



The Church of Saint William

2026-2027



Worship



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Family Faith Formation



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 1-3 (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 1—High School

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 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 School

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 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Friendship Day Food, Friends & Games 1:00–5:00	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd <u>Open House!</u>	14	15	16 Catechist Orientation 6:00–8:15 pm	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Parent Orientation 9:55 – 10:05 a.m. (Parents Only)	28	29	30 Parent Orientation and Sacramental parent/catechist meeting 7-8 pm			

October 2026

Month of the Most Holy Rosary



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	5	6	7 Faith Formation Family Kick-off Family Style Meal & Formation 6:00 Elementary & Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	8	9	10
11 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	12	13	14 MEA Week—No FF Confirmation students—research saints	15	16	17
18 NO Preschool Catechesis	19	20	21 Christmas program practice 5:30 Meal 6:00-6:30pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	22	23	24
25 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45- 10:00 a.m <i>*Pancake Breakfast</i>	26	27	28 Christmas program practice 5:30 Meal 6:00-6:30pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	29	30	31 <i>*Trunk For Treats 12-2 pm</i>

November 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	2	3	4 Speaker—Pam Patnode Family Style Meal & Formation 6:00 pm Elementary & Confirmation Faith Formation following the meal	5	6	7 Lifeline Mass 6-9:30 pm (Confirmation and High school age)
8 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	9	10	11 Christmas program practice 5:30 Meal 6:00-6:30pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM **Sponsor Night—Confirmation II Saints Presentation: Confirmation II	12	13	14
15 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	16	17	18 Christmas program practice 5:30 Meal 6:00-6:30 pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45 pm First Rec/Communion preparation—parents 7:15 pm	19	20	21
22 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	23	24	25 No FF– Happy Thanksgiving <i>Optional ~Thanksgiving Mass + Pie Social</i>	26	27	28
29 NO Preschool Catechesis 1st Sunday of Advent	30					

December 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Christmas program practice 5:30 Family Style Meal 6:00 pm Advent Parish Retreat Elementary & Confirmation Faith Formation following meal	3	4	5 Lifeline Lationmente 11 am— 3:00pm (lunch included)
6 2nd Sunday of Advent Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast	7	8 <i>*Immaculate</i> <i>Conception</i>	9 Christmas program practice 5:30 Meal 6:00-6:30pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	10	11	12
13 3rd Sunday of Advent Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	14	15	16 Christmas program practice 5:30 Meal 6:00-6:30pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM First Rec/Communion preparation—parents 7:15	17	18	19 Christmas dress rehearsal 9 am **Christmas Program 5 pm
20 4th Sunday of Advent Preschool Catechesis	21	22	23 No FF – Merry Christmas!	24	25	26
27 NO Preschool Catechesis Happy New Year!	28	29	30 No FF	31		

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

January 2027



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <i>NO Preschool Catechesis</i>	4	5	6 Catechist Connection Night— Catechists only	7	8	9 Lifeline Mass 6-9:30 pm (Confirmation and High school age)
10 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	11	12	13 Family Style Meal & Formation 6:00 ~ VIRTUS SAFETY CURRICULUM NIGHT ~ Elementary & Confirmation Faith Formation following the meal	14	15	16
17 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	18	19	20 Meal 6:00-6:30pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	21	22	23
24 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale	25	26	27 Meal 6:00-6:30pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM First Rec/Communion preparation—parents 7:15 pm	28	29	30
31 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	Mary, the Holy Mother of God January 1st. Holy Day of Obligation. See Bulletin for Mass Times					

February 2027



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Parish Lenten Retreat Family Style Meal & Formation 6:00 Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45 pm	4	5	6 Lifeline Latianmente 11 am—3:00pm (lunch included)
7 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	8	9	10 No FF – Ash Wednesday <i>Families should attend Mass together.</i> <i>See bulletin for Mass times.</i>	11	12	13
14 1st Sunday of Lent NO Preschool Catechesis Pres. Day Weekend	15 Presidents Day	16	17 All Parish Soup Supper Meal 6:00-6:30pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM **Sponsor Night Confirmation II	18	19	20
21 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	22	23	24 All Parish Family Soup Supper Meal 6:00-6:30 pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45 pm First Rec/Communion preparation—parents 7:15 pm	25	26	27
28 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.						

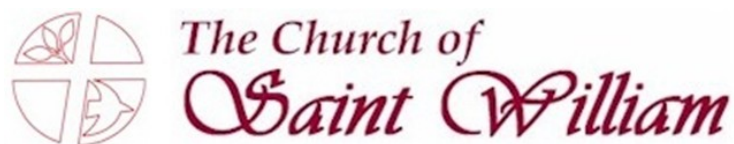
March 2027



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Th	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Family Style Meal & Formation 6:00 Parish Wide Soup Supper 6:00 pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	4	5	6 Lifeline Mass 6-9:30 pm (Confirmation and High school age)
7 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-9:45 a.m.	8	9	10 Parish Wide Soup Supper 6:00 pm No Faith Formation—Spring Break	11	12	13
14 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS NO Preschool Catechesis	15	16	17 Parish Wide Soup Supper 6:00 pm No Faith Formation—Spring Break	18	19	20
21 PALM SUNDAY Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 am Pancake Breakfast	22	23	24 HOLY WEEK—No Faith Formation	25	26	27
28 EASTER	29	30	31 Meal 6:00-6:30pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM First Rec/Communion preparation—parents 7:15 pm			

April 2027



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Lifeline Mass 6-9:30 pm (Confirmation and High school age)
4 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	5	6	7 Family Style Meal 6:00-6:30pm Family Formation Night Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation	8	9	10 Sacramental Retreat
11 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m. Rite of Sending Mass for Confirmation	12	13	14 Meal 6:00-6:30pm Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	15	16	17 Confirmation 10 am Basilica
18 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	19	20	21 Meal 6:00-6:30pm Last Regular Class for Elementary and Confirmation Faith Formation 6:30-7:45PM	22	23	24
25 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m.	26	27	28 Family Service Night *First Communion Practice in the Church 6:30-7:45	29	30	

May 2027



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Sacrament of First Communion NO Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	3	4	5 Ending Celebration 6:00 (pot-luck sides)	6	7	8 <i>Pass out Mother's Day flowers after 4pm Mass</i>
9 Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m. <i>Pass out Mother's Day flowers after 9 am Mass</i>	10	11	12 Catechist Recap (Turn in Materials) & THANK YOU 6:30—8:00 pm	13	14	15
16 Pentecost Preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:45-10:00 a.m. <i>Pancake Breakfast</i>	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					