

Child Faith Formation

St. Catherine Parish
St. Sebastian Parish
2021 - 2022

August 11, 2021

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Faith Formation Classes

Grades K4 – 5

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Ages 3-12 (Levels 1 / 2 / 3)

Families in the parishes of St. Catherine and St. 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 either parish 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 St. Sebastian website.

Note: Parish sacrament preparation for Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation are separate programs with their own schedules and registration. See the website for details.

Faith Formation Classes

School-aged Children (Grades K4-5)

Held at St. Sebastian Parish

Program Objectives:

Basic faith formation for children involves age-specific classes at St. Sebastian from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. on approximately two Sunday mornings each month. Classes are scheduled to facilitate family participation in one of our Sunday morning liturgies.

This program offers:

- Scripture-centered catechetical education
- Supplements to take faith home
- Regular opportunities for prayer and service to others
- Special programs for families and individuals.

Resources:

- K4/K5 uses the **Allelu!** Series, which centers upon God's gifts of creation, our relationship with Jesus, and ways we follow God.
- Grades 1-5 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 session has an "At Home" lesson, which allows the entire family to expand the experience.

Family Faith Formation

An essential part of our formation program are the family sessions, which are intergenerational lessons focused on one topic. We have scheduled five of these family programs this year, building upon the liturgical calendar and core themes or teachings of the Catholic Church. Each family program involves a fun activity, sharing in community, take-home resources or material for continued learning. All families are expected to participate in the family programs. We hope these sessions are scheduled in a manner that will allow families from both parishes to participate. Family resources for formation at home are always available, please contact any formation minister. The cost of these sessions are included in the registration fee.

Adult Formation

We support the life-long nature of Faith Formation by offering adult formation sessions during the time children are in class on Sunday mornings. All parents and other adults are invited to participate and add to the discussion. These sessions include topical faith formation education, dynamic speakers, and small group discussions. We strongly recommend that adults attend these sessions, they are held on one Sunday a month. With no fee to attend, we hope that the Adult Formation opportunities fit in your schedule. There will be additional opportunities for adult formation coming as well. Please keep watch for those details or contact Jon Metz. jmetz@saintsebs.org

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

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2021 – 2022 Faith Formation for K4 – Grade 5

Location: St. Sebastian unless noted otherwise

October

Sunday – 3	9:00 am	FF Class (Adult Formation)
Sunday – 17	9:00 am	FF Class
Saturday – 30	10-11:30am	Family Program – Celebrating Saints

November

Sunday – 7	9:00 am	FF Class (Adult Formation)
Sunday – 21	9-10:15am	Family Program – Advent in the Home

December

Sunday – 5	9:00 am	FF Class (Adult Formation)
Sunday – 19	9:00 am	FF Class
Sunday – 19	12-2:00 pm	Advent Fun Day (details on parish website)

January

Sunday – 9	9:00 am	FF Class (Adult Formation)
Sunday – 23	9:00 am	FF Class

February

Sunday – 6	9:00 am	FF Class (Adult Formation)
Sunday – 20	9:00 am	FF Class

March

Ash Wednesday– 2	TBD	Family Program– Preparing for Lent
Sunday – 6	9:00 am	FF Class (Adult Formation)
Sunday – 20	9:00 am	FF Class

April

Sunday – 3	9:00 am	FF Class (Adult Formation)
Sunday – 10	TBD	Family Program- Holy Week
Sunday -24	9:00am	FF Class

May

Sunday – 15	9:00am	Family Program – Keeping the Spirit Alive
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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Ages 3-12

Held at St. Catherine Parish



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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. 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.

Central to CGS is the Atrium, a room containing beautiful materials that focus the child's attention on key scripture passages or liturgical moments. Children are encouraged to move about, touch materials, discover and develop a relationship with Jesus, the Good Shepherd. St. Catherine has three dedicated Atriums located within the St. Catherine School building. These sessions will begin September 26th, the kids will gather regularly each Sunday, except on holiday weekends. Contact the catechists directly with any questions. (Emails are below)

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

- Level 1 (ages 3-6) Sunday Mornings at 8:45 a.m.
- Level II (ages 6-9) TBD based on registrations
- Level III (ages 9-12) TBD based on registrations

All age levels focus on the life of Christ, the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, and on a range of parables. For the youngest learners in Level One, 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 Three also adds the Hebrew Scriptures. Because children learn by using their hands, working with materials allows them to enter more deeply into meditation, nurturing their relationship with God.

