



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH
Christian Formation Office
Lenexa, Kansas

2010/2011

Registration Packet

for Children & Families

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
3 1/2 to 12 years old

Junior High Ministry
7th and 8th grade

Family Home Study
K — 6th Grade



Growing In Faith Together
1st- 6th Grade *and* parent(s)



FAQ's regarding Religious Formation for Children and Families At Holy Trinity Parish ages 3 1/2 to 8th Grade

- ◆ **Who is eligible?** All registered families of Holy Trinity parish.
- ◆ **What programs are available?** We offer 3 choices of faith formation for families with children up to 6th grade: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), GIFT, and Family Home Study. Seventh and 8th graders are invited to attend our Junior High Ministry. Specifics for each are given on pages 3 - 4 of this packet.
- ◆ **Is everything the same as last year?** Each year we continue to evaluate our programs and discern how we as a parish can continue to move towards life-long, whole community catechesis. Religious education for children is one aspect of the “bigger picture”.
- ◆ **When do I register?** Now! Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes fill quickly. The sooner your form is returned, the easier for us to prepare! Letters will be sent early September to notify you of class placement and specific starting dates. We regret that **those registration forms turned in after Aug. 31st may not be processed till October 1st.**
- ◆ **How do I register?** Fill out both sides of the registration form, pg 5 & 6. Return it along with payment to Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 9150 Pflumm, Lenexa, KS 66215. Make checks payable to: Holy Trinity. **Include a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if they plan to celebrate their First Reconciliation, Eucharist, or Confirmation.**
- ◆ **What about sacraments?** Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation each have a focused time of preparation. This preparation is in addition to regular religious formation programs. All programs are appropriate for those receiving sacraments. Indicate on the registration form which sacraments you would like your child or adolescent to prepare/receive. The Christian Formation office will contact you regarding Baptism. Information regarding Reconciliation or Confirmation will be mailed out in the late summer while information regarding First Communion is usually mailed in January. *Note: There is no additional fee for those preparing for sacraments.*
- ◆ **What can I do to help?** On the back of the registration form are several specific opportunities available for anyone wishing to assist us.
- ◆ **What if I am confused?** Please call either Kathleen at 913-895-0607 or Stuart at 913-895-0606. For questions specific to 7th or 8th grade, call Kris Walters at 895-0604. For questions specific to CGS, call Diane or Jeanne at 913-895-0662.
- ◆ **How much will this cost? What if I can't pay?** The opportunity for continued faith formation is offered to all families and individuals regardless of their ability to pay. To help offset the cost of materials and supplies, the suggested gift amounts are:

	<u>GIFT/CGS/Jr. High</u>	<u>Family Home Study</u>
For one child	\$70.00	\$40.00
For two children	\$120.00	\$50.00
For three or more children	\$150.00	\$70.00

How do parents help their children learn about the faith?

- + One of the best ways to help your child, is to nurture and continue to grow in your own faith life. Holy Trinity offers several different opportunities including: School of Faith, parish retreats, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd trainings and bible studies. Workshops and other events in the diocese are often listed in the bulletin throughout the year.
- + Attend mass together.
- + Be supportive and interested in your child's questions and concerns.

Select from the following programs:

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)—Within a prepared environment (atrium) children and catechists together nurture their relationship with Jesus. Presentations based on the Bible and Liturgy help the children encounter the living God.

- 3 1/2 years (by September 1st) - 6th grade
- uses a Montessori approach for religious formation
- meet weekly with a catechist
- 3 levels:
 - Level I 3-6 years of age
 - Level II 6-9 years of age
 - Level III 9-12 years of age
- September through May
not available for those children in Holy Trinity School K, 1st & 2nd grade or HTEEC 3yr. old, 4 yr. old, or T—K classes (these children attend during school hours).

Class time and day: On the registration form please make 2 choices for time and day, as these classes tend to fill quickly. Occasionally additional class times are added if a need becomes apparent. If all classes are full, your child's name will be put on a waiting list and placed in a class if space becomes available.

3-6 year olds - Level I - 3 session times available.

Mon. 1:15-2:45pm
Wed. 4:30-6:15 pm;
Thurs. 4:30-6:15 pm

6-9 year olds - Level II - 2 session times available.

Wed. 4:30-6:15 pm
Thurs. 4:30-6:15 pm

9-12 year olds - Level III - 4 session times available.

Mon. 4:30-6:15 pm
Wed. 4:30-6:15 pm
Wed. 6:00-7:45 pm
Thurs. 4:30-6:15pm

Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) — families experience God together in a program that exposes them to prayer, scripture, doctrine, and liturgy. Emphasis will be placed on family life and supporting households as “domestic church”. These are called catechetical assemblies since we come together as a larger family to pray, share faith, eat, learn about our rich heritage, and have fun.

Our GIFT Catechetical Assemblies are designed for families with children in:

- 1st—6th grade
- Generally meet every other Wednesday of the month, 6-8 pm
- One parent (or other adult) expected to attend with child (we welcome the entire family)
- Includes a meal for the family
- September—May
- Held in Fr. Quigley Faith Formation Center

Family Home Study—An opportunity for the entire family to share in the experience of catechesis on your own time schedule at home. Grade appropriate resources are provided .

