

# CGS FAMILY

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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**What gifts is the Holy Spirit  
calling me to share with my  
community?**

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# Welcome

## HELLO, CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD FAMILY!

Welcome to our weekly CGS Guide that helps our parish families to grow in knowledge of the faith and deepen our relationship with Jesus as his disciples. As we encounter Jesus, we come to know him, love him, and serve him so that we can be reasonably happy in this life and happy with him forever in heaven.



## *This Week*

### Welcome Holy Spirit

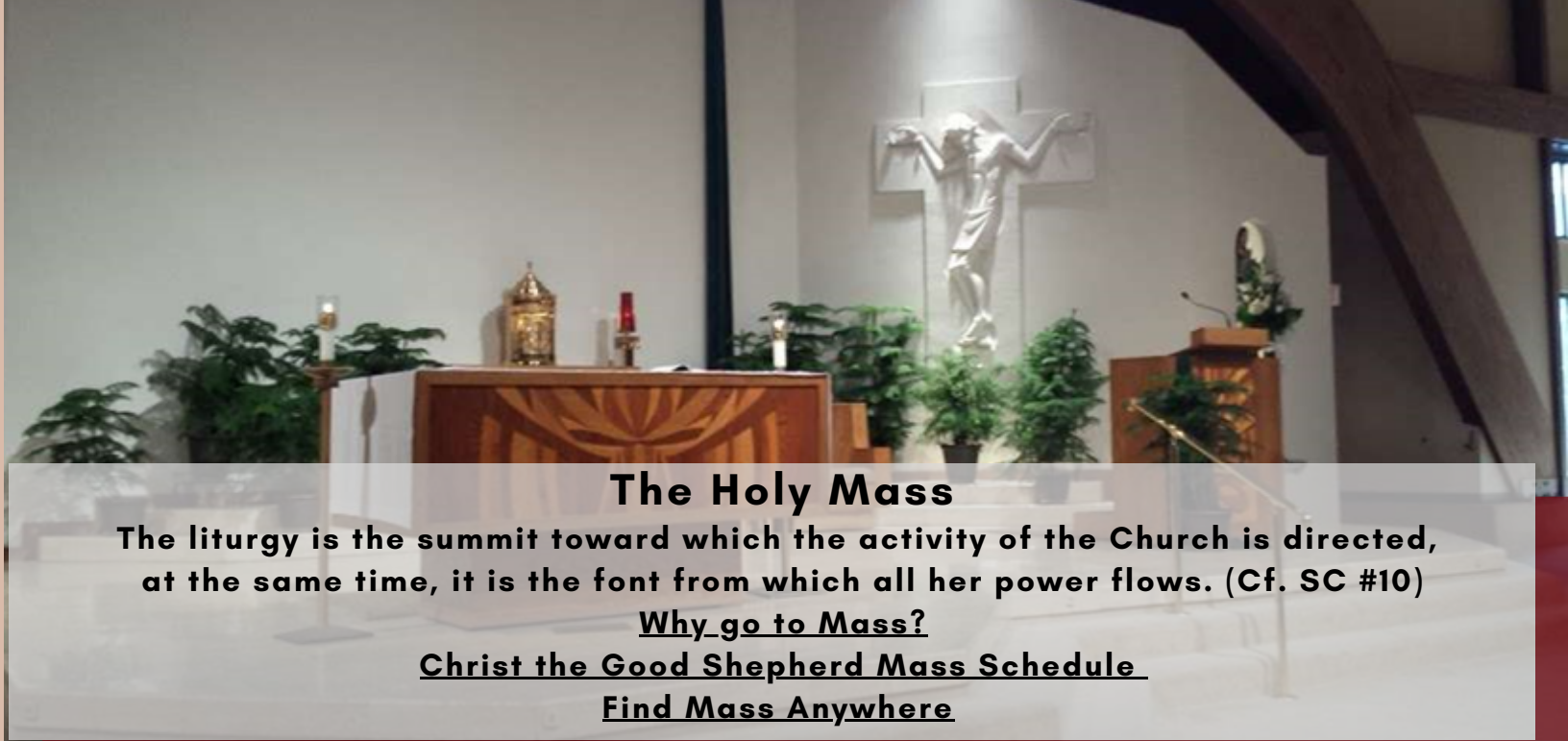
#### HAPPY PENTECOST

What a wonderful gift the Father has sent us today! God's love has been poured into us through the Holy Spirit (CCC#733). Because of the Spirit, our whole being: mind, body, and soul are saturated by the great love of God. When we say "yes" to this love, we are transformed. Father David Michael Moses in his homily on May 16, 2023, referred to this transformation, "The Holy Spirit Christ-a-fies everything." We see this transformation throughout all of salvation history.

The Old Testament, beginning in Genesis we are formed by God and by the power of the breath of life (the Holy Spirit). We are 'Christ-a-fied' because we are formed in the image and likeness of our creator who is pure love. In the New Testament, Mary says yes to God, allowing the Holy Spirit to transform her. Mary is enveloped by Holy Spirit in love, becoming 'Christ- a- fied' and conceives Jesus. The Holy Spirit give her the gift of courage and responds, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoice in God my Savior." (Luke 1:46-47). Pentecost has come. Through wind and fire, He has blown away the old and placed a burning desire in our hearts. The apostles are 'Christ-a-fied' by the fire and gifts given from the Holy Spirit. All the baptized are 'Christ-a-fied' by the Holy Spirit, given their own gifts, and a burning desire to use those gifts for His glory. What gifts is the Holy Spirit calling you to use today?

