

# **PreK (ages 4-5) and Grades 1-7 Faith Formation Curriculum**

*(Sunday Mornings unless noted otherwise)*

(2022-2023 update)

## **PreK/1**

(ages 4,5 and 6 only - combined)

Children are introduced to God as “The Good Shepherd,” which allows them to grasp the truth of the gospel message and be grasped by it. By providing age-appropriate materials and removing any extraneous materials that might distract, the children work individually or with others in an atmosphere of reflection and self-expression. The ‘classroom’ in which this takes place is called an Atrium.

*(Catechesis of the Good Shepherd)\**

## **2:**

First Reconciliation and First Communion.

*(Faith and Life: Ignatius Press + Baltimore Catechism One: Tan Publishing)*

Although all other classes will be held on Sunday mornings **a special Grade 2 class option will be offered on Tuesday afternoons** utilizing *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* materials in preparing children for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Reconciliation. Some Sunday attendance will be recommended as well.\*

## **3:**

Life with Jesus. Emphasis on Parables.

*(Faith and Life: Ignatius Press + Catechesis of the Good Shepherd)*

## **4:**

Old Testament. Salvation History.

*(Faith and Life: Ignatius Press + Catholic Children’s Bible: St. Mary’s Press)*

## **5:**

The Creed.

*(Faith and Life: Ignatius Press)*

LoveEd: Raising kids who are Strong, Smart and Pure

**These optional lessons will be on 2 consecutive Wednesday evenings - TBA**

*(Tan Books)*

## **6/7 combined:**

The Ten Commandments.

*(Faith and Life: Ignatius Press)*

Bible Study.

*(Encounter: Ascension Press)*

*(resources listed in italics)*

*\*Due to the nature of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd learning/teaching principles, class sizes are extremely limited and children will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis*