

Dear RUP Parents, Grandparents, Godparents and Parishioners,

We're excited to share the updates we've been working on for the 2024-2025 faith formation year! Please be on the lookout in the bulletin for more information on registration and our first parent night where you will be invited to meet our Catechists and ask questions about the year.

As mentioned in our previous communications, we are taking a two-pronged approach to PK-5 Faith Formation. Our long-term goal is to offer *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)* for children from ages 3 through 12. CGS requires 90-120 hours of Catechist training and experience at each level. We plan to open a Level 2 Atrium (ages 6-9) in 2026-2027 and a Level 3 Atrium (ages 9-12) in 2030. You can find more information about CGS on our website.

Pre-K/K: *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*

Starting the week of September 22nd, this Montessori-based Catholic Formation approach will be available for potty-trained children ages 3-5. We plan to offer parents at least four weekly sessions to choose from (Sunday during the 10:30 Mass, Monday morning, Monday after school, and Tuesday after school), though this schedule may be adjusted based on parent preferences as Catechist availability allows. Sessions will begin at 45 minutes and gradually extend to 2 hours after Christmas. Small groups of 6-8 children will meet weekly in the Level 1 Atrium (East half of Father Joe's office) with a trained Catechist and assistant to explore the mysteries of our Catholic faith. **Online registration opens on Tuesday, August 27th at 12 pm and closes when all slots are filled.**

1st: Seeking Parent Feedback- CGS or Family Formation?

We are considering offering CGS sessions for 3-5 year olds AND for 4-6 year olds. If you have a 1st grader and would like to provide feedback on whether you prefer *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* or the *Truth, Beauty, and Goodness Family Formation* (see details below), please contact Ashley Obstar.

2nd-5th: *Truth, Beauty, and Goodness Family Formation*

We're thrilled to introduce *Truth, Beauty, and Goodness Family Formation*, beginning October 6th. This program has been thoughtfully designed in collaboration with our priests, former and current catechists, and guided by the Holy Spirit, for 2nd-5th graders, including those preparing for their First Communion and First Reconciliation. Sacramental prep will also begin October 6th and First Communion mass will be held Saturday, April 26th. Every Sunday between the two morning Masses, children will rotate through three stations—Truth, Beauty, and Goodness—where they will **encounter Jesus** through His Word, Sacraments, Works of Mercy, Living Tradition, and Invitation to Prayer. Parents are encouraged to accompany their children during two of the three stations and participate in their own parent-led station. We understand that “parents are the primary catechists of their children,” and we're here to support and learn alongside you. Online registration opens on Tuesday, August 27th. Early registration helps us prepare, so please sign up as soon as possible.

Truth, Beauty, and Goodness Family Formation Schedule:

- 8:00-9:15 AM: Mass
- 9:15-9:30 AM: Coffee and donuts (all parishioners welcome)
- 9:30 AM: Opening prayer
- 9:35-9:47 AM: Station 1
- 9:52-10:04 AM: Station 2
- 10:09-10:21 AM: Station 3
- 10:24 AM: Closing prayer and clean-up

Parishioners/Grandparents/Godparents- Get Involved!

We welcome your help in many ways, regardless of age or talent. Whether it's crafting materials for the atrium, teaching on Sundays, assisting with coffee and donuts, or helping in other ways, there's a place for you. Please contact Ashley at k25@resurrectionbozeman.org to get started.