**Anna Spalding**

**HOW HAVE YOU SEEN GOD PRESENT AND ACTIVE IN YOUR LIFE THIS WEEK?**



## The Holy Mass

**The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed, at the same time, it is the font from which all her power flows. (Cf. SC #10)**

**Why go to Mass?**

**Christ the Good Shepherd Mass Schedule**

**Find Mass Anywhere**

**We come to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ.**

**Pentecost Sunday**

readings and podcasts, Year A

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

**A Message About Mass  
to the Parents  
of Young Children**

**Opening the Word on FORMED  
Reflecting on the Sunday Readings  
Sunday Connection**

**Through the power of the  
Holy Spirit, Jesus is  
personally present with  
us and among us.**

**LEARN MORE!**



**NATIONAL  
Eucharistic  
Revival**



# WE LEARN & BECOME DISCIPLES TOGETHER

## Getting Started

Why are we doing this?

How to manage a group discussion.

All underlined text is linked! Just click!

## HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE



## Question of the Week

What gifts is the Holy Spirit calling me to share with my community?

### CONNECT with our GOD through Prayer

- Let's start with the The Sign of Cross.
- As we gather to share our faith, ask the Holy Spirit to be present. Use your own words or offer a Prayer to the Holy Spirit.
- As someone reads out loud the Gospel for this Sunday, listen to the Lord speaking to you.
- Listen to one other as everyone shares what in the Gospel caught their attention.
- Pray the Collect--opening prayer of Sunday Mass.

### CONNECT with our daily LIVES

How do you feel the Holy Spirit's presences with you? Is it like a rush of wind, a quiet breeze, a burning desire to act?

To be a disciple of Christ,  
**YOU'RE STRENGTHENED BY  
THE SACRAMENTS.**





## CONNECT with Scripture and Tradition

Choose from among the following Scriptures and teachings for reading, prayer, and discussion.

