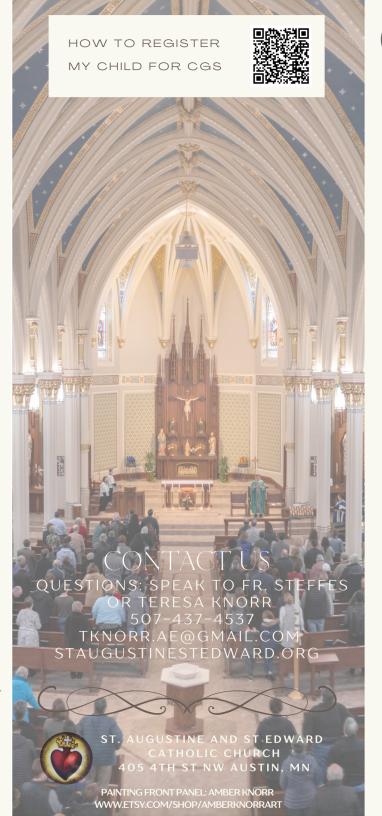
# WHAT IS THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHARD?

- CGS is an approach to the religious formation of children rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori.
- Children gather in an "atrium," a space prepared for them, which contains simple yet beautifully crafted materials.
- Catechists present scriptures that nurture the child's innate desire to draw near to God. Together they ask questions and ponder the most essential and profound truths of our Catholic faith.
- Through guided exploration, quiet work, art, song, and celebrations, children discover the answers in their own time.
- Children freely choose materials that aid them in listening to Christ, the true teacher who forms their hearts.

If you are interested in a tour, please contact us.





## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



CHILDREN'S
RELIGIOUS FORMATION
PREK3-2ND GRADE

### BASIC CGS INFORMATION

#### Ages

- Level 1~ Potty Trained PreK 3 K
- Level 2~ 1st and 2nd Grade
- Class Sizes are Limited to 12

#### When

- Wednesdays, Mid-Sept through Mid-May
- Follows The Church and School Calendar

#### Time

• 3:30-5:30pm, Snack Provided

#### Where

- Drop off St. Augustine, Jennings Hall
- Pick Up at Pacelli School Next to Church
- Enter Doors off Parking Lot, Located on 2nd floor

#### Fee

- 1 Child-\$20
- 2 or More Children-\$40
- An Additional \$20 Fee if a Child is in 2nd Grade and Preparing for First Reconciliation/Holy Communion







The motto of CGS is: "Help me fall in love with God by myself." Children encounter Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who loves and cares for them and calls them by name.

Through geography, the words of the prophets, and infancy narratives, Jesus is established as a real person. The Catechesis also includes the paschal narratives, the parables of the Kingdom of God, liturgical seasons and colors, Mass gestures, Baptism, and Holy Eucharist.

### Level 2 (1st-2nd grade)

A two year sacramental preparation

Children revisit and ponder the work of Level 1 at a deeper level; however, now the image of Jesus, The True Vine, captivates them. At this age, there is a deep need to understand their relationship with God, others and their role in His Kingdom. The History of the Kingdom of God is introduced, moral parables are examined, and Sacramental Liturgy is expanded. Presentations and meditations enhance the older children's preparation for 1st Reconciliation/Holy Eucharist.





