

PROGRAMMING DESCRIPTIONS

* **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd emphasizes quiet contemplation and "the enjoyment of God." The children hear Bible stories and watch them acted out with simple materials; they learn songs and prayers, and are encouraged to play quietly with simple and meaningful objects. Children learn about and become alert to the details of the liturgy: the significance of color, the names and purposes of the various vessels and tools on the altar. Learn more at www.cgsusa.org.

** **YDisciple Apprenticeship**

YDisciple is an intuitive online platform designed to help parents and parishes work together to reach teens more effectively. It is not a program, but rather an apprenticeship in the Christian Life where small gender-based groups of peers meet with adult mentors to learn, discuss and share their experiences of serving Christ as His disciple.

*** **FORMED.org**

FORMED.org is an online platform featuring the best Catholic videos, audio talks, eBooks and movies from trusted partners like the Augustine Institute, St. Paul Center, Marian Fathers, Lighthouse Catholic Media, Ignatius Press and Word on Fire.

WHEN? WHERE? HOW?

G.I.F.T. Night discipleship groups meet Wednesday evenings on the St. Anthony Campus from September through April.

Evening Schedule

5:30PM	Confessions
6:15	Mass
6:45	Large Group Opening Prayer
7:00	Small Group Formation
8:00	Closing



“Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world.” John 17:24

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

G.I.F.T. Night Registration Forms are available in the entryway of St. Anthony & St. Nicholas and online at stanthonymorris.org and stnicholas-sunman.org under the Faith Formation tab.

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Growing In Faith Together

G.I.F.T. Night is an evening of fellowship and formation for parishioners of all ages where personal relationships with Christ are nurtured and more deeply developed. It is an apprenticeship centered upon prayer, liturgical events of church life, and the sacraments.

G.I.F.T. Night offers faith formation opportunities for all ages reminding us that we do not “graduate” from faith formation, but rather embrace and participate in it through a lifelong journey of growing in knowledge, faith, and love of our Lord.

VISION

Through personal encounters of the risen Christ all will come to know Him and make Him known.

GOAL

To offer a peaceful and welcoming oasis where opportunities abound for all members of our communities to share and study the living Word of God and have their hearts moved and their minds enlightened in a deeper understanding of the love of Christ.



G.I.F.T. Night is GROWING, LIVING & SHARING TOGETHER

GROWING

- Nurturing the faith of families and individuals
- Helping each other grow as disciples of Jesus Christ
- Assisting parents in passing on the faith to their children
- Learning together

LIVING

- Engaging all ages in the life of the Church
- Praying together
- Loving and serving

SHARING

- Witnessing to others the work of Christ in our lives
- Proclaiming the Gospel
- Sharing faith with others

PROGRAMMING INFORMATION

Ages 3-6 utilizes Catechesis of the Good Shepherd *

Grade 2 receives 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist preparation

Grades 3-5 utilize various religious education texts and materials

Grades 6-12 utilize the YDisciple Apprenticeship **

[Grade 8 receives Confirmation preparation within the YDisciple structure]

Young Adults and Adults are instructed through a combination of teachings by Fr. Whittington and programming available through FORMED.org ***

