



*Good Shepherd R.C. Church  
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Dear Faith Formation Families:

As we prepare for September and close out the previous year we would like to thank you for your support of our Faith Formation program. We are pleased to be working in partnership with you to fulfill this awesome responsibility. Parents as the foremost teachers of their children are the primary example of how to live the faith. The weekly celebration of the Eucharist and Word is central to preparing our children for a life full of meaning, purpose and worship of God. Therefore, to strengthen our community families are strongly urged to participate in the weekend Eucharist and be involved in the life of the parish.

Consistent and grade sequential attendance is also an important facet of faith formation. Since we only meet for 15 classes for a total of 25 hours class presence is critical. There is an expectation upon enrollment that students will attend **all classes**. If your child misses 3 or more classes you will be asked to meet with the pastor to discuss your commitment to the program. Please visit the website for more information [www.goodshepherdrc.org](http://www.goodshepherdrc.org).

If your child misses class or leaves early they will be assigned make-up work which will be due the following class. You will be asked to stop by the church to pick up the make-up work and have your child complete the assignment at home. Please see make-up assignment by grade:

Grade 1 - page(s) from workbook and/or handouts  
Grades 2- 6 - Pflaum Gospel Weeklies and/or handouts  
Grade 7 and 8 - Gospel reflection (as taught in class)

Moreover, with the desire to have a strong community rich in faith and participating in the Eucharist, each class will be assigned a Mass. At the Mass the children will be fully engaged as greeters, lectors, ushers and in the Offertory

procession. The class Mass will be in addition to their Faith Formation classes and will be included on the schedule. If your child is absent for their class Mass they will be assigned to another group. In addition, all children will be encouraged to join the following ministries: altar servers, choir and lectors.

Attached is the registration form and class schedule for next year. The class Mass schedule will be emailed in August. You are asked to please complete the form and return with payment to the parish no later than **JULY 15<sup>th</sup>** as this deadline allows us to plan and anticipate for September.

Please see the table below for faith formation class day/time.

DAY	GRADE	TIME/CCD Session CODES
SUNDAY	1,2,3,4	8:45am - 10:05am (S1)
	1,2,3,4,5	10:15am - 11:35am (S2)
MONDAY	1,2,3,4	4:30pm - 5:45pm (M1)
	3,4,5,6	6:00pm - 7:15pm (M2)
TUESDAY	5,6,7,8	5:15pm - 6:30pm (T1)
	5,6,7,8	6:45pm - 8:00pm (T2)

**\*\*CONFIRMATION IS A SEPARATE REGISTRATION FORM\*\***

Lastly, we would like to invite parents to be involved in our program through volunteering their time and gift of faith as catechists or co-catechists. If you participate in the celebration of the Eucharist and have a desire to share your faith with our parish children we would appreciate your assistance in the faith formation program. Class materials and support will be provided. As an incentive and show of gratitude your registration fee will be waived.

If you have any questions or concern please contact the Faith Formation office.

Many blessings,

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