

## **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd- Atrium II**

Atrium II is the second level of the catechesis of the Good Shepherd, designed for children ages 6 to 9. As with all CGS the program revolves not around a textbook, but around concrete works based on scriptural and liturgical texts. In this age range children develop the ability to abstract, and therefore begin to develop a moral sense. Level two thus revisits many of the same works from level one, with an emphasis on the new, moral dimension. While the love of the Good Shepherd is still central, during this time an added pondering of the proper response to this love is introduced.

This year we will offer one session of Atrium II, which shall take place on Thursday evenings at 5:15-6:45PM. The scheduled dates for these meetings are as follows:

August 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>\*, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>

October: 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>

December: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>

January: 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>

February: 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>

March: 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>

April 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>

\*= annual safe environment training class with age specific curriculum

All needed materials are provided in the Atrium, and children will take home their work twice a year. The fee to help with supply costs is \$35 per child, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds.