



**Christ the Good Shepherd Parish**  
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## **Faith Formation Program 2026-2027**

### **General Overview of Catechetical Year**

Sessions begin Monday September 21, 2026 and end Monday May 10, 2027.

Individual sessions take place on Monday evenings from 5:30-7:00 pm. Our program follows Lincoln Park Public Schools calendar for days off.

### **General Expectations, Attendance Policy, and Cancellation Policy**

Families must be registered members of a parish. They should have regular practice of joining the parish community for Sunday Mass.

Drop off/Pick up: Students should not be dropped off before 5:20 pm and must be picked up by 7:10 pm.

### **Correspondence Policy**

When registering, please provide a valid email address and mailing address. Individual correspondence, general updates, and emergency class cancellations are done through email.

### **Registration and Payment Information**

- To register for Faith Formation classes, submit one registration form per family.
- Families with outstanding balances must rectify the balance before student(s) are registered. Registration will be on hold until the balance is resolved/arrangements are made.
- Families transferring from another faith formation program should have the Director of Religious Education from the parish they are transferring from contact the CGS Director of Religious Education (DRE).

**The last day for registration will be Monday October 5, 2026.**

#### **Faith Formation Rates**

1 child	\$80
2 children	\$110
3 or more children	\$140

#### **Sacrament Preparation Fees (if applicable)**

Level 2 (2FE): First Holy Communion	\$40
Level 8 (2CON): Confirmation	\$70

These sacramental prep fees cover additional materials and a retreat fee (Confirmation only).

Financial difficulties: no child will be refused faith formation due to the family's inability to pay. If there is a problem, this needs to be discussed with the Coordinator of Faith Formation and/or the Pastor. All information shared is kept confidential.

### **Sacrament Preparation Policy**

Preparation for First Holy Communion: this is a two-year program (Level 1 and Level 2). Please be sure to provide a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate. There will be at least one mandatory parent meeting as part of the preparation for your child's First Holy Communion.

Preparation for Confirmation: this is a two-year program (Level 1 Confirmation and Level 2 Confirmation). Please provide a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate and First Holy Communion certificate. There will be at least one mandatory parent meeting as part of the preparation for your child's Confirmation. Candidates will be required to participate in a retreat with their sponsors.

Older children: if your child has not received a sacrament, please discuss with the DRE. They will be enrolled in the OCIC program (Order of Christian Initiation of Children) and will receive formation and preparation for the sacraments needed to be "caught up" with their age group. Depending on the student/situation, this can take 1 to 2 years. These sacraments are typically received at the Easter Vigil Mass. We reserve the right to delay reception of a sacrament if the student is assessed to be in need of further formation.

### **Archdiocesan Safe Environments Program for Children (Empowering God's Children)**

Per Archdiocesan policy, we are required to present lessons from the Archdiocese of Detroit Safe Environments program for school age children annually. Parents/guardians may view the lesson plans. They also have the right to opt out their child(ren) from the program.

### **Participation in Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Sports Program**

St. John Paul II Sports Program is open to all children in the parish. Faith Formation families must be registered prior to the onset of any season and never later than the beginning of classes. CYO sports require that they be registered and attend classes every week. Questions regarding CYO Athletics are handled through the JP II Athletic Director.

**CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH**  
**2026-2027 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FORM**  
**Monday Evenings 5:30 -7:00 pm**  
*Please write clearly and fill out ALL information*

**Family Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parish currently registered:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father:** \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Work #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Address if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother:** \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Work #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Address if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to Child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_ **(CANNOT BE PARENTS/GUARDIANS)**

**List all children registering and indicate what sacraments they *HAVE ALREADY* received and where**

Child's First and Last Name	DOB	School Grade	Baptism Date & Church	First Communion Date & Church

**Any special challenges or considerations** we should be aware of? (medical, reading difficulties, ADD, food allergies, etc.) Information is kept private and confidential. It helps the catechist be of best service to your child. (Use back if needed) \_\_\_\_\_

If you ***DO NOT*** want a photograph posted of your child in our parish media (*social media, bulletin, poster...*) you must sign & date here. **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate how you can share your time/talents in the Faith Formation Program:**

Hall Monitor: \_\_\_ Catechist: \_\_\_ Catechist Aide: \_\_\_ Substitute: \_\_\_

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Tuition Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + Sacrament Fee (if applicable): \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL DUE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Amount Paid	Cash	Check #	Rec #	Balance Due

**Christ the Good Shepherd Parish  
Faith Formation  
Pick Up Authorization  
2026-2027**

Name of Child	Level

I hereby inform the Christ the Good Shepherd Parish Faith Formation Program that the people listed below are authorized to pick up the above named child(ren) at any time.

**AUTHORIZED PICK-UP PERSON(S):**

Name	Relation to Child(ren)	Phone Number

I understand that:

- Parents/guardians must inform CGS Faith Formation Office through phone call or email of the name of the person who will be authorized to pick up the child(ren).
- The “Authorized Pick-Up Person(s)” ***must be at least 18 years old*** and may be asked to show photo ID to the DRE, catechist, or catechist aide.
- This authorization shall remain in force for the duration of the applicable catechetical year until edited or rescinded ***in writing***.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent/Guardian Signature*

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*Date*

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*Parent/Guardian Signature*

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*Date*