

# CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD LEVEL 3



Cost:  
\$600

Hosted by St. Malachy-Madrid  
beginning at St. Cecilia-Ames

Dates: July 11-12, 2026  
August 1-2, 15-16, 2026  
Sept 12-13, 2026  
Oct 3-4, 2026  
March 13-14, 2027 \*Additional dates TBD-2027

COURSE NUMBER  
3-00340

- Lunch provided
- Overnight lodging available
- Cost subsidized for Ascension Parish members

[Registration Link for registration form and link to online payment \(or use form below and mail a check\).](#)

## Please return bottom portion for registration:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make checks payable to St. Malachy-Ascension Parish

Mail to: Kelley Grothus-CGS Training-Ascension Parish 915 12th St. Boone, IA 50036  
or bring to the first training

For more information, contact Kelley Grothus 319-321-3281 dre.sm@ascensionboonecounty.org

*CGS is... "a way of being in the presence of God that is both unique to the child and a gift to the adult who stops long enough to notice." -Sofia Cavalletti*

## Formation leader



**Mary Heinrich**

Mary is a recognized formation leader trained in all three levels of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. She has served as a Director of Faith Formation in the Catholic Church for twenty-nine years, as well as a consultant and editor for religious education publishers. She earned a bachelor's degree in religious studies from Mount Mercy College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and a master's degree in Pastoral Studies in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, Missouri. Her husband, Kurt is a permanent deacon and teaches theology at the local Catholic high school, is a Level One catechist, and enjoys making materials for the atrium. When not immersed in CGS, Mary enjoys reading, art and spending time with her family.

### Required reading:

Religious Potential of the Child, 6 to 12 years, Sofia Cavaletti

The History of the Kingdom of God, Part 1 From Creation to Parousia, Sofia Cavaletti (Level 1 text)

The History of the Kingdom of God, Part 2, Liturgy and the Building of the Kingdom, Sofia Cavaletti

Life in the Vine: The Joyful Journey Continues, Rebecca Rojcewicz

The books are available at [www.CGSUSA.org](http://www.CGSUSA.org).



### Formation Course Objectives

To explore with participants the general developmental and religious characteristics of the 9-12 year old child.

To facilitate meditation upon the biblical and liturgical themes of the Catechesis.

To offer guidelines and assistance to catechists in setting up an atrium for 9-12 year olds, preparing an album, and making materials.

To deepen participants' ability to observe and learn from children, while also exploring avenues for deepening parental and congregational ability to observe and learn from children.