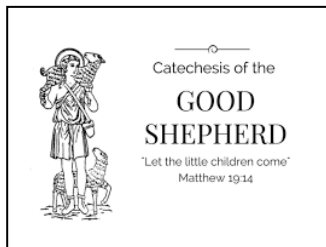


Saint Charles Borromeo Religious Education Family Faith Formation 2026/27 School Year



Family Sessions begin on **Sunday, September 13, 2026 9:15am-10:45am**
Wednesday, September 16, 2026 6:30pm-8:00pm

*There is a special Session on Sunday, August 23, 2026 for ages 3-5 (Prek &K) for the Introduction of **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**.

Session Information

In class learning is 14 Sundays, 9:15 – 10:45am

1. Families in Pre K through 8 - Meet at our parish school/Calendar provided.
2. Parents will teach chapters to their children on the off weeks. Syllabus provided.
3. Parent Sessions run at the same time in person class is running.
4. Middle School Grades 6 & 7 Sessions run at the same time in the Parish Hall.

For Students in Pre K and K: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

For Students in Year 1 First Communion, grades 3, 4 and 5: OSV Curriculum with a catechist in the classroom and online chapter reviews on the off weeks.

For Students in Year 2: Ascension Press Sacrament Curriculum is taught in the classroom and off weeks at home.

For Students in grades 6 & 7: YOUCAT and Bible, Videos and small and large group discussions will be held in the parish hall. Homework given by catechists.

For Students in grade 8 or year 1 Confirmation: Chosen Curriculum, Confirmation sponsor affidavit, 4 service hours and Saint Reports

For Families: Family Activities provided. Prayer together, Confession and Mass encouraged as a family.

For Parents: We will be viewing “Into the Breach: The Catholic Family” video series with small and large groups. Some Sessions will have guest speakers.

Explore The Mass: Once a month from each family. Explore the Mass form can be submitted online or in person.

To enroll:

1. The registration form to enroll your family is available online on the parish website.

****Please note:** All tuition and book fees from previous year should be paid in full before enrollment for the new school year will be accepted. If you are experiencing hardship conditions, please contact us at the office 683-2931 to discuss options.

Sacramental Preparation Years

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Celebrated during the second grade and older, Year 2 First Holy Communion.

Year 1 Foundational Faith is required to complete Sacraments in Year 2.

Year 2 will be taught in two class sessions a month:

1. 2 classes will be held on Sunday mornings with a catechist.
 - a. Learning the practical's on how to go to Confession
 - b. Learning the practical's on how to received Holy Communion
 - c. Ascension Press Sacrament Curriculum
2. Book and video will be completed at home on the off weeks.
3. Supplemental materials in line with Diocese "Outcome" done in the classroom.

Confirmation: Confirmation is a two-year preparation.

Year 1 Confirmation is any High school student or 8th grader.

Year 2 Confirmation is any high school student or 9th grader.

Year 2 Confirmation consists of 14 sessions and a Retreat.

Year 2 Confirmation only - meets at the Dumoulin Farms

1. Two Wednesdays a month, 7:00 – 8:30pm.
2. A Calendar will be provided with class dates.

PARENTS as the PRIMARY EDUCATORS

The family is an environment, or means, of growth in the faith. The witness of Christian life given by parents in the family comes to children with tenderness and parental respect. Children thus perceive and joyously live the closeness of God and of Jesus made manifest by their parents in such a way that this first Christian experience frequently leaves decisive traces which last throughout life. This childhood religious awakening which takes place in the family is irreplaceable. "Family catechesis" precedes, accompanies, and enriches all forms of catechesis.

There are four keys that impact faith development: caring conversations; family devotions, such as the rosary and saints; family rituals, such as blessings and prayers passed from one generation to the next; and family service to the church and community.

The Catholic Church recognizes that parents are the primary religious educators of their children. We here at St. Charles Borromeo have become partners in the faith as we live out Family Faith Formation for all members of the family. Here are some ways that we partner with you:

- Masses are available on Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday's at 7:30am, 9:00am and 11:00am and Holy days.
- Family Faith Formation provides faith for the whole family.
- Reverence for Jesus in the real presence of the Eucharist/Adoration
- Family prayer time at home and in FFF
- Good example / Christian moral behavior /Service to others
- We offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation weekly and Holy Seasons.
- We offer Safe Environment classes
- Displaying Bible, cross, crucifix, palms, religious pictures, etc. in the home
- We encourage families into participation in Church activities and ministries.
- Contribution of time, treasure, and talent and Evangelization

CURRICULUM

The Catechetical mission of the Diocese of Rockford is infused with the teachings of Jesus Christ as expressed in Catholic faith and tradition. Through a variety of methods, students are encouraged to recognize and grow in their relationship with God within the Church. Family Faith Formation offer student's opportunities to encounter Jesus Christ within the Catholic community, provide them with instruction in Catholic doctrine, and challenge them to develop a Catholic lifestyle which serves God, Church, and the world.