### In the HOLY SCRIPTURE we read:

- Jesus said to the Apostles, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you" - [Acts 1:8](#)
- Gifts of the Holy Spirit - [Isaiah 11:2](#)
- Fruits of the Holy Spirit - [Galatians 5:22](#)

### In the Catechism of the Catholic Church

- The Holy Spirit provides us the an experience of God's presence - [#688](#)
- The Holy Spirit makes present for us the mystery of Christ - [#737](#)
- Confirmation brings a deepening of baptismal grace including an increase/strengthening of gifts of the Holy Spirit in us - [#1303](#)

### Pope Francis general audience March 17, 2021

- The first gift of every Christian existence is the Holy Spirit. It is not one of many gifts, but rather the fundamental Gift. The Spirit is the gift that Jesus had promised to send us. Without the Spirit there is no relationship with Christ and with the Father, because the Spirit opens our heart to God's presence and draws it into that "vortex" of love that is the very heart of God.
- (I)n each of us the Spirit composes original works, because there is never a Christian who is completely identical to another. In the infinite field of holiness, the one God, the Trinity of Love, makes the variety of witnesses flourish: all are equal in dignity, but also unique in the beauty that the Spirit has willed to emanate in each of those whom God's mercy has made his children.

## Discuss

1. How does your relationship with the Holy Spirit strengthen your relationship with God the Father and Jesus Christ? With your families? With your community?
2. In each of us the Spirit composes original works, this includes giving us our spiritual gifts. What are your gifts of the Holy Spirit? How are you using them?
3. How do you honor the gifts the Holy Spirit has given to others?

## WHAT IS THE CHURCH'S TEACHING?

### POINTS OF UNDERSTANDING



Where they come from and ways to use them.

**Want more? Go Deeper!**  
**Commentary by Augustine**

### Reflection Question

What burning desire is the Holy Spirit placing on your heart? How are you called to share this desire with your community?



## CONNECT with OTHERS...

### Living the Gospel with commitment & action.

The Holy Spirit has given each of us gifts and has placed on each heart a way to use them. Bring you gifts to these practical activities to share your gifts with other.

#### Practical Activities



##### *For the Individual – **Ask the Holy Spirit***

As Pope Frances stated, "In each of us the Spirit composes original works, because there is never a Christian who is completely identical to another." We are called to share our uniqueness with the community. This week spend time in prayer asking the Holy Spirit in what ways He has given you gifts to share with your community.



##### *For Couples – **Sponsor Couple for Marriage***

The Sponsor Couple Program is a definitive way to make a difference in another couple's lives as they set out together in marriage. It reflects the values and ideals of marriage as sacred and helps the engaged couple come to that awareness by facilitating discussions between them and to be a mentor to them as they take this major life step. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the parish office.



##### *For the Domestic Church – **Prayer Box***

We are often asked to pray for someone; of course we answer we will. A great way to make sure you honor your promise is to create a prayer box in your home. Have each person write on an index card or slip of paper each request they have received or intention the Holy Spirit has placed on their heart. Place each intention in the box. In the morning have each person draw a card to pray for that day.



##### *Missionary Mindset – **Become a Liturgical Minister***

Liturgical ministry is an excellent opportunity to fulfill your baptismal call of service to one another. Our liturgies utilize the talents and gifts that God has given this community to the fullest extent. Whether participation is through "behind the scenes" preparation and planning or through a public role of service within the Mass, parishioner contributions help our liturgies to be truly life-giving celebrations. To volunteer or for more information on the Liturgical Ministries please [\*\*click here.\*\*](#)

## A Morning of Reflection

June 10, 2023

9:30 AM till Noon

Christ the Good Shepherd PLC



For information  
and registration

## Closing Prayer

- We sign ourselves with the Sign of Cross.
- According to what we reflected on, or whatever is in my heart share a petition. At the end we all say: **Lord hear our prayer.**
- Then we can pray the Our Father, Hail Mary and the Glory be...
- As we finish, let us share a sign of peace with each other.



**"Let us pray that families grow closer together, and together, closer to God." Fr. James**



### Veni Sancte Spiritus

Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
And from your celestial home  
Shed a ray of light divine!  
Come, Father of the poor!  
Come, source of all our store!  
Come, within our bosoms shine.  
You, of comforters the best;  
You, the soul's most welcome guest;  
Sweet refreshment here below;  
In our labor, rest most sweet;  
Grateful coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.  
O most blessed Light divine,  
Shine within these hearts of yours,  
And our inmost being fill!  
Shine within these hearts of yours,  
And our inmost being fill!  
Where you are not, we have naught,  
Nothing good in deed or thought,  
Nothing free from taint of ill.  
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Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour your dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away;  
Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.  
On the faithful, who adore  
And confess you, evermore  
In your sevenfold gift descend;  
Give them virtue's sure reward;  
Give them your salvation, Lord;  
Give them joys that never end.  
Amen. Alleluia.

### AT THE END OF THE LESSON OR END OF THE WEEK

From what you have learned, how would you now answer the Question of the Week?

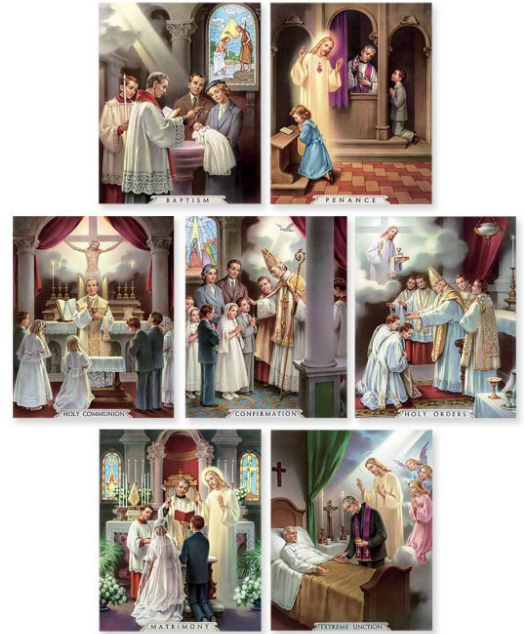
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# WE ARE THE CHURCH

## What Makes us Catholic? The Seven Sacraments

The 7 Sacraments celebrated in the Catholic Church are Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance and Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Matrimony. They are divided into three categories: Sacrament of Initiation, Sacraments of Healing, and Sacraments at the Service of Communion. The sacraments are special signs of God's love and presence, instituted by Jesus. The sacraments join Catholics all over the world with Jesus Christ and with one another. The 7 Sacraments are the most important celebrations of the Church. Each of the sacraments is a sign of God present in our lives.  
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## Word of the Week - Sacraments

The sacraments are "efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us" (CCC 1131). In other words, a sacrament is a sacred and visible sign that is instituted by Jesus to give us grace, an undeserved gift from God and does what they say the will do. For example, in the Baptism Rite the celebrant says, "God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people." this is exactly what Baptism does.

## Faith Groups at CGS



Join a small Faith Group  
or start one of your own!

**Ask us how.**

## Saints of the Month by Jeremy Hearne



Podcast each Tuesday!

## More for your Domestic Church

Find resources for your family, household, or small Faith Group, including how to use this Guide, and much more. [Visit our website](#) OR scan the QR code with your smart phone.



# ADULT & FAMILY MINISTRY

## Adulthood

- Pope Francis// [Catecheses on The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit](#) -- Article
- Bishop Barron // [Understanding the Holy Spirit](#) -- Video (12:02)
- RJ Jacobs, SJ//[Catholic 101: Gifts of the Holy Spirit](#) -- Article
- Bishop Fulton Sheen// [The Holy Spirit](#) -- Audio (29:09)
- Loyola Press// [Gifts of the Holy Spirit](#) -- Article
- The Thomistic Institute//[The Gifts of the Holy Spirit \(Aquinas 101\)](#) -- Video (8:35)



**Catholic Apps**



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Laudate

**Book Suggestions**

## Current Bible Studies

### **A Quick Journey Through the Bible**

Monday Mornings & Wednesday Evenings

## Young Adult Ministry

### **Ages 18-30**

Monday Mornings & Wednesday Evenings  
Other days, times and activities as announced.



## Family Ministry

Your household is where "church" begins. Your parish is here to help you with support, resources, small Faith Groups, and gathered activities on our campus throughout the year. Visit our website or contact us if you need help.

