

**Saint Catherine Parish
Saint Sebastian Parish**
Child & Youth Faith Formation
August 2017 – June 2018
Registration & Schedules

Faith Formation Classes
(Grades K4 – Grade 6)

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
(Levels 1 / 2 / 3)

Youth Ministry
(Grade 7 – Grade 10)

Families in the parishes of Saint Catherine and Saint Sebastian are encouraged to participate in our variety of faith formation opportunities offered for children, youth, and adults. Families may choose to participate in any program in the parishes whether or not it is your “home” parish.

A combined registration form is attached with this package.

It may be used for any of our faith formation programs.

The Registration Packet is also accessible on the Saint Sebastian website

<http://saintsebastianonline.net/>

Parish-centered sacrament preparation for Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation are separate programs with their own schedules and registration.

Faith Formation Classes for School-aged Children At Saint Sebastian Parish (Grades K4 – Grade 6)

Basic Faith Formation for children involves age-specific classes at Saint Sebastian from 9:00 to 10:30 am on two Sunday mornings each month. This program offers scripture centered catechetical education, supplements of “taking faith home”, regular opportunities for prayer and service to others, and special programs each year for families and individuals. Classes are scheduled to facilitate family participation in one of our Sunday morning liturgies.



K4/K5 will be using the **Allelu!** Series, which centers upon God’s gifts of creation, our relationship with Jesus, and ways we follow God.

Grades 1-6 use the **Finding God** series from Loyola Press. This series, rooted in scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and Catholic Tradition seeks to ground children in the basics of our faith and helps them and their families explore how we can live as loving, faithful followers of Christ. Each lesson in Finding God has an “At Home” lesson, which allows the entire family to experience the lesson.

Family Faith Formation

An essential part of our Family and Youth Formation are the Family Programs, which are intergenerational lessons focused on one topic. We schedule four of these Family Programs each year, usually building upon a core theme or teaching of the Church. Each Family Program involves sharing a meal and take-home lessons for continued learning. All families are expected to participate in the Family Programs.

Adult Formation

In addition to our children’s classes, we support the life-long nature of Faith Formation by offering a **regular series of adult formation sessions** during the time children and youth are in class on Sunday mornings. All parents and other adults are invited to participate and add to the discussion.

Families involved in Faith Formation receive monthly up-dates, Faith Formation information, and articles related to growing in faith.

Contact

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Schedule and Calendar
is on the reverse side

Faith Formation for K4 – Grade 6

Saint Sebastian Parish 2017 – 2018

Unless noted, Faith Formation Classes meet from 9:00 to 10:20 am

August

Sunday - 27th 9 am **Faith Formation Orientation in Church Hall**

September

Sunday – 10th 9 am FF Class

Sunday – 24th 9 am FF Class

October

Sunday – 1st 4:30 pm **Family Program in Church Hall**

Sunday – 8th 9 am FF Class

Sunday – 22nd 9 am FF Class

November

Sun – 5th 9 am FF Class

Sun – 19th 9 am FF Class

Mon – 27th 6 pm **Family Program in Church Hall**

December

Sun – 3rd 9 am - Noon Breakfast with Saint Nick in Church Hall

Sun – 10th 9 am FF Class

January

Sun – 7th 9 am FF Class

Sun – 21st 9 am FF Class

February

Sun – 4th 9 am FF Class

Wed – 14th 6 pm **Ash Wednesday Family Program in Church Hall**

Sun – 18th 9 am FF Class

March

Sun – 4th 9 am FF Class

Sun – 11th 4:30 pm **Family Program in Church Hall**

Sun – 18th 9 am FF Class

April

Sun – 8th 9 am FF Class

Sun – 22nd 9 am FF Class

May

Sun – 20th 9 am **Family Program in Church Hall**

June 11th to 19th

Vacation Bible School

Youth Ministry - Grades 7 to 12

Combined Ministry for Saints Catherine and Sebastian

Youth Ministry for Saint Catherine and Saint Sebastian Parishes involves helping students in grades 7-12 grow in their faith through education, participation in Mass, and community engagement.

