



Dear Parents,

Blessings to you and your family! You may be aware that your preschool child will be experiencing Catechesis of the Good Shepherd once a week during their normal preschool day. The children meet in a room prepared for them called an atrium with a trained catechist and assistant. Children and the catechists hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Christian faith. The Catechist proclaims the message of Jesus to children by presenting His parables in a hands-on environment. Much joy and prayer are enjoyed by all. You might hear your child sing new songs and be more interested in Mass as the year progresses. Your child's preschool class is split into two groups to come to the atrium. The smaller class size allows for specialized attention and an environment of quiet and contemplation. The CGS class time is about one hour each week.

Preschool CGS is the religion curriculum alongside the preschool teacher's larger faith formation plan. This summer we hired several trained and experienced catechists in the method.

Miss Mary Ann's class meets on Mondays with catechists Jill Fink and Bri McCaffrey with Erica Hernandez assisting.

Mrs. Pick's class meets at 11:40am on Monday and Tuesday with catechist Bri McCaffrey

Mrs. Molenaar's class meets on Tuesday with catechists Chantell Durkes and Bri McCaffrey with Rachael Wratkowski assisting.

Miss Anna's class meets on Thursday with catechist Jenn Turner

Mrs. Sawyer's class meets on Friday with catechist Katy Jantscher

Your child's class will have their preschool aid in the classroom. You may also hear about another assistant in the atrium as we have several volunteers who are either in training to be catechists and are getting experience or love the ministry and want to assist the children.

For more information, please reach out to Jill Fink, Director of Discipleship at (651) 633-1540 ext. 1280 or finkj@stjohnnyb.org



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