

Registration and Tuition

There is no charge for Children's Liturgy of the Word. Prek/Kindergarten is considered regular formation and there is a materials cost, so the regular tuition rates apply.

Good News! All registration is being done through our website at www.stjamesmason.org. You will also fill in medical information and permissions for photos and medication use. Payment is typically done online, either in full or partial payments. You may also drop tuition checks in the collection basket clearly marked "elementary formation".

Rates are as follows:

One student	\$75
Two students	\$135
Three or more	\$165

We have never turned anyone away from Faith Formation or ROCK who has had a desire to learn about and grow in our Catholic faith. If you need confidential assistance in paying for faith formation for your children, please call or write a letter to the director of faith formation explaining your needs. We do offer a Scrip program that can help you earn money towards your tuition. Please contact Alison Burch to find out more about this program.

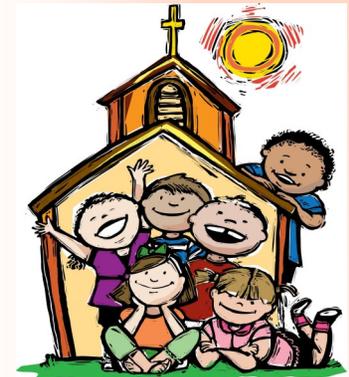


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*Children's Liturgy of the
Word and
Prekindergarten/
Kindergarten*

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) is offered each Sunday morning during the **10:00 am Mass**, from late September to mid May. We have traditionally had a rotation of 5 or 6 adult catechists to lead during Mass.

The celebrant invites all children from **ages 4 to 9** to come forward at the beginning of Mass after the opening prayer. The catechist for that Mass comes near the altar with the Children's Lectionary. They are then sent forth, with a special blessing, to learn about the Gospel for the day.

Children meet in the South Wing or Keating Hall. They hear the Gospel at their own level of understanding. The catechists have the option to use music for the Alleluia. The catechist will lead them through age-appropriate interactive reflection, prayer and activities related to the Gospel. Children return to families in Mass during the offertory song.

The resource used for the children is called *Celebrating the Lectionary*, by LTP. The lessons follow the liturgical calendar. Children do not typically meet during the special Masses at Christmas time, Easter and other planned school calendar breaks.

Prek/Kindergarten



Prekindergarten and Kindergarten is a faith-filled program with activities focusing on developing faith through language, visual presentations, movement and using listening skills.

Beginning in late September, the children meet downstairs in a classroom during the **10:00 am Mass**. There are at least 2 adult leaders who supervise them. Families pick up children from the classroom as they leave Mass.

During their session, various USCCB approved resources will be used to help catechists plan rich and inviting lessons. This is an early childhood program and is designed to be comprehensive and developmentally appropriate for 4 and 5 year old children. Chapter contents are reinforced by active learning. The children will play games, sing, talk, color and draw to express their ideas and show what they have learned. Each child has their own workbook that they will take home at the end of the sessions in mid May.

We Need You!

Sharing the Gift of Faith – Won't You Join Us?

Many Caring Volunteers are needed for our Children & Youth Programs.

The value of time and talent volunteers contribute to our Faith Formation Program is immeasurable. Whether you are available only occasionally for an hour, or weekly for a few weeks, please consider joining this wonderful group of ministers. Please remember that the most important requirements include love for children, a love of and commitment to your faith, and a desire to help others grow in theirs. Orientation is offered for all new volunteers, as well as on-going training.

Children's Liturgy volunteers are needed to lead about every 5 weeks. This is a great ministry if you want to work with children but have a very busy schedule. There is a rotation set up in the fall. Please contact the director of faith formation if you are willing to give this ministry a try!



*A.S.A.P.
Always Say A Prayer*