

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Liturgy of the Word with Children at Mass is a wonderful opportunity for young children to experience the Word of God on their own level. We have been celebrating it here at Sacred Heart all year 'round since 1995.

- Who** Children in Pre-K through 3rd grade (ages 4-8).
They need to be able to understand and participate.
- When** Sunday mornings at the 9:00 Mass most of the year
(they don't meet on Easter Sunday and Christmas).
- What** The children will primarily hear the *Gospel Reading* for that particular Sunday., but in a language that they can better understand. The leaders will invite their participation in reflecting on the reading and may have an activity to further help in their understanding. There will be two leaders working together and they have all their diocesan/state clearances. The children also will receive a handout to take home regarding that Sunday's readings so that the children can discuss them with their families.
- How** Children are welcome to join the group at any time. There is no need to register and there is no fee involved. The children gather as usual with their families in church. After the Opening Prayer, the presider will invite children who wish to take part to come forward. They will process from the church into the Findlay Room. This meeting room is directly behind the choir area. The children will return to their families during the Preparation of the Gifts.

If a child is reluctant to participate because of shyness or is unsure about where the children go when they leave the Church, Mrs. Flynn or one of the leaders would be glad to show a family the room before or after the 9:00 Mass. A parent is also welcome to come with their child the first time so that they are more comfortable. If you have any questions at all, please call Rebecca Flynn at the rectory: 814-456-6256