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Contact

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St. Sebastian & St. Catherine 2021 - 2022 Faith Formation Registration

Family name

Father

Mother

Address

City

Zip

Email address(es) **(We use email as our primary communication, so please provide an active account/s)**

Primary Phone

Cell Phone/s

To what parish/church do you belong?

Are you a registered parish member? Yes No

Child/ren lives with

Both Parents

Mother

Father

Participation Commitment

Those involved engage and take ownership of that ministry. There are opportunities to serve in both this specific ministry and in the wider parish community. Service and active participation are essential parts of membership. In your registering for Faith Formation, you are making a commitment to participate, to be a part of our Family Programs, to be faithful in attendance, and to share your time in service to the community. At our Orientation, we will share specific needs and expectations. **We ask that you sign this intent to participate as part of your family registration.**

We understand that our registration involves family participation:

Enter your name as commitment to participate

Photo Release

I hereby grant permission to St. Sebastian & Catherine Congregations, Milwaukee, WI, to use my child's photo for external publication on the Internet at St.s 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

Enter your name for authorization of Photo Release

Student Information

Student #1 Name Female Male

Grade in Sept 2021 School Attending

Program (Choose one) Birth Date

Has this student been Baptized in the Catholic Church? Yes No Reconciliation? Yes No

Has this student celebrated First Communion? Yes No

Does this student have any special needs or allergies? Yes No **Briefly Describe**

Student #2 Name Female Male

Grade in Sept 2021 School Attending

Program (Choose one) Birth Date

Has this student been Baptized in the Catholic Church? Yes No Reconciliation? Yes No

Has this student celebrated First Communion? Yes No

Does this student have any special needs or allergies? Yes No **Briefly Describe**

Student #3 Name Female Male

Grade in Sept 2021 School Attending

Program (Choose one) Birth Date

Has this student been Baptized in the Catholic Church? Yes No Reconciliation? Yes No

Has this student celebrated First Communion? Yes No

Does this student have any special needs or allergies? Yes No **Briefly Describe**

When form is complete; "save as", your last name, and email that copy to mlee@saintsebs.org when paying on line

When delivering this form, save and print a copy to hand in to Parish office along with payment.

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

Total amount due: _

Would you like to provide an additional donation: Yes / No Amount:

Total amount paid today: _

*<https://saintsebastianonline.weshareonline.org/>
FaithFormation*

Remaining balance: _

Office use only

Amount Owed	Paid	Date	Balance

Program Fees

Faith Formation fees are designed to defray part of the cost of materials and programs. The fees are a necessity for the programs to occur, however we are committed to providing catechesis to all families, no matter the ability to pay. No one is denied Faith Formation due to an inability to pay fees. If there is a concern, please contact one of the Faith Formation Ministers or Father Peter Patrick to discuss reductions, special arrangements, or waiver of fees.

Fees are the same for Catechesis of Good Shepherd and K4-5 Faith Formation

- \$100.00 for one child
- \$200.00 for two children
- \$250.00 for three or more children

Please note:

- Registrations and at least one-fourth payment of fees are due by September 12
- Registrations paid in full by September 12 may deduct \$25 from the total.
- SCRIP credit, if applicable, may be applied to reduce fee. See <http://bit.ly/SebsScrip> for details.
- Registrations and fees for Reconciliation/First Eucharist and Confirmation are separate from this process.
- If you need financial assistance, please reach out to the Faith Formation Minister or Father Peter Patrick to discuss payment options.

Payment Logistics

By Check - Please make checks payable to either St. Sebastian or St. Catherine Parish and send to the parish Faith Formation office by September 12. Registration forms and payments also can be placed in a sealed and marked envelope in the collection basket at any Sunday Mass.

Online – Secure credit card payments are available at <http://bit.ly/PayFF>.

Families may choose one of the following payment plans:

- Fee paid in full with registration by September 12 (Deduct \$25 discount)
- Two equal payments: October 15 and January 14
- Four equal payments: October 15, November 19, January 14, and March 18

Please read, sign and return all documents to either:

St. Sebastian Parish, 5400 W. Washington Blvd., Milwaukee 53208

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For ongoing updates, stay connected to www.SaintSebastianOnline.net and www.facebook.com/StSebsMKE