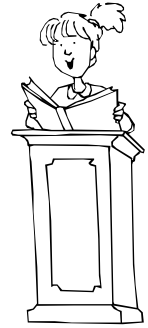


CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Sunday Readings for Children



What is Children's Liturgy of the Word?

Children's Liturgy of the Word is part of our Sunday celebration. It is designed for children in grade K4 through grade 4 to give them a sense of belonging to a community of believers.

During Children's Liturgy of the Word, the children hear Sunday's readings in language suited to their level. Then through dialogue, they reflect on what that Word means in their lives. The children pray a Creed together and usually have an opportunity to share in the Prayers of the Faithful.

Children's Liturgy of the Word gives children an opportunity to deepen their faith by responding to the message of the Scriptures at their own level.






How do I sign my child up for Children's Liturgy of the Word?

No sign-up is necessary.

Each time we have Children's Liturgy of the Word (during 9 am Mass on most 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month pending holiday & summer schedule), the priest or deacon invites the children to join him by the altar and then sends them off to another space. All children in Church (grades K4-4) are welcome and no registration is necessary.

Please note: Children's Liturgy of the Word is different than Catholic Formation and is not considered a substitute for Formation classes. Please contact the Catholic Formation Office if you would like to know more about Catholic Formation classes.

What do children and parents need to know before a child attends Children's Liturgy of the Word?

-  If your child attends, please help your child note where you are sitting so they can find you when they return.
-  The children are reminded that they are still in Mass and are expected to behave accordingly. A child who continually misbehaves or disrupts others may be asked not to return.
-  Our materials and discussion are geared for children in grades K4 through 4. Children older or younger than this may not understand or fully appreciate it.
-  Upon return into Church, children should walk in quietly in the sanctuary space.
-  Children may receive a handout with some pencil activities about the day's readings. A good follow-up to the Gospel message is to go over these activities with your child after Mass.

(See other side for information on the SCHEDULE / CALENDAR for Children's Liturgy of the Word.)