For more ideas on how to build your home as a Domestic Church, go to: [www.domestic-church.com](http://www.domestic-church.com) or visit *The Family Fully Alive*, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, or [Tools for Building a Domestic Church](#) by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

## **Early Adolescence** (Jr.High, Grades 6-8)

**Question: How do I use the gifts of the Holy Spirit with those I encounter?**

- **Grades 5 & 6: "Venture"** by Pflaum Publishing
- **Grades 7 & 8: "Visions"** by Pflaum Publishing.
- Ascension Presents // What Are My Charisms? -- video (22:14)
- Ascension Presents // What it means to be Charismatic -- video (8:32)
- Ascension Presents // What Does the Holy Spirit Actually Do? -- video (9:25)
- Ascension Presents// How to Discover Your Gifts -- video (8:02)
- Ascension Presents // What Pentecost Means for the Christian Life -- video (8:30)

### **Characteristics of Adolescents & Parents Roles**

Early Adolescence

Adolescence



## **Adolescence** (High School, Grades 9-12)

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## Youth Gather at CGS

Middle school and High school meet every Wednesday 7-8:30pm



# CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

## Birth to Age 2

The role of parents at this stage is to model the example of Jesus by offering God's unconditional love to their children and to others. Parents benefit from growing in their own faith so they are able to hand on the faith to the next generation.

New

### Nursery Pages

Gospel of the Week and Activity pages to do with your Toddler and Pre-schooler

## Characteristics of Children & Parents Roles

Early Childhood

Childhood

## Age-Specific Materials

Join a Group of Parents with Young Children--or start one! Inquire at [discipleship@cgscc.church](mailto:discipleship@cgscc.church).

## Early Childhood (Ages 3-5)

**Question: How does the Holy Spirit help you everyday?**

- **Pre - K: "Seeds"** by Pflaum Publishing
- My Time with Jesus//Confirmation and Coming of the Holy Spirit-- Video (22:01)
- Tomkin the Catholic Cowboy//Wisdom I See Through the Eyes of God -- Video (2:00)

## Childhood (Elementary, Grades 1-5)

**Question: How does the Holy Spirit help you everyday?**

- **Grades K-1: "Promise"** by Pflaum Publishing and
- **Grades 2,3 &4: "Good News"** by Pflaum Publishing
- Adventure Catechism // Who is the Holy Spirit--Video (7:59)
- Formed// Hildegard's Gift by Megan Hoyt -- Video (7:49)
- Formed// Time with Jesus -- Audio (4:35)
- Roamin' Catholic// It's the Holy Spirit Calling-- Video (26:42)

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## Catholic Parenting Tips

with Catholic Sprouts

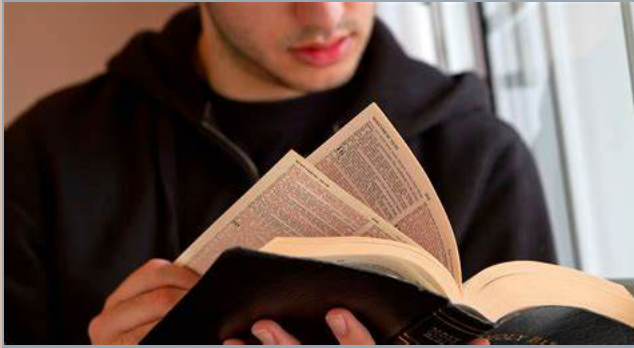
# GENERAL RESOURCES

## The Holy Bible

Online Bible via the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

If you don't know much about the Bible or want to learn more: **Scripture Support**

Catholics use the **New American Bible Revised Edition** (NABRE) as the translation for Mass readings. There are many acceptable versions of NABRE as well as other approved translations. You may purchase from any vendor. Basic editions are available upon request at no charge. Pick one up at the parish office.



## Recommended Print Bibles

These are all by St. Mary's Press: Order directly from the publisher or search online for other vendors.

