

National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Level 1 Formation - Parts 1 & 2: For Adults Serving Children Ages 3 - 6

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Course #1-02488

460 NW Washington Ave, Elkhart, IA 50073



The training will take place over five weekends in 2025. Mass will be included in the training on Sundays at 10 A.M., at St. Mary's Church. Light breakfast and snacks will be provided, please bring your own sack lunch on Saturdays and Sundays.

January 31 & February 1, 2

February 28, March 1 & 2

March 28, 29, 30

May 30 & 31, & June 1

Aug 1, 2, & 3

Tuition: \$400 for Complete Course, \$100 due at Registration
Auditors Welcome - \$75 due at Registration

Required Books: Available for Purchase at <https://www.cgsusa.org/shop/>

- *Religious Potential of the Child, 3rd Ed.* by Sofia Cavalletti
- *Nurturing the Whole Child: Montessori Principles Applied to the Catechesis of Children*, by Gianna Gobbi
- *The Good Shepherd and the Child: A Joyful Journey, Revised and Updated*, by Sofia Cavalletti, Patricia Coulter, Gianna Gobbi, Silvana Quattrocchi Montanaro, and Rebekah Rajcewicz (2014)

Fridays 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm © Saturdays 8:30 am - 4:30 pm © Sundays 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Scholarships are available through Shepherd's Staff at <https://cgsiowa.weebly.com/scholarships.html>

Formation is an immersive spiritual experience that will prepare you to encounter Jesus alongside the child. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is founded on the two pillars of scripture and liturgy; proclaiming God's word and celebrating His presence in the Eucharist. Using the methods of Maria Montessori, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd fulfills the child's deepest need for relationship. This formation will lay the groundwork for you to be a witness to the 3-6 year-old child's relationship with Jesus, prepare a proper atrium environment, compile a catechist's album, and create materials for the space. A secondary goal of this experience is for the adult to fall more deeply in love with the Good Shepherd through contemplation, meditation, and work.

Formation Leader - Tracy Miller

Tracy Miller has been growing in faith with children in the Atrium for the past 11 years. She is the DRE at St. Mary-Holy Cross parish in Elkhart, IA where she helped establish all four levels of CGS. Tracy has spent the past 7 years serving the youngest child in many Toddler Atriums.

Formation Assistant - Rachel Manley

Rachel Manley fell in love with CGS at her first training in 2015, and since then has heard the Good Shepherd calling her to this important work of helping others fall in love with Him too. She has been trained in all four levels and served in multiple atria throughout the Des Moines area. She is a wife and homeschooling mother to eleven children.



Register Using the QR Code Below or Online at:

<https://forms.gle/pZ8uqBG79iUf1aMRA>



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