

3-Year-Olds to 6th Graders: *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* Sunday Morning Program

The Children & Youth hour begins immediately following the 9:00 am service and ends at 11:15 am. For safety reasons please note that children should not be dropped off at their classrooms until the 9:00 am service ends (because it varies), since otherwise they may be left unattended for several minutes. Please pick up your children on time.

St. Timothy's Children & Youth Programs, focused on the Bible, is one in which children and youth experience the nurturing love of adults and encounter God through the Biblical story.

The *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* is a Christian formation process for children ages 3 to 12 years (Pre-School—6th Grade), in which they experience and form an authentic, faithful relationship with God. The Catechesis is grounded in scriptural and liturgical study, allowing children to hear the Gospel through the use of sensorial rich materials.

The children meet in an atrium, which is a place of community and worship. It is a place to be with and enjoy God, listen to the Word, and to pray. It is designed to reflect the beauty of creation and God's abiding love.

Materials provided to the children are hand-made by the catechist or someone in the parish. Lead Catechists are trained via a 90-300 hour formation process.

Catechesis achieves its successes because it teaches as Jesus did, employing the Parable Method as its medium. The method directly proclaims scripture to the children with as little explanation or elaboration as possible. Catechesis trusts God and trusts children to develop a relationship of mutual love.

Sunday Morning Catechist Teams

Rotating Catechist (visiting all atria monthly)

Judy Gardner, Lead Catechist, Director of Children's Spiritual Formation

Good Shepherd Atrium—Level I (ages 3-6) Room 2

Renee Brown
Ruth Franke

Lamb of God Atrium—Level I (ages 3-6) Room 3

Kirsten Sommer
Honey Favorito

True Vine Atrium—Level II (ages 6-9) Room 5

Kara Owens
Jenifer Stitt
Holly Varley

The Kingdom of God Atrium—Level III (ages 9-12) Room 9

Tracy Hickenlooper
Chris Gardner
Fran Malone