill 10 service hours per year as well.

*First Communion
& Reconciliation*

First Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist

Preparation includes attending your grade level Faith Formation sessions, a few homework opportunities and a parent/child retreat sacrament. Children must be in grade 2 or higher.



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

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

Youth Activities



Youth group is geared towards all those who have been Confirmed, 9th—12th grade. The Youth Group will typically meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6:30—7:45pm with dinner and snack included. We want our youth to feel empowered to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Come, connect, make friends, and become a full participating member of our community.

September 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd <u>Open House!</u> *Canonization of Carlo Actuis :)	8	9	10 Catechist Orientation 6:00—8:15 pm	11	12	13 St. William's Fall Fest 5:00-6:30 pm
14 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Parent Orientation 9:55 – 10:05 a.m. (Parents Only)	15	16	17 Faith Formation: KICK OFF Meet in the Church 6:30 followed by Meet your Catechist & Parent Orientation	18	19	20
21 1st day Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	22	23	24 Meal 6:00-6:30pm 1st Official Class Elementary & Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30- 7:45PM	25	26	27
28 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	29	30				

October 2025

Month of the Most Holy Rosary



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Family Style Meal & Formation 6:00 Rosary Activity –All Together Youth Group Night	2	3	4 Lifeline Mass 6-9:30 pm (Confirmation and High school age)
5 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m. *Pancake Breakfast	6	7	8 Christmas Program practice 5:30pm Meal 6:00-6:30pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	9	10	11
12 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m. Christmas Program practice 10:15 a.m.	13	14	15 MEA Week—No FF	16	17	18
19 NO Preschool Catechesis	20	21	22 Christmas Program practice 5:30pm Meal 6:00-6:30pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	23	24	25
26 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45– 10:00 a.m Christmas Program practice 10:15 a.m. *Trunk For Treats	27	28	29 Christmas Program practice 5:30pm Special Activity: All Saints Party Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM Saints Presentation: Confirmation II	30	31	

November 2025



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 All Saints
2 * Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m. Christmas Program practice 10:15 a.m.	3	4	5 Family Style Meal & Formation 6:00 pm Elementary & Confirmation Faith Formation following the meal Youth Group Night	6	7	8
9 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	10	11	12 Christmas Program practice 5:30 pm Meal 6:00-6:30pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM **Sponsor Night—Confirmation II	13	14	15
16 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m. BINGO	17	18	19 Christmas Program practice 5:30 pm Meal 6:00-6:30 pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45 pm Youth Group Night	20	21	22
23 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m. Christmas Program practice 10:15 a.m.	24	25	26 No FF– Happy Thanksgiving Optional ~Thanksgiving Mass + Pie Social	27	28	29
30 NO Preschool Catechesis 1st Sunday of Advent						

December 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Family Style Meal 6:00 pm Advent Parish Retreat Elementary & Confirmation Faith Formation following meal Youth Group Night	4	5	6
7 2nd Sunday of Advent Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast & Christmas ornament sale	8 *Immaculate Conception	9	10 Christmas Program practice 5:30 pm Meal 6:00-6:30pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	11	12	13
14 3rd Sunday of Advent Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m. Christmas Program prac- tice 10:15 am	15	16	17 Christmas Program practice 5:30 pm Meal 6:00-6:30pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM Youth Group Night	18	19	20 Christmas Program dress rehearsal TBD
21 4th Sunday of Advent Preschool Catechesis *Christmas Program**	22	23	24 No FF – Merry Christmas!	25* Nativity of the Lord - Christmas	26	27
28 NO Preschool Catechesis Happy New Year!	29	30	31			

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

January 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy New Year*	2	3
4 NO Preschool Catechesis	5	6	7 Family Style Meal & Formation 6:00 ~ VIRTUS SAFETY CURRICULIMM NIGHT ~ Elementary & Confirmation Faith Formation following the meal Youth Group Night	8	9	10 Lifeline Mass 6-9:30 pm (Confirmation and High school age)
11 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale	12	13	14 Meal 6:00-6:30pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	15	16	17
18 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	19	20	21 Meal 6:00-6:30pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM Youth Group Night	22	23	24
25 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	26	27	28 Special Activity: Service Project Night or Community sledding event	29	30	31

