

Good Shepherd Parish

Faith Formation



Welcome to Good Shepherd and Faith Formation! It is a delight to be a part of this parish and to serve the families and children at our Church.

If you're new to our Faith Formation program—we're excited you're here! We begin our relationship with a one-on-one meeting to get acquainted. Please reach out to either Kim Bowler or me to schedule a time to have this chat.

This year brings new and exciting opportunities; we will explore materials in *Pathways* called "Mend" and "Nourish" that focus on the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. We are also excited to launch Faith Formation Community Gatherings that will provide a casual, welcoming environment for families to come together and enrich their faith through conversation.

Building a solid foundation of our faith starts at home, and *Pathways* does just that through user-friendly at-home family meetings. Many parents have expressed their gratitude for these intimate family moments that have fostered a bond and growth in faith. These will continue, but this year we will also host some of the family meetings at church, to provide support for your family to grow in faith. These will include some introduction to community prayer.

Below is the program schedule for *Pathways* and the schedule for other Faith Formation events.

***Review the requisite events and class schedule on the following two pages. ***

The family-centered class sessions are one hour and fifteen minutes. The sessions occur in three groupings: one for parents, for adolescents, and for younger children, and will be held on Sunday mornings at both St. Zepherin (after the 8:30 am Mass) and St. Ann (before the 10:30 am Mass). As the celebration of the Eucharist is the core of who we are as Catholic Christians, Mass attendance will be part of the requisites for the program.

The Catechist and I are excited to be a part of your family's faith journey, and we look forward to deepening our relationship with Christ and with each other. If you would like to learn more about the program or have any questions, please email me. Thank you and God bless your family.

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Good Shepherd Parish Faith Formation 2026-2027

Faith Formation Event Schedule for Grades 1-8 Families		
DATES & TIMES		EVENT DETAILS
Sat—Sun, Aug 29 & 30th Catechist Mass		Special Blessing for all our catechists on the weekend Masses. At St. Zepherin: 8:30 am Mass & St. Ann: 4:00 pm and 10:30 am Mass.
Saturday, Aug 29 th	5:00-6:30pm	Parent Social Gathering & Faith Formation Kickoff at St. Ann's Hall.
Tuesday, Sept 1 st	7:00-8:00 pm	Catechist Meeting—Pathways check-in at St. Zepherin Parish Center.
Thursday, Sept 3 rd	7:00-8:00 pm	Catechist Meeting—Pathways check-in at St. Ann Hall. Agenda: material pickup, Q&A, CORI form, VIRTUS sign-up.
Sunday, Sept 20 th	Faith Formation Community Gathering	Parish Picnic: Family Meet and Greet! At St. Ann's 11:30-2:00 pm.
Sunday, Oct 11 th	Faith Formation Community Gathering	At St. Ann's Hall from 9:00-10:15 am At St. Zepherin Parish Center from 9:30-10:45 am
Sunday, Nov 1 st	Faith Formation Community Gathering	At St. Ann's Hall from 9:00-10:15 am At St. Zepherin Parish Center from 9:30-10:45 am
Saturday, Nov 14 th	11:00-12:30 pm	Child Safety for children in grades 1 st - 4 th . St. Ann's Hall
Saturday, Nov 14 th	5:30-7:30 pm	Saints' Movie Night & Pizza! St. Ann's Hall
Sunday, Nov 15 th	9:30-10:15 am	Child Safety for children in grades 5 th -8 th . St. Zepherin
Sunday, Dec 6 th	9:30-12:30 pm	Mend Mini-Retreat—Grades 1 st -4 th . St. Ann <u>**Parent(s) with their child(ren). Mandatory Retreats. **</u>
Saturday, Dec 12 th	5:30-7:30 pm	Jesus of Nazareth Movie Night & Pizza! St. Zepherin
Sunday, Dec 13 th	9:30- 1:30 pm	Santa Breakfast (1 st -5 th grade families) St. Zepherin
Sunday, Dec 20 th	11:30-2:30 pm	Mend Mini-Retreat— Grades 5 th -8 th . St. Ann <u>**Parent(s) with their child(ren). Mandatory Retreats. **</u>
Sunday, Jan 3 rd	9:00-1:00 pm	Epiphany Pageant & Brunch! St. Ann Hall/ Church (1 st -5 th grade children)
Sunday, Jan 17 th	Faith Formation Community Gathering	At St. Ann's Hall from 9:00-10:15 am At St. Zepherin Parish Center from 9:30-10:45 am
Saturday, Jan 30 th	10:00-5:00 pm	Confirmation Retreat for 8 th Grade (Mandatory). St. Ann's Hall <u>***Only Children in Year 2 of Confirmation prep.***</u>
Sunday, Feb 21 st	Faith Formation Community Gathering	At St. Ann's Hall from 9:00-10:15 am At St. Zepherin Parish Center from 9:30-10:45 am
Saturday, Mar 13 th	11:00-12:30 pm	Teaching Mass (Mandatory) for Grades 1 st -4 th St. Ann's Church
Sunday, Mar 14 th	1:00-2:30 pm	Teaching Mass (Mandatory) for Grades 5 th -8 th St. Zepherin Church
Sunday, Mar 14 th	Faith Formation Community Gathering	At St. Ann's Hall from 9:00-10:15 am At St. Zepherin Parish Center from 9:30-10:45 am
Sunday, April 4 th	9:30-12:30pm	Nourish Mini-Retreat—Grades 1 st -4 th . St. Zepherin
Sunday, April 11 th	11:30-2:30pm	Nourish Mini-Retreat— Grades 5 th -8 th . St. Zepherin <u>**Parent(s) with their child(ren). Mandatory Retreats. **</u>
Saturday, April 24 th	2:00 pm	Confirmation Ceremony Celebrant (TDB) St. Ann
Sunday, April 25 th	Faith Formation Community Gathering	At St. Ann's Hall from 9:00-10:15 am At St. Zepherin Parish Center from 9:30-10:45 am
Sunday, May 2 nd	Crowning of Mary	At St. Zepherin 8:30 Mass & St. Ann 10:30 am Mass. Children are invited to join the crowning ceremony.
1st First Holy Communion Ceremony Saturday, May 1 st & Sunday, May 2 nd Saturday, May 15 th & Sunday, May 16 th Saturday, May 22 nd & Sunday, May 23 rd		1 st Holy Communion at St. Ann & St. Zepherin weekend Masses. With 4 slots per Mass at 4:00 pm Saturday, 8:30 am, 10:30 am Sunday. *By mid-March, we'll email a link to a Sign-up Genius page. *