Youth Ministry classes are offered from September through May in two age groups, Grades 7-8 and 9-10. The students meet one Sunday morning (9:00 to 10:30) a month and one Sunday evening each month. During the Sunday evening meeting the youth gather and serve as greeters, readers, cantors and ushers at 6:00 p.m. Mass, eat a light meal, and then have class.

Youth Ministry provides our youth with programs and activities all year long which provide fun, service, and faith opportunities.

Service opportunities for youth and families are offered throughout the year.

Some of our on-going outreach opportunities include:

- Saint Vincent de Paul Meal Program,
- Service at parish events
- Child care during Advent programs
- Community service to Seniors
- Vacation Bible School one week in June
- Reach In-Reach Out Mission each summer
- Days of Caring in the neighborhood

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Families involved in Youth Ministry receive monthly up-dates, formation information, and articles related to growing in faith.

Contact

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Youth Ministry Calendar 2017-2018

Saint Sebastian & Catherine Parishes

August

Wednesday – 23rd 6:30 pm **Youth Ministry Orientation in Church Hall**

September

Sunday – 10th 9 am YM Class
 Sunday – 24th 6 pm YM Liturgy & Class

October

Sunday – 1st 4:30 pm **Family Program in Church Hall**
 Sunday – 8th 9 am YM Class
 Sunday – 22nd 6 pm YM Liturgy & Class

November

Sun – 5th 9 am YM Class
 Sun – 19th 6 pm YM Liturgy & Class
 Mon – 27th 6 pm **Family Program in Church Hall**

December

Sun – 3rd Morning Breakfast with Saint Nick in Church Hall
 Sun – 10th 9 am YM Class
 Sun – 17th Afternoon **Advent Fun Day in School Cafeteria**

January

Sun – 7th 9 am YM Class
 Sun – 21st 6 pm YM Liturgy & Class

February

Sun – 4th 9 am YM Class
 Wed – 14th 6 pm **Ash Wednesday Family Program in Church Hall**
 Sun – 18th 6 pm YM Liturgy & Class

March

Sun – 4th 9 am YM Class
 Sun – 11th 4:30 pm **Family Program in Church Hall**
 Sun – 18th 6 pm YM Liturgy & Class

April

Sun – 8th 9 am YM Class
 Sun – 22nd 6 pm YM Liturgy & Class

May

Sun – 20th 9 am **Family Program in Church Hall**

June 11th to 19th

Vacation Bible School

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

At Saint Catherine Parish

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based approach to the religious formation of children, rooted in Sacred Scripture, liturgy, and respect for the child's rich relationship with God. Central to CGS is the atrium, a room containing beautiful materials that focus the child's attention on key scripture passages or liturgical moments. The word "catechesis" is often defined as oral instruction given to catechumens (those preparing for baptism). It is from a Greek word, related to the word "to teach," and means "resounding" or "echoing down." It refers to the passing on of the truths of our faith.

The Atrium (or "Beautiful Place") is the place of preparation for this Montessori classroom style and it is prepared for the children to move about, touch materials, discover and develop a relationship with Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Saint Catherine has three dedicated Atrium located within Saint Catherine School.

After an introduction by the catechist, the children are invited to work with a material on their own to continue their meditation. Because children learn by using their hands, working with materials allows them to enter more deeply into meditation, nurturing their relationship with God.

At Saint Catherine we offer all three levels of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

- Level 1 (ages 3-6) Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am
- Level II (ages 6-9) Monday evenings at 6:15 pm
- Level III (ages 9-12) Monday evenings at 6:15 pm



All age levels focus on the life of Christ, the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, and on a range of parables. In Level One for ages 3-6 the heart of the Catechesis is the parable of the Good Shepherd, who knows his sheep by name and keeps them safe. For the 6-9 year old child in Level Two, the focus is on the moral parables and the image of the True Vine: "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing." In Level Three the 9-12 year old child focuses on the history of salvation, God's plan in history, and our response to God's generosity. Level III also adds the Hebrew Scriptures.

