

**St. John Neumann  
Faith Formation  
2021-22 Tentative Options & Sessions**

**Option 1: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** is a model of faith formation for children beginning at the age of 3 years old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade based on the educational methods of Italian educator Maria Montessori. Good Shepherd sessions take place in a specially prepared environment called an atrium, where children can focus on the treasures of our faith – Scripture and liturgy. Each session includes a presentation (about the Mass, the life of Christ, a sacrament, a parable, etc.), individual work time and communal prayer. For the child, the atrium becomes a sacred space where they come to know and love Jesus in a deeply personal way.

Below are the potential days and times for Good Shepherd Sessions. Final determination of session offerings will depend on enrollment preferences and Catechist availability.

**Monday**

4:30-6:00pm            Level I, Level II and Level III

6:30-8:00pm            Level I, Level II and Level III

**Tuesday**

9:45-11:15am            Level I

4:30-6:00                Level I, Level II and Level III

6:30-8:00                Level I, Level II and Level III

**Wednesday**

5:15-6:45pm            Level I, Level II and Level III

**Thursday**

4:30-6:00pm            Level I, Level II and Level III

6:30-8:00                Level I, Level II and Level III

**Option 2: Family Catechesis** is a model of faith formation for all ages that engages the whole family in learning about the faith. Rather than a traditional onsite or a home-school program, Family Catechesis invites families to come together for a teaching session for parents and for children one Sunday a month from 10:45am-12:15pm. Lessons and activities for the rest of the month are worked on as a family at home. Family Catechesis allows the family to grow in their love and understanding of the Catholic faith together. This is a great way to build your family around the Catholic faith! This year, the focus of the curriculum is PRAYER.

**Option 3: IGNITE** is faith formation for children in grades 6 through 8. During Ignite sessions children have a lesson presented to them, study scripture, participate in small groups, prayer and engage in icebreaker games and activities. Ignite meets weekly from 5:15-6:45pm on Wednesdays.

**Good Shepherd & Ignite Registration Fees: one child \$60, two Children \$110, three or more \$150**

**Family Catechesis Fees: \$60 Family Registration Fee, \$20 each child not to exceed \$150**