

Description of Faith Formation Programs

for All Saints Parish

St. Andrew, St. Conrad (St. Fidelis), St. Michael the Archangel, St. Paul and St. Peter

Contemporary Catechesis

Offered Sundays 9:15—10:45am for Age 3 – 8th Grade

Contemporary Catechesis will be offered at St. Michael. Contemporary Catechesis is a new name for the traditional-style of teaching faith formation. We use books from Our Sunday Visitor's Alive in Christ series as our primary resource. The series offers all kinds of ideas and resources online and the teacher manuals offer creative teaching styles. We add other things such as movie clips and music that solidify the lesson's theme, art projects, Bible skits, and much more. Contemporary Catechesis has been around for awhile, we just never put a name to it until now! Contemporary Catechesis is "traditional" faith formation done with a flare.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd *(Level I & Level II)*

Level I & II Offered Sundays 9:15—10:45am, Mondays 5:45—7:15pm, and Tuesdays 4:30—6pm for Age 3—Grade 3

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be offered for children age 3 through Grade 3 at our St. Conrad campus. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an experiential way of teaching children about God, our faith and Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Materials are based on the Bible, Roman Catholic liturgy and sacraments, Tradition, and Church teachings. Children are grouped based on age – Level I for ages 3-Kindergarten, Level II for Grade 1-3. In Level I, our youngest children come to know the profound joy in listening to the Good Shepherd who knows each of them by name. In Level II, children explore morality through parables, and learn that Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. For more on CGS, go to cgsusa.org.

Homeschooling

Homeschooling is a great opportunity for parents and children to develop their relationship with God within their own family. Student(s) work at home with their parents as primary teachers. Parents became the primary educators of our faith when their child was born and baptized. We provide the student book and other resources, some of which are available online and in print. Students are asked to meet with Sister Teresa twice each semester. If help is needed, Mrs. Jane Baroffio and Sister Teresa are available. Parents may find that homeschooling for Faith Formation brings their family closer together.

Families may register for classes at St. Michael or at St. Conrad, regardless of the church to which they belonged originally. Classes begin Sept. 7. Please note that Faith Formation is no longer offered at St. Andrew Church.