- Kindergarten—6th grade
- day and time of your choosing
- Monthly mailings
- can be year round

Junior High Ministry—Team members plan and implement the sessions following a calendar of church events and topics. Parents are invited to attend or help with any portion of these evenings. A typical evening begins with dinner immediately following our Sunday night mass and is done at 8:00 pm. Here are some more details:

- Open to any child in 7th or 8th grade
- Gather Sunday evenings after the 5pm mass
- Weekly sessions end at 8 pm
- September — April
- We also offer 2 weekend retreats per year

Note regarding confirmation and service hours: Teens preparing for confirmation should be striving to live a life of Christian stewardship—responding in time, talent and treasure to God’s love. As part of the preparation process, they will be asked to complete reflection sheets on three different service experiences. More information will be given at the parent meetings in October.

Date _____

Christian Formation Registration Form 2010/2011

Office use only
Registration # _____

Please fill out front **and** back of this form. An incomplete registration form will be returned. Return this form with payment to the parish office. **Do you need to include a copy of your child's baptismal certificate?**

Family Information:

Family's

Last Name: _____ Parents: _____ Phone (H): _____

Address (and Zip) _____ Husband (w) _____ (c) _____

Family e-mail _____ Wife (w) _____ (c) _____

Circle Sacraments you desire your child to receive this year.

Child's name _____ **BAP RECONCILIATION EUCHARIST CONFIRM**

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Child's Name
(first & last) _____

Birth date _____ M or F Grade (Fall 10) _____

School Name _____

Level: 3-6 yrs. _____ 6-9 yrs. _____ 9-12yrs. _____

Date and Time: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Child's Name
(first & last) _____

Birth date _____ M or F Grade (Fall 10) _____

School Name _____

Level: 3-6 yrs. _____ 6-9 yrs. _____ 9-12yrs. _____

Date and Time: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Child's Name
(first & last) _____

Birth date _____ M or F Grade (Fall 10) _____

School Name _____

Level: 3-6 yrs. _____ 6-9 yrs. _____ 9-12yrs. _____

Date and Time: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Emergency Information:

List a neighbor or relative available during atrium time who will assume temporary care of your child(ren) if you cannot be reached.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

How known: _____

Junior High Ministry

Child's Name
(first & last) _____

Birth date _____ M or F Grade (Fall 10) _____

School Name _____

Child's Name
(first & last) _____

Birth date _____ M or F Grade (Fall 10) _____

School Name _____

Child's Name
(first & last) _____

Birth date _____ M or F Grade (Fall 10) _____

School Name _____

Emergency Information:

List a neighbor or relative available Sunday evening who will assume temporary care of your child(ren) if you cannot be reached.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

How known? _____

GIFT and Home Study on reverse side!

GIFT - Wednesday evenings

Child's Name
(first & last) _____

Birth date _____ M or F Grade (Fall 10) _____

School _____

Child's Name
(first & last) _____

Birth date _____ M or F Grade (Fall 10) _____

School _____

Child's Name
(first & last) _____

Birth date _____ M or F Grade (Fall 10) _____

School _____

Home Study

Child's Name
(first & last) _____

Birth date _____ M or F Grade (Fall 10) _____

School _____

Child's Name
(first & last) _____

Birth date _____ M or F Grade (Fall 10) _____

School _____

Child's Name
(first & last) _____

Birth date _____ M or F Grade (Fall 10) _____

School _____

Family Profile-for ALL families to consider

The following information will be treated as confidential.

Is there anything that would be helpful to know about your child or your family (illness/death in the family, single parent, different religious beliefs, areas of difficulty for the child such as trouble reading, areas of self-consciousness, allergies, etc)? If the information is about a specific child please specify which child has the need.

If your child has any special needs such as physical impairments, cognitive impairments, ADD, ADHD, learning disabilities, vision impairments, hearing impairments, medical or behavioral conditions, we would like to contact you to get more information about how we can best serve your child.

The best time to reach me _____ (name) is ____: ____ am/pm at _____ (number) regarding _____ (name of child).

Gifts and Ministry

All members of Holy Trinity Parish are blessed with their own unique gifts. Below are specific areas in which we need your help; place your initials next to the task(s) you can volunteer to do:

_____ assist with weekly laundry for CGS (must like to remove stains, and to iron)

_____ classroom assistance (para support)

_____ Children's Liturgy assistance

_____ monthly cleaning of atrium space

_____ cut materials for atrium

_____ 1st communion retreat

_____ Confirmation retreat

_____ hospitality/ food – GIFT or Jr. High

_____ Hospitality for adult retreats (provide dishes for meals)

_____ Hospitality for CGS formation courses (provide snacks or light lunch)

_____ group facilitators-GIFT or Jr. High

_____ woodworking repairs for CGS materials

_____ catechist assistant for CGS (help during atrium session)

After registration is complete, we will contact you with details concerning specific tasks, times, dates, etc. THANK YOU for supporting our parish community!

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Amount Received _____ Check # _____ Cash _____ Family ID# (envelope #) _____