

Help us build our new 3-6 year old Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium!

What is Catechesis of the Good Shepherd?

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to the religious formation of the child. It is rooted in Sacred Scripture, liturgy, and the educational philosophy and method of Maria Montessori and Sophia Cavaletti.

Each week the children gather in a room prepared for them called an "atrium." This specially prepared space contains many materials that the children can work with and use.

First and foremost, children have a profound capacity for relationship. They give and receive love. They need love. In the atrium, we nurture their relationship with God through the Parable of the Good Shepherd. In the Good Shepherd, the child meets One Who protects and cares for them, knows them and calls them by name, and loves them completely.

Our young children are full of energy and love to and have to move! In the atrium, the child prays with his/her whole body.



How can you help?

There are three main areas in which you can assist us: donating any of the items listed on the back of this sheet and by sharing your woodworking and/or sewing skills.



Please contact Lucas or Katie Tappan in the Christian Formation office if you would like to help with any woodworking or sewing activities. If you are donating items, please bring them to the Christian Formation office during office hours.

Items Needed for Atrium

Rugs of various sizes

Carpet squares

Place mats

Sacred artwork

Small brass items

Small broom & dustpan

Small white hand towels

Decorative boxes of various sizes

Bible stand

Small easels (to hold prayer cards)

Cruets of various sizes

Candle extinguishers

Clear votive candle holders

White cloth napkins

Glass carafes

Small crocks

Tiny mannequin

Colored pencils (primary colors)

Clipboards

Nativity crèches (mangers)

Figurines* Needed:

Angel Gabriel

Mary

St. Elizabeth

Shepherds

Wise men

St. Joseph

Baby Jesus

Sheep

Simeon

Anna

Apostles

Adult Jesus

***Note about Figurines:** Figurines should be about 5" in height, and it is preferred that all figurines are either sculpted from Super Sculpey, made out of wood, or are inexpensive Italian crèche figures (Fontanini figurines work really well).