In addition to our regular Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes, families also participate in our series of Intergenerational Formation Programs. Families also receive monthly up-dates, Faith Formation information, and articles related to growing in faith.

Contact

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Saint Catherine Parish + 2017-2018

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd meets in our Atrium located in Saint Catherine School

Orientation & Welcome Pot-Luck Dinner – Monday September 11th at 6:15 pm

Level One – Sunday Mornings (8:45 to 10:15)	Level Two & Three – Monday Evenings (6:15 to 8:00)
September 17 th	September 18 th
September 24 th	September 25 th
October 1 st	October 2 nd
October 1st Family Program 4:30 pm	At Saint Sebastian
October 8 th	October 9 th
October 22 nd	October 23 rd
October 29 th	October 30 th
November 5 th	November 6 th
November 12 th	November 13 th
November 19 th	November 20 th

“Advent” Family Program at Saint Sebastian – Monday, November 27th at 6:00 pm

December 3 rd	December 4 th
<i>December 10th Celebration of</i>	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe at Saint Catherine</i>
December 10 th	December 11 th
December 17 th	December 18 th

January 7 th	January 8 th
January 14 th	January 15 th
January 21 st	January 22 nd
January 28 th	January 29 th

Ash Wednesday is February 14th

February 4 th	February 5 th
February 11 th	February 12 th
February 25 th	February 26 th
March 4 th	March 5 th
March 11 th	March 12 th
March 11th Family Program 4:30 pm	At Saint Sebastian
March 18 th	March 19 th

Living Stations of the Cross at Saint Catherine – Monday, March 26th at 6:15 pm

Easter is Sunday, April 1st

April 15 th	April 16 th
April 22 nd	April 23 rd
May 6 th	May 7 th

Closing Pot-Luck Dinner – Monday May 14th at 6:15 pm

May 20th – Family Program at Saint Sebastian

Registration Information
(Please PRINT all information):

Student's Name _____ Male or Female

Grade in Sept 2017 ____ School Attending _____

Date of Birth _____

Program (circle one) K-6 Faith Formation Youth Ministry Catechesis Good Shepherd

Has this student been Baptize in the Catholic Church? Yes No

Has this student celebrated First Communion? Yes No Reconciliation? Yes No

Does this student have any Special Needs / Allergies? Please explain briefly.

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Photo Release

I hereby grant permission to Saint Sebastian & Catherine Congregations, Milwaukee, WI, to use my child's photo for external publication on the Internet at Saints Sebastian or Catherine's websites or in any other official printed publications without further considerations, understanding that my child's full name will **not** be published on the Internet.

Parent's Signature

Date

FEES

Amount

\$110.00 for one child	_____
\$190.00 for two children	_____
\$240.00 for three or more children	_____
Deduct SCRIP Credit if applicable	_____
Discount for Full Payment by August 27 th	_____ - \$25
TOTAL	_____

Faith Formation fees are designed to defray part of the cost of materials and programs.

No one is denied Faith Formation due to an inability to pay fees.

If there is a concern, please contact Ed Duncklee, Sandra McCabe, or Father Larry to discuss reductions, special arrangements, or wavier of fees.

Please note that there are separate registrations and fees for Reconciliation/First Eucharist and Confirmation.

Registrations and at least ¼ payment of Faith Formation fees are due by August 27th.

Registrations paid in full by August 27th may deduct a \$25 discount.

There will be a \$10 late fee assessed after September 15th.

Choose one of the following payment methods:

- Fee paid in full with registration by August 27th (Deduct \$25 discount)
- Two (2) equal payments...August 27th and January 15th
- Four (4) equal payments...August 27th, October 15th, January 15th, and March 15th

Please make checks payable to either Saint Sebastian or Saint Catherine Parish and remit to the parish Faith Formation Office by August 27th. Registration forms and payments can also be placed (in a sealed & marked envelope) in the Collection Basket at any Sunday Mass.

Please read, sign and return all documents to either:

- Saint Sebastian Parish, 5400 W. Washington Blvd., Milwaukee 53208
- Saint Catherine Parish, 5101 W. Center St., Milwaukee 53210