

Good Shepherd Faith Formation Program 2024-25

General Information

Weekly Mass and class attendance are the foundations of our Faith Formation program.

Registration:

- a. **Registration** is open online beginning April 14, 2024.
- b. **Tuition** is \$60 per child for the 2024-25 catechetical year. Payment plans are available.

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

- **Mass Attendance** is at the core of our faith. The Mass teaches and reinforces so many aspects of our faith. Attending class without attending Mass gives children and teens a disjointed and incomplete experience of our faith and the grace and mercy of God.
- **Classes at Good Shepherd** – your child(ren) will attend a grade level class which meets weekly. We endeavor to offer you your first choice of day and time.
- **Volunteers** are an integral part of our faith formation program. Sharing your faith with our parish family provides an opportunity to share in the joy of learning about our faith and God's love for us. Please prayerfully consider a weekly commitment to our faith formation program as a catechist, assistant, hall monitor, or administrative support.
- **Family Events** are offered throughout the year. These fun family events offer various activities to support and reinforce the sense of community and catechetical lessons your children are learning in class. There are fun family events to celebrate key faith moments throughout the year – Mardi Gras, Journey to the Manger, Signs and Symbols of Lent, and more.
- **Parent information and support meetings** will be provided at certain times both during classroom sessions and on specific morning or evening dates.
- **Sacrament preparation** is provided for students in first grade and above. The program is two years for both First Communion and Confirmation. If your child is signed up for a sacrament program attendance is a requirement and determines your child's readiness to move to the next level. You and your child must participate in all additional requirements specific to the sacrament. More details, including specific dates and requirements, will be provided to those participating in a sacrament program.
 - First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are celebrated during the second year of preparation.
 - The sacrament of Confirmation is conferred in the fall after the successful completion of the two-year preparation program.
 - Children must be in at least first grade to participate in First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.
 - Children must be in at least seventh grade to participate in Confirmation preparation.
 - Children in sacrament preparation must provide Birth Certificate and Baptism certificate if baptized in another parish.