

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 2010-2011



Saint Anne's Parish provides a wonderful and unique place for younger children (ages 3 to 6) to discover the beauty and wonder of God, Jesus, and our Church.

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd was begun in Rome over fifty years ago by Sofia Cavalletti and her Montessori collaborator, Gianna Gobbi, as a method of passing on critical Christian teachings within the Montessori model of child-centered formation. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd can be found in twenty-nine countries around the world.

Through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, we provide children with the opportunity to enter into the life of the Good Shepherd and the People of God. This is an invitation to enroll your child in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd this year.

In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd adults and children share faith together. Participants meet in a specially prepared room called the **Atrium**, the ancient name of the place near the church where early Christians prepared to enter more fully into the community of faith. A slow-paced program of presentations, individual work, song and art leads the child to the possibility of an inner experience of the essence of the Christian faith.

It also makes this program accessible to all children.
We call our activities "**work**" because we want these activities to be taken seriously, yet we recognize that in many ways this work is a way of rejoicing and playing in the spirit.



Becoming involved with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd can be a transforming experience for the whole community.

The smallest child to the wisest elder each has a place in the Atrium. Parishioners help to make materials for our Atrium and we can always use help with sewing, woodworking, and painting from craftspeople and artists in our parish.

The Atrium

In the Atrium, the environment is designated solely for the purpose of drawing closer to God and to each other. The furniture, the materials, the atmosphere is like a *retreat space for children*. The smallest children have the greatest capacity for praying using all of their hearts, minds, hands and active energy. *It is a place filled with silence and with the joyful noises of recognizing the goodness of God.*

In 2010-2011 we will offer
two different sessions of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

Wednesdays
3:00 to 4:30 pm
and
Thursdays
10:30 am to Noon

We invite you to register your child – aged 3 to 6.

Wednesday Sessions

3:00 to 4:30 pm

October 6, 13, 20

November 3, 10, 17

December 1, 8, 15

January 12, 19, 26

February 2, 9, 23

March 2, 9, 23, 30

April 6, 13

May 4, 11, 18

Thursday Sessions

10:30 am to Noon

October 7, 14, 21

November 4, 11, 18

December 2, 9, 16

January 13, 20, 27

February 3, 10, 24

March 3, 10, 24, 31

April 7, 14

May 5, 12, 19



To learn more...

Call Ed Duncklee,
Director of Faith Formation,
at 262-694-0026

or eduncklee@saint-anne.org

Registration Forms – Next two pages

Basic Permission for Participation

I consent to the participation of my child/ward in Saint Anne Parish Faith Formation Ministry. In consideration for my child/ward's participation, I agree to reimburse and indemnify Saint Anne Parish (understood to include the Archdiocese of Milwaukee) for any reasonable court/legal fees incurred by the parish in defending a lawsuit that I or my child/ward may bring against the parish which relates to the above activity if the parish is found not legally liable by the courts and prevails in the lawsuit. If the parish is found legally liable, this paragraph will not apply. *(Prepared by Catholic Mutual Insurance)*

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)

Photo Release Statement

I hereby grant permission to Saint Anne Parish, Pleasant Prairie, WI, to use my child's photo for external publication on the Internet at Saint Anne's website or in any other official printed publications without further considerations, understanding that my child's full name will not be published on the internet.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Materials Fee

In order to defray expenses, we ask each family participating in the Reconciliation process to contribute a **material fee of \$75 with registration**. No one is denied faith formation due to an inability to pay. For fee assistance, call the Faith Formation Office 262-694-0026. Check should be made payable to Saint Anne Parish.

Program Assistance

I would like to assist with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program as an assistant. Print the name of the adult who would like to assist _____

Return completed registration and fee to:

Saint Anne Faith Formation
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Registration Deadline is September 29th or until class is filled