

Children's Ministry 2023-2024



Our Lady of Grace Church

Children's Ministry Calendar

AUGUST 2023

Sunday, 8/27 – *Parish Picnic*

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday, 9/17

OCTOBER 2023

Sunday, 10/1

Sunday, 10/15

Sunday, 10/29

NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday, 11/12

Sunday, 11/19

DECEMBER 2023

Sunday, 12/10 – *Christmas Market*

Sunday, 12/17

JANUARY 2024

Sunday, 1/7

Sunday, 1/21

FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday, 2/4

Sunday, 2/18

MARCH 2023

Sunday, 3/3

Sunday, 3/17

APRIL 2024

Sunday, 4/14

Sunday, 4/28 – *Easter party*



Register online at www.ourladyofgracechurch.org or scan the QR code

*Grades 2 – 5 meet *downstairs* in Shepherd's Hall from 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

*Preschool – Grade 1 meet *upstairs* in Albanese Hall from 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE:
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 17-21, 2024

GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION: Registration is required for participation in our **Preschool – Grade 5 Children’s Ministry**. It is mandatory for us to have your child’s contact information, health concerns, and signed waivers on file in order for you to leave your child in our care. We now use an online paperless registration service. To register, please follow the link on the parish website – www.ourladyofgracechurch.org or scan the **QR code** on the opposite side of this sheet. **Registrations are due by August 31, 2023.**

COST: We are requesting a donation of **\$30** for **one** child, **\$55** for **two** children, or **\$80** for **three or more** children registering from the same family to help defer the cost of materials. There is a link on the website to make your donation online, or you may mail or drop off a payment to the parish office. *Please include your child’s name with the payment.*

SESSION TIMES / LOCATIONS: Children’s Ministry is open to all children in preschool through fifth grade. Children in **Grades 2 – 5** will meet *downstairs* in Shepherd’s Hall from **9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.** Children in **Preschool – Grade 1** will meet *upstairs* in Albanese Hall from **10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**, during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. You will need to come into the hall to **sign your child in and out**, but you will **not** need to stay for the session. Please be sure to arrive a few minutes early so that we can begin on time and **return promptly at the end of the session** to avoid undue stress on your child and our leaders.

ATTENDANCE: Please make every effort to have your child attend our bi-monthly sessions, *especially during the year prior to and the year of the reception of the Sacraments*. If your child is ill, the session materials will be available for you so that you can cover the content at home before the next session. Please email Stephanie McCarthy smccarthy@dioceseofgreensburg.org if you have any questions or need to obtain session materials.

COMMUNICATION: Regular communication and reminders regarding Children’s Ministry sessions and events will occur through Flocknote. If we need to cancel one of our sessions for any reason, we will also notify you in this manner, so please check your email often.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE: Do you enjoy working with young children? If so, we would love to have you serve as a **small group leader** or **assistant** during our Children’s Ministry sessions! All lesson plans and materials are provided. We can also use helpers to prepare materials at home, as well as volunteers willing to assist with getting the rooms ready before and after each session. For more information, please contact Stephanie McCarthy at the above email address. ***Please keep in mind that all children and youth workers at Our Lady of Grace Church are required to undergo background checks and trainings, and strictly adhere to all State and Diocesan Child Protection Policies.***

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES: Throughout the year, the *Office of Discipleship and Evangelization* will sponsor special events for all age groups to grow in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ. Please check the bulletin or our website regularly for more information about these upcoming events.