

**LITURGY OF THE WORD
FOR CHILDREN
FOR
GRADES 1-5
DURING THE 10:30 MASS**

Once children reach school age, it is important that they attend our Eucharistic Celebration each week.

Our younger members often find it hard to relate the readings and homilies to their own lives. For this reason, Children's Liturgy of the Word was developed.

Children are dismissed with their Presiders after the opening prayer. They go into two different locations with other children of similar age. The rooms in which they gather have an ambo to hold the Lectionary for Masses with Children and a candle. The children are quiet and respectful just as they would be in the church.

During Liturgy of the Word, children hear the same readings the adults are listening to in the church. The difference is the readings are written in slightly simpler language which is easier for them to understand. The reflection on these readings may be in the form of a discussion or a story (4th -5th grade) or a puppet show (1st - 3rd grade).

The children also recite the Creed and pray for the community, just as the rest of us are doing in church.

The children return during the collection of the gifts and remain with the community during the remainder of the Mass.

There is no registration process for this program since it is simply part of our Eucharistic Celebration. Any child who wishes to participate is invited and encouraged