



## LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

### What is Liturgy of the Word for Children?

It is a program that the parish offers free to all children in Pre-School through Fifth grade. Children will be dismissed from mass after the opening prayer. The Catechist gathers the children in front of the Sanctuary and the priest says a prayer over the children. Then the children follow the catechist carrying the lectionary to the Chapel. Once in the chapel, the children will sing an opening song. Then the children take turns coming forward to do the readings each week. They hear the Gospel and a homily. The homily is based on the readings but is geared to have an impact for their age level. They will participate in song and prayer. They will be able to ask questions and share intentions.

### What should we do when we come to church?

Please stop at the table that will be set up in Gathering Space. Your child will have a label nametag that he/she can peel off and place on their clothing. I will have children's bulletins available for each of the children. The children will be dismissed after the opening prayer.

The lead catechist will walk up the main aisle holding the lectionary. **Please make sure that your child is aware that they need to follow quietly and that this is their special time for them to hear the special message of Jesus in the Gospels and the Sunday readings.**

### What can I do to make this a meaningful experience for my child(ren)?

Please consider volunteering. Children learn by example. This is a great way to share your faith with your child. **It is easy! All the materials are provided.** The session is only 20 minutes in length. You can rejoin your family during the collection time at mass. I need at least two parents at each session. Come and experience liturgy at your child's level, it will enrich your life. If you have questions, please call me at 651-455-6624 ext. 105 or e-mail me at [tneuman@churchofstpatrick.com](mailto:tneuman@churchofstpatrick.com)