

CGS Sessions begin September 27th – Level 1 (ages 3-6) 4-5:30pm & Level 1,2, & 3 (ages 3-12) 6-7:30pm

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CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD AT ST PHILIP

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New Space ready for 2023-2024 sessions beginning Sept. 27th!



St Philip is the first parish in the Diocese of La Crosse to transition to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in place of traditional CCD classes. The prepared space where CGS is held is called the Atrium.

- The atrium is a place of prayer, in which work and study spontaneously become meditation, contemplation and prayer.
- The atrium is a place in which the only Teacher is Christ; both children and adults place themselves in a listening stance before his Word and seek to penetrate the mystery of the liturgical celebration.

St Philip hosts a Level 1 Atrium & a Level 2 & 3 Atrium (pictured)

Through the work of the Catechist, along with members of the community, all materials are hand crafted paying attention to what is most essential to foster the spiritual life of the child and lead them to active participation in the liturgy. A Catechist spends 90 – 300 hours in Nationally recognized formation courses to be gain certification in this work.

The Atrium is split into two main areas of study:
Scripture (*Above*) and Liturgy (*Right*)

Scripture includes Infancy Narratives, Paschal Mysteries, geography, parables, Plan of God and Salvation History (*giant timeline on wall*) and more...

Liturgy studies the various parts, prayers, & gestures of the Mass. Significance is placed on the sacraments and the significance of grace in our lives. Children begin to recognize scripture very present in the Mass!

For a private tour – contact Samantha @ 715.416.1710

Thank you to the many contributors who have gifted this to the children – the future of the Church!

