

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Kindergarten PSR Program

What is Catechesis of the Good Shepherd?

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (“CGS”) is a rich Montessori approach to religious education and spiritual formation. It engages young children in age-appropriate, hands-on materials based on Sacred Scripture and the Liturgy.

Where will CGS/kindergarten PSR be located?

CGS for Kindergarten PSR will take place in the preschool building on our campus. Last year, that building underwent construction to add on a designated space for CGS called an atrium. This is a specifically prepared environment designed to be like a “little church” with materials for young children to use.

What time will Kindergarten PSR be?

Kindergarten PSR will run concurrently with 1st-8th grade PSR classes on Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:30pm. Drop off will be available starting at 6:00pm in the preschool building.

Who will be teaching Kindergarten PSR?

Mrs. Julie Mullenschlader, St. Theodore parishioner and school parent, will be leading our kindergarten PSR. She is a trained Level I CGS catechist with experience in early childhood education. We are also looking to have one aide present with her. If you are interested in serving as an aide to kindergarten on Wednesday evenings, please reach out to Katie Maxwell at kmaxwell@sainttheodore.org

How does CGS differ from usual PSR classes?

CGS differs from traditional PSR in a classroom setting. Children begin CGS in their most formative years. Unlike "textbook and lecture" approaches, CGS is more like a weekly guided retreat in a deeply contemplative environment, in which children immerse themselves in age-appropriate work materials in a beautiful space. While beginning to educate children's minds in the Faith, CGS helps them cultivate deep, lifelong relationships with God that inspire them to want to learn about the Faith.

