

When is CGS?



Children & Catechists meet once weekly for 90 minutes, on the same day of the week all year. Level I is for 3 to 6 year olds who are bathroom trained, and Level II is for 6 to 9 year olds. Level III is for 9 -12 year olds who have attended Level II

The Program starts in late September and goes through Pentecost. More details maybe found on our website sfxmissoula.org

Tuesday: 9:30 - 11:00 am Level I
Tuesday: 4:30 - 6:00 pm Level I, II & III
Wednesday: 4:30 - 6:00 pm I, II & III



Enroll Your Child Today!

Call or email Michele to get started!

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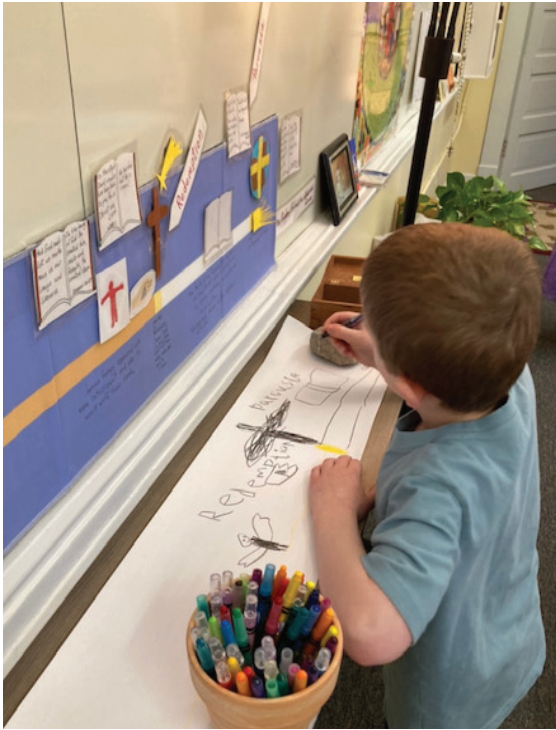


**Catechesis
of the Good Shepherd
at St. Francis Xavier**



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
MISSOULA'S JESUIT PARISH

Hands On Faith Formation



What if there was a way for children to enter into Catholic themes of liturgy, prayer, scripture, and tradition at a developmentally appropriate level?

What if the desires and needs of the child guided the whole thing?

What if adults walked not as teachers but companions on a common faith journey?

Level I Atrium



In their first experience of Atrium, 3 to 6 year old children begin to learn habits of contemplation and enjoyment of God. "Practical Life" materials, such as spooning beans or opening jars, serve many needs: gaining physical control, aiding contemplation and stillness, and developing skills used in other scriptural and liturgical materials later on. Children generally work independently and are allowed to spend as much time as they wish on a work. They will regularly spend more than an hour in focused work, their hidden life in God.



Level II Atrium

As children grow, CGS grows with them. The Level II Atrium speaks to the religious needs of children ages 6 to 9 years old.

The master image in Level II is The Vine & The Branches. Children more often work collaboratively, take leadership roles in prayer and liturgy, and deepen their contemplative and inquiring spirit with more challenging materials and ideas.



Level III is intended to particularly address the child's growing desire and capacity to wrestle with the mystery of time and their own role in history. It helps the child to grasp the "big picture" of God's work in the Universe, and their place in it. Prerequisite: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level II