

The Atrium is a place where the child can fall in love with God.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Roman Catholic formation process for children ages 3 through 12 in which they experience and nurture an authentic faithful relationship with God, in a prepared space call the atrium.

The Catechesis is grounded in scriptural and liturgical study, using the Montessori Method. Children “hear” scripture through both the reading of text and the use of hands-on materials. In the same way, elements of Catholic liturgy are presented and understood through the prayers of the mass and use of sensorial materials. Other topics include prayer, biblical geography, and the sacraments.

The Atrium at St. Anthony Parish is a place of community and worship rather than a classroom for academic study. It is a place to listen, to work, and to pray. It is designed to reflect the beauty of creation and God’s abiding love. The materials in the Atrium are attractively hand made and displayed, and invite the child to explore and deepen a love of Jesus and their Catholic faith.

About our Atrium

We opened our atrium here at St. Anthony Parish in October of 2003. We currently offer 3 levels of formation:

Level I for ages 3-6

Level II for ages 6-9

Level III for ages 9-12

We meet for 1 ½ to 2 hours each week beginning in late September running through mid-May.

Our catechists have received formal training through the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Visit the website at www.cgsusa.org.

We receive support from our parish in many ways:

- materials making
- care for our atrium space
- level I/II/III catechists and assistants
- celebration planning
- and more!!!

Come visit us in the atrium!

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