

The Nursery and Little Lambs Ministry



**SUNDAYS during 9:30 MASS
September through May**

***Children ages 1 -3 years attend “The Nursery” where they are cared for by our volunteers. Parents bring your child to the nursery and pick them up after Mass.

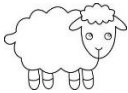
***Children ages 4-5 attend “Little Lambs” sessions during 9:30 Mass. Child is dismissed for sessions from Mass accompanied by Catechist. Parent picks up child from classroom after Mass. Note: child must be able to use the washroom without assistance and feel comfortable with separation from their parents.

Sign up is required for Little Lambs – registration form is below. Please turn in completed registrations to the Religious Education office staff.

For questions about The Nursery please call Barb Huber: 708-687-6896.

For questions about Little Lambs Prek/K, or to volunteer, please call the RE Office: 708-687-7778.

LITTLE LAMBS



LITTLE LAMBS PRE-K/KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FORM



St. Damian families, please fill out the below form and return it to the Religious Education Office.

CHILDS NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

MOTHERS NAME _____

FATHERS NAME _____

WHO WILL BE BRINGING CHILD TO MASS? _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

ARE THERE ANY MEDICAL CONCERNS REGARDING YOUR CHILD? (ALLERGIES, BEHAVIOR, ETC.) _____

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE US TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR CHILD? _____

PLEASE NOTE: CHILD MUST BE 4 YEARS OF AGE BY SEPTEMBER 1ST, FULLY “POTTY” TRAINED, COMFORTABLE BEING SEPARATED FROM PARENTS AND SIBLINGS. LITTLE LAMBS IS FOR REGISTERED FAMILIES OF ST. DAMIAN PARISH.

Dear Parents of Pre-Schoolers,

I would like to introduce you to the St. Damian Little Lambs program.

Little Lambs is a program for 4 to 5-year-old boys and girls and is held during the 9:30 Mass on Sunday mornings.

What do we do?

Children are registered for Little Lambs through the Religious Education Office. On Sunday morning, parents bring their child to 9:30 Mass. Our volunteers are standing outside of the church doors with name tags for the children. After they are greeted and have their name tag, they will be seated with their parent(s.) When Father says the Opening Prayer, he will pause and ask the Little Lambs to come forward. The children join the volunteers standing now by the altar, receive a blessing from the priest, and then proceed to the classroom with the volunteers.

Class begins with a prayer around our prayer table. We work from the Benziger Series "Stories of God's Love," the same series used in Religious Education and Day School. We work on a leaflet with activities related to the lesson and add on a craft or drawing for the children. All activities pertain to the day's lesson and often the Sunday Gospel. When we are able, we like to add some singing to our classes!

When Mass has ended, parents come to the classroom and pick up their child from the classroom. I am proud to say most of our Little Lambs have learned their Sign of the Cross! They share stories and I am also impressed with the kindness they show for each other.

We would be happy to have your child join Little Lambs at any time from September through April. You will be pleased with this program!

Mrs. DeSpain
Little Lambs Catechist

Please contact the St. Damian Office of Religious Education Office about Little Lambs.