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Faith Formation Class Schedule for Grades 1-8 Families

Faith Formation Pathway Curriculum: Mend & Nourish. (Class Times are in addition to Saturday or Sunday Mass Attendance.) Masses are at 8:30am at St. Zepherin and 10:30am, 4:00pm at St. An

Sunday, Sept 13 th Mend: Session 1 (Intro— Celebrate)	Class: 9:30-10:45am Class: 9:00-10:15am	St. Zepherin Parish Center St. Ann Hall
Sunday, Sept 27 Mend: Session 2 <u>(Family Meeting #2)</u>	Class: 9:30-10:45am Class: 9:00-10:15am	St. Zepherin Parish Center St. Ann Hall
Sunday, Oct 4 th Mend: Session 3 (Church Content)	Class: 9:30-10:45am Class: 9:00-10:15am	St. Zepherin Parish Center St. Ann Hall
Sunday, Oct 18 th Mend: Session 4 <u>(Family Meeting #4)</u>	Class: 9:30-10:45am Class: 9:00-10:15am	St. Zepherin Parish Center St. Ann Hall
Sunday, Nov 8 th Mend: Session 5 <u>(Family Meeting #5)</u>	Class: 9:30-10:45am Class: 9:00-10:15am	St. Zepherin Parish Center St. Ann Hall
Sunday, Nov 22 nd Mend: Session 6 (Church Content)	Class: 9:30-10:45am Class: 9:00-10:15am	St. Zepherin Parish Center St. Ann Hall
Sunday, Jan 10 th Nourish: Session 1 (Church Content)	Class: 9:30-10:45am Class: 9:00-10:15am	St. Zepherin Parish Center St. Ann Hall
Sunday, Jan 24 th Nourish: Session 2 <u>(Family Meeting #2)</u>	Class: 9:30-10:45am Class: 9:00-10:15am	St. Zepherin Parish Center St. Ann Hall
Sunday, Feb 7 th Nourish: Session 3 (Church Content)	Class: 9:30-10:45am Class: 9:00-10:15am	St. Zepherin Parish Center St. Ann Hall
Sunday, Feb 28 th Nourish: Session 4 <u>(Family Meeting #4)</u>	Class: 9:30-10:45am Class: 9:00-10:15am	St. Zepherin Parish Center St. Ann Hall
Sunday, March 7 th Nourish: Session 5 (Church Content)	Class: 9:30-10:45am Class: 9:00-10:15am	St. Zepherin Parish Center St. Ann Hall
Sunday, March 21 st Nourish: Session 6 <u>(Family Meeting #7)</u>	Class: 9:30-10:45am Class: 9:00-10:15am (LAST CLASS)	St. Zepherin Parish Center St. Ann Hall