

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

***Invites Grade Level 1 – 6
9 AM Sunday Mass***

LITURGY OF THE WORD with CHILDREN



Why We Celebrate:

The Second Vatican Council has spoken in the Constitution of the Liturgy about the need for adaptation of the Mass for various groups, including children. The first Synod of Bishops held in Rome in 1967, began to consider how participation of children attending Mass could be made more fruitful. There has been much dialogue about how best to provide a worship environment more easily understood by children and yet uphold the integrity of the Mass.

The adaptation of the lectionary for children along with the Directory of Masses with Children have been the stepping stones for the celebration of Mass at the level that young Catholic children can understand. This allows the children to have a shorter, more exclusive celebration adapted just for them. This is the model in use in our diocese and the liturgy model we have for our parish.

What to Expect:

Families come to worship in the church as usual. After the opening prayer, the children process to the Parish Hall where they experience God's Word at their own level. The children rejoin their families in the church during the Offertory. They then celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the Parish community.

How Adults & CONFIRMED Youth Can Serve as Leaders:

Commit to ONE (1) Sunday a month to facilitate the children's experience of the liturgy; welcomes the children, proclaims the gospel, leads a discussion of the readings, leads the profession of faith and the general intercessions.

How Children Can Serve as Child Lector (Grades 3 & above):

Commit to ONE (1) Sunday a month; participate in the processional at the beginning of the Mass and reads the First Reading.

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