

May 20th, 2026

Dear PREP Families:

Thank you for your dedication to the faith formation of your children! Below are some important highlights regarding the PREP program for the upcoming year. As our program continues to develop and grow, please note that there are several updates and changes this year.

Times for PREP Classes

- Our in-person classes are Monday evenings:
 - First Session- Grades 1 through 4 will meet from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - Second Session- Grades 5 through 8 meet from 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

PREP Instruction for Our Youngest Learners

- We will continue to offer PREP instruction for PK3, PK4, and Kindergarten on Sunday mornings from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. on our Trindle Road Campus.
- There will be books and instruction materials for the K students, and PK learning opportunities for the younger students.
- The little ones must be potty trained.
- There is no homeschool option for PK3, PK4 or Kindergarten.

Other Important Information

- **Classes begin on September 14, 2026 and conclude on May 9/10, 2027.**
- **There will be a Back to PREP Night on August 31, 2026, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Education Center Gym for ALL levels of the PREP program.**
- Snow day notifications will be sent through our One Call Now system via email, as well as by text message and phone call. If local schools are closed due to inclement weather, PREP classes will also be canceled.
- Students in sacramental years (2nd and 8th grade) who have not completed the required two years of PREP instruction will be asked to participate in an additional Extended Learning Students class. This class is held outside of the regular Monday night PREP schedule.

Attendance Policy

Regular attendance is required for PREP in order for students to be fully catechized in the Catholic faith. Parents are expected to support and uphold this attendance policy. Please refer to the PREP handbook for additional details.

Fee Structure

- Pre-School/Kindergarten Tuition: \$25 per student for the year.

Registration Deadline	Registration Fee	2 Students	3 Students	Sacramental Fee (2 nd and 8 th grade only)
June 13/20	\$65	\$90	\$115	\$30/\$50
August 1st	\$75	\$105	\$135	\$30/\$50
Anytime after	\$95	\$155	\$200	\$45/\$65

- Sacramental Year (Grades 2 and 8) Fee helps cover costs of retreats, special supplies, and resources.

Next Steps

- Please complete the registration form. **Payment is due by August 1st, 2026.**
- If you are not a member of Good Shepherd Parish, you will need a letter from your parish pastor stating that your children are permitted to attend PREP classes in our parish. **This letter is due by the first class on September 14, 2026.**
- Parents of sacramental year students (2nd and 8th) must submit a copy of their child's baptismal certificate as well if we do not already have one on file. **A copy of the certificate is due no later than September 7th, 2026.**

As we look to the future, we are committed to making our program the very best it can be for your child. Your input, feedback, and suggestions are invaluable to us, and we look forward to partnering with you in this journey.

This year, we are placing a special emphasis on enriching our program in ways that make learning and faith more practical and meaningful in everyday life. Our goal is to help cultivate a faith that is strong, natural, and dynamic—one that guides and inspires our children both now and in the future.

Thank you for your faithfulness to your child(ren)'s religious education. We are here to support you and help you in any way we can. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We look forward to seeing you on August 31 for our Back to PREP Night!

May God bless you and your family with every grace you need!

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