The Diocese of Rockford takes seriously the sacred duty of catechesis and the inalienable right of students to receive the whole of Catholic teachings from those who teach in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Rockford Diocese religion curriculum guide for grades PreK-8 is grounded in the basic truths of the Catholic faith presented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC).

Parents should be aware of their important role in catechesis through our parent handbook, parent meetings, and communication between the DRE, catechists, classroom and home.

Texts

The four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church are taught every year.

Grade Pre K & K: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd CGS <https://www.cgsusa.org/>

Grades, 3, 4, and 5 and Year 1 First Holy Communion: OSV Our Sunday Visitor

Year 2 First Holy Communion: Ascension Press Sacrament Curriculum

Grades 6, 7 YOUCAT, Bible, Real & True on FORMED

Grade 8: Ascension Press Chosen Confirmation Course

To ensure conformity with Diocesan and Church guidelines, all materials brought in from the outside, i.e. books, videos, etc., need to be previewed by the DRE before class use.

Family Faith Formation Calendar is available at the parish web site: www.scbparish.org
Click on Family Faith Formation tab.

Safe Environment Program

This program has been established for use in the Rockford Diocese and is required to be taught yearly to all students in grades K through 8. All parishes and schools are to provide formation for children in the areas of safety and the integrity of their persons. Information and the opportunity to opt-out of this program will be emailed at the beginning of the year.

At Home Work

A Calendar and grade level Syllabus will be provided with chapters to be completed at home on the off weeks. Chapter reviews can be done online or if completed in the book needs to be turned into the catechist. Online chapter reviews provide us with a grade, so no testing is needed in Family Faith Formation.

PRAYERS

Each grade level has a list of prayers that are taught in the classroom and in the home as part of Family Faith Formation we partner in the learning of the grade level prayers.

Prayers to Learn by Grade

Kindergarten: Sign of the Cross, Glory Be, Angel of God

Grade 1: Hail Mary, Our Father, Grace Before Meals, Grace After Meals

Grade 2: Act of Contrition

Grade 3: maintain all from earlier grades

Grade 4: I Confess (Confiteor), Nicene Creed, Holy-Holy-Holy, Lamb of God,
Hail Holy Queen

Grade 5: Apostles' Creed, Rosary, Angelus, Memorare

Grade 6: Act of Faith, Act of Hope, Act of Love

Grade 7: Prayer to the Holy Spirit, Morning Offering, Episcopal Blessing Response,
Eternal Rest

Grade 8: maintain all from earlier grades

Catechist emails for Sunday:

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Pk-K): Rachel Hayes rachel.dumoulin34@gmail.com

Grade 1: Nikki O'Leary n.dumoulin18@gmail.com and Tricia Stalker tricia.dumoulin@gmail.com

Grade 2: Becky Dumoulin dumoulin.becky@gmail.com and Mary Bridget Goad marypgoad@gmail.com

Grade 3:

Grade 4: Jennifer Garza derek.garza@sbcglobal.net and Amy Siegmann amyke1@sbcglobal.net

Grade 5:

Grades 6,7: Alex Dumoulin alex.dumoulin32@gmail.com Michelle Morgan mdumoulin93@gmail.com

Grade 8: Deacon Greg and Debbie Beeber gdbeeber@gmail.com

Catechist emails for Wednesday:

Grade 3: James Rothlein and Cassie Smith loopers.lyds@gmail.com

Grade 4: Kim Alberth or Nick Oleferchik

GENERAL POLICIES

Registration

All students attending catechetical programs should be registered parishioners of St. Charles Borromeo Parish. Online Registration forms are on the parish website.

Home Schooling Families

Home-school families need to be registered with the religious education office. Registration is online on the parish website. We invite you to let us assist you with your Religious Education needs. Parents who prepare their children for the sacraments must meet with Father or the DRE, who will evaluate their readiness.

Children with Special Needs

Children with special needs are important members of our parish family. If your child has special developmental, emotional or physical needs, please contact the Religious Education Office. We will work closely with you to provide them with opportunities to learn how precious they are to God and this faith community.

Requirements of the R/E Program at St. Charles Borromeo parish

We work eagerly with parents in ensuring each child's relationship with God deepens and grows while fulfilling the requirements.