* Mary, the Holy Mother of God— Holy Day of Obligation. See Bulletin for Mass Times

February 2026



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	2	3	4 Family Style Meal & Formation 6:00 Family Activity—all together Youth Group Night	5	6	7 After 4:00 pm Mass Sell Butter Braids
8 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m. Sell Butter Braids	9	10	11 Meal 6:00-6:30pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM **Sponsor Night Confirmation II	12	13	14 Mardi Gras
15 NO Preschool Catechesis Pres. Day Weekend	16 Presidents Day Confirmation Students— tour Cathedral and Service day	17	18 No FF – Ash Wednesday Families should attend Mass together. See bulletin for Mass times. Confirmation I Poster Boards on Display	19	20	21
22 1st Sunday of Lent Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	23	24	25 All Parish Family Soup Supper Meal 6:00-6:30 pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45 pm	26	27	28

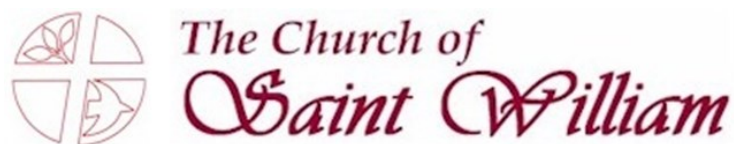
March 2026



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Th	Fri	Sat
1 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	2	3	4 Family Style Meal 6:00 pm Lent Parish Retreat Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	5	6	7 Lifeline Latianmente 11 am—3:00pm (lunch included)
8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.	9	10	11 Parish Wide Soup Supper 6:00 pm (City of Jerusalem)? Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM Youth Group Night	12	13	14
15 NO Preschool Catechesis	16	17	18 - SPRING BREAK— Parish Wide Soup Supper 6:00 pm Dress rehearsal for Living Stations of the Cross 6:3-7:45pm	19	20	21
22 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	23	24	25 *Last Parish Wide Soup Supper 6:00 pm * <u>Families come for Living Stations of the Cross</u> Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	26	27	28
29 PALM SUNDAY Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45- 10:00 am Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt	30	31				

April 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Holy Thurs- day	3 Good Friday <u>Stations of the Cross</u>	4 Easter Vigil Mass 4 pm
5 EASTER SUNDAY No <i>Preschool Catechesis</i>	6	7	8 Meal 6:00-6:30pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM Youth Group Night Confirmation II reflection paper due	9	10	11 <u>RETREATS:</u> Sacraments of Rec. & Com- munion 9am-12 & Confirmation 12-10pm
12 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	13	14	15 Meal 6:00-6:30pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	16	17	18
19 <i>Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.</i> <i>Rite of Sending Mass for Confirmation</i> <i>First Communion Recognition</i> <i>*Pancake Breakfast</i>	20	21	22 Meal 6:00-6:30pm Last Regular Class for Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM Youth Group Night	23	24	25
26 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m. CONFIRMATION - 2pm Cathedral of St Paul	27	28	29 Service Nigh: FMSC 5:00 - 6:30 or 7:15 - 8:45 *First Communion Practice in the Church 6:30-7:45	30		

May 2026



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 <i>NO Preschool</i> <i>Catechesis</i> Sacrament of First Communion	4	5	6 Faith Formation Ending Celebration	7	8	9 <i>Pass out Mother's</i> <i>Day flowers after</i> <i>4pm Mass</i>
10 <i>Pass out Mother's Day</i> <i>flowers after 9 am Mass</i> Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	11	12	13 Catechist Recap (Turn in Materials) & THANK YOU 6:30—8:00 pm	14 * <i>Ascension</i> <i>of the Lord</i>	15	16
17 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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