Catholic Family Connections Bible  
(digital version available)

Catholic Youth Bible (Adolescents & College)  
"Breakthrough" (Early Adolescents // Jr. High)

Catholic Children's Bible

## The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)

Online Catechism via the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

NEW! Simplified version of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

If you don't know much about the Catechism or want to learn more: Catechism Support

## Formed Online

Our parish subscribes to a library of online resources called **Formed**. It is excellent and free for you to use. Register at [formed.org](http://formed.org) - Just click "Sign Up as a Parishioner." Need help? Watch this video.

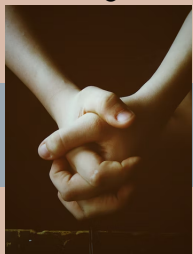
## Counseling & Spiritual Direction

Our parish offers **Rejoice Counseling** for individuals and families for a variety of issues and needs. You may use this online form to contact them directly.

We also offer **Spiritual Direction** for anyone interested in a spiritual companion, discerning God's will in your life. Follow the links or inquire through the parish office.

## Prayers and Praying

Francesca LaRosa // Prayer to the Holy Spirit by Saint Augustin -- Lyric Video (3:24))



Prayer Requests



**Common Prayers and**  
**Formulas to Learn by Heart**

and a chart showing at what  
age level they should be learned.

How to create a prayer table  
or prayer area in your home.

# GENERAL RESOURCES

## Sacred Art to Inspire You

Art throughout the guide

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Page 4 - Mark Jennings//Holy Spirit Paint - Painting



Danny Hahlbohm// The Holy Spirit -- Painting  
More works by Mr. Hahlbohm  
find one [fineartamerica](http://fineartamerica.com)

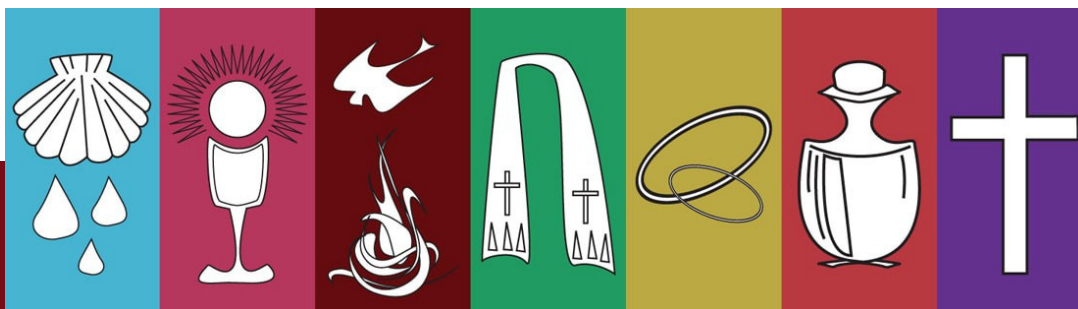
**Using Sacred Art  
to Bring the Faith Alive**  
[Sophia Institute](http://SophiaInstitute.org)



**Sacred Art on Formed**  
Parish subscription free for  
parishioners--register once,  
access all content.  
[Formed.org](http://Formed.org)

## Music to Move You

- Francesca Battistelli// [Holy Spirit \(Official Music Video\)](#)-- Video (4:33)
- Pat Barret// [Hymn of the Holy Spirit \(Official Audio\)](#)-- Audio (5:09)
- Kari Jobe// [Breathe on Us](#)-- Video (4:12)



## Sacramental Information & Becoming Catholic

Visit the sacraments section of our parish website to find everything you need to get started with any sacrament or to inquire about becoming Catholic. Information is being continually updated. Contact [Deacon Stacy Millsap](#) our parish office if you have a question. We are glad to help you!





## Our Vision Statement

Building a community of love and hope by putting our faith into action.

This Guide is produced weekly by our Office of Evangelization and Discipleship for the family of Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic Community.

**"HELPING PEOPLE TO KNOW AND LOVE JESUS CHRIST."**

### How is this Guide working for you and your household?

We want to include your ideas. Share a resource, activity, or picture/video of what you are doing in your Domestic Church.

**For questions, comments, and feedback, please contact us at**  
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