1. Attendance twice a month.
2. If absent, the chapter is to be taught at home and chapter review done online.
3. Actively participating in discussions.
4. Explore the Mass form turned in once a month by each family
5. Be open to ministry in your church and with your church family

Student Attendance

We hope and expect that all children and their families attend Mass as well as religious education class each session.

We hope and expect that the whole family will participate in each FFF Session. **All absences are to be phoned in, or e-mailed to, the RE office prior to the start of class.**

Student Attendance for children in 2nd Grade: Church Law requires that children be properly prepared before celebrating First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. It is essential that children who are preparing for these Sacraments are present at **all** class sessions and activities.

Student Attendance for teens in 8th and 9th Grade: Church Law requires that children be properly prepared before celebrating Confirmation. It is essential that teens who are preparing for Confirmation are present at **all** class sessions and ministerial activities.

- **Sunday Mass Attendance for Sacramental years.** During the preparation of the Sacraments all families should be practicing Catholics which mean all should be attending weekly Sunday Mass. Saturday, Mass is at 5pm and on Sunday the Masses are at 7:30am, 9:00am and 11:00 am.

Discipline Policy

A safe and orderly environment is necessary for the education and formation in the faith of our students.

- All students are expected to display behavior that will maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning.
- At all times students are expected to respect the property and person of their teachers and other students.
- They are also expected to respect the property of St. Charles Borromeo (SCB) Parish and the property of the students of St. Charles Borromeo School.
- Disruptive behavior (before, during, or after class), vandalism or theft of the property of teachers, other students, SCB Parish or of the students of SCB School, use of bad language, obscene humor, or sexual innuendo, the use or possession of drugs or alcohol or weapons will not be tolerated.

After a verbal warning or “time out”, the Director of Religious Education may use his / her discretion to remove the student from class, or issue a suspension or expulsion.

Bullying

Any action, word or behavior which harasses, intimidates or causes physical, emotional or Psychological harm to another student or students is strictly prohibited. This prohibited conduct also extends to the use of technology (“Cyber bullying”) as a tool to harass or cause harm.

Bullying is prohibited during any church-sponsored education program or activity; while in the building, in class, on church property, or at church-sponsored or church-sanctioned events or activities; or through the transmission of information via electronic equipment. However, this policy is not limited to conduct that occurs on the premises of the Diocese church or school.

Bullying may take various forms, including without limitation one or more of the following: harassment, threats, intimidation, stalking, physical violence, sexual harassment, sexual violence, theft, public humiliation, destruction of property, or retaliation for asserting or alleging an act of bullying. Examples of “cyber bullying” include but are not limited to the use of e-mail, web sites, text messaging, electronic photos or videos & social media (i.e. Face Book, Twitter, My Space etc...) to harass or intimidate. These lists are meant to be illustrative and non-exhaustive.

Students who violate this policy will be subject to the discipline policy of the student's parish program.

Dress Code

This is a Catholic school; children should be dressed properly and modestly. The dress code is applicable to classes held inside the school building, Church building, parish hall and at D-Farms (all grade levels, Pre K through 12th).

- Skirt hemlines must be no shorter than 3" above the knee.
- Shorts must be no shorter than 6" above the knee.
- Shoes / sandals must be worn at all times. House / bedroom slippers are not acceptable.
- The wearing of hats (inside the building), pajamas, or bare midriff shirts/blouses is prohibited.
- Clothing must be free from words, slogans, or pictures, which advertise drugs, alcohol, or which contain vulgar or offensive writing, racial slurs, suggestive pictures or emblems.

After a verbal warning to the student, the DRE may request a meeting with the parents.

Injuries in Class

Parents will be contacted immediately in the case of serious injury. Catechists are not permitted to dispense medications. For special needs, contact the DRE.

Visiting Classrooms

For safety and security reasons, no one is allowed to visit classrooms without the permission of the DRE. This includes adults, family members, older siblings not registered in the RE program, and friends.

Items Brought to Class

- Students are expected to bring their textbooks to class and to complete weekly assignments.
- Students should not bring food, drink, candy or gum, toys, trading cards, radios, cassette recorders, MP3 Players, phones, electronic games, headphones or ear pods and similar items to class. Catechists will collect them and return them to the child's parents after class.
- Please do not send food to class on birthdays or holidays; the exceptions are, the last class day prior to Christmas, and the last class day of the school year.

Weather Emergencies and Emergency Closings

In the event of a weather or building emergency, families will receive a call from the catechist. Or:

- go online to www.emergencyclosingcenter.com, or
- Listen to radio 670, 720 or 890 AM, or tune into TV CBS, NBC, WGN, FOX or CLTV or

Should a tornado warning occur immediately before dismissal, please do not call the school or go to the school to pick up your child. We will hold the children until it is safe and parents have arrived.