

## **Good Shepherd Faith Formation Program 2023-24**

### **General Information**

**Weekly Mass Attendance and Pflaum Gospel Weeklies** are the foundation of our Faith Formation program.

**1. Registration:**

- a. **Early Registration** is open online from March 7 – April 30, 2023.
- b. **Registration** is open online from May 1 – June 18, 2023

**2. Why Register Early?** There are two distinct advantages to participating in Early Registration:

- a. **One packet of materials for the year** - Families who register and pay their tuition before May 1 will pick up one set of Gospel Weeklies for the year in September 2023 – there will be no additional quarterly pickups required. Families who register on May 1 or later will receive quarterly packets that must be picked up at Good Shepherd throughout the year.
- b. **Tuition Increase** - Families who register and pay their tuition before May 1 will receive the 2022-23 Tuition Charge of \$50/child. On May 1, the Tuition increases to \$60/child.

*\*Your account must be paid in full by April 30 to receive one packet of materials.*

**The Good Shepherd Faith Formation program consists of several elements working together for lifelong Family Faith Formation and the support of parents as the first formers of your children's faith.**

- **Mass Attendance** is at the core of our program. The Mass teaches and reinforces so many aspects of our faith. Completing weekly assignments without attending Mass gives children and teens a disjointed and incomplete experience.
- **Gospel Weeklies** focus on the Sunday Gospel readings and should be completed in as close proximity to Sunday Mass attendance as possible.
- **Classes at Good Shepherd** – your child(ren) will be registered for a Grade Level Class Session which meets on the days/times listed on the Registration Form. **This is not a weekly class**, rather it is a time for the students to gather as a faith community and build upon the Gospel Weeklies lessons they are completing at home.
- **Family Events** will be offered at Good Shepherd throughout the year. These fun family events will offer a variety of activities to support and reinforce the Gospel Weeklies lessons as well as celebrate key moments throughout the year – Mardi Gras, Journey to the Manger, Signs and Symbols of Lent, and more.
- **Monthly Reflection** will be sent via email and completed by each family. This is a chance for you to let us know what is working and what is challenging for your family and how we can better support you in the faith formation program.
- **Parent support meetings** will be provided at certain times both during classroom sessions and on specific evening dates.
- **Sacrament preparation** is provided for students in first grade and above. The program is two years for both First Communion and Confirmation. Children must be in at least first grade to participate in First Communion and at least seventh grade to participate in Confirmation preparation. If your child is signed up for a sacrament program, please realize your child must participate in the Gospel Weeklies program plus additional requirements specific to the sacrament that must be met. More details including requirements will be given to those that are participating in a sacrament program.