



FAITH FORMATION

Online registration for fall 2025 programming opens on July 1. Below are descriptions of the programs we will offer.

NEW for 2025-2026



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

A Montessori method of formation that utilizes child-directed activities, hands-on learning, and collaborative work. In the atrium—the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd learning space—children grow in friendship with the Good Shepherd while exploring miniature mass vessels and vestments, using interactive maps of the Holy Land, and working with dioramas of Jesus’ parables. The atrium provides children with a quiet, reflective space to ponder our faith, deepen their relationship with the Good Shepherd and gain new insights from highly trained Catechists.

This fall, we will launch Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. Ferdinand, although the exact days and times have not yet been finalized. An atrium at Holy Redeemer is also in development.



EDGE is a youth ministry format for students in grades 6-8. It aims to help middle schoolers deepen their faith and relationship with God through a variety of activities, including large group gatherings, small group discussions, and prayer rather than a classroom format. Edge focuses on providing a safe and fun environment where young people can connect with their faith community and experience Jesus in a personal way.

This fall, we will launch EDGE as our in-person option for grades 6-8 at the following times and locations (following the same schedule as the Weekly Sessions for younger grades):

- Sunday, 9:30-10:45 AM at Holy Redeemer
- Sundays, 11:15-12:45 PM at St. Ferdinand
- Tuesday, 6:30-8:00 PM at St. Ferdinand

Programs You Already Know



Research continues to show that faith is best passed on from parent to child. This program for students in all grades will facilitate this with family-style learning in the comfort of your own home and on your own schedule. Families will be supported by a weekly email from the parish detailing the material to be covered that week and including brief teaching videos explaining the weekly materials and supplemental materials (additional videos, worksheets, and printables).

This program will involve five steps each week, which will be spelled out in each weekly email:

1. **Begin with prayer** – Reciting basic prayers is the easiest way to memorize them.
2. Explore the Sunday Gospel – Follow a simple format to reflect and share what God says to you.

3. **Read and discuss a handful of catechism questions and/or and additional Bible story** – Age-appropriate resources keep the whole family focused on the same topic and able to share what they learn.
4. **Complete the Learning Check In in your email** – A simple Google form that shows your family has completed the week's material.
5. **Conclude with prayer** – Sharing your prayer intentions with each other enhances your bond as a family.



This program involves family-style learning at home using the Faith Formation at Home curriculum supported by monthly in-person family gatherings for students entering grades PreK-5.

At-Home - At home throughout the week, families will read Scripture and catechism questions and pray together.

Family Program Gatherings - Monthly gatherings (9:15-10:45 AM at St. Ferdinand) will focus on living the faith in the home. Activities include:

- Families begin together with light refreshments, Catholic trivia, and family activities.
- Then students go to classrooms with catechists while parents hear a parent presentation and are given time to discuss the content with other parents.
- Families come back together for a final activity and prayer.



Families will continue to have the option to bring their kids to a classroom-style Faith Formation program. Our on-site sessions utilize the Finding God curriculum from Loyola Press and Blessed from Dynamic Catholic, which we will supplement with various resources and activities to make learning fun and age-appropriate, respecting the way kids

learn. Parents will also receive session summary emails telling you what your child learned and giving you simple ways to reinforce the concepts at home.

On-site sessions will meet:

- Sundays, 9:30-10:45 AM, grades K-8 at Holy Redeemer
- Sundays, 11:15-12:45 PM, grades K-8 at St. Ferdinand
- Mondays, 4:45-6:00 PM, grades 1-6 at Holy Redeemer
- Tuesdays, 4:30-6:00 PM, grades K-5 at St. Ferdinand
- Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 PM, grades 1-8 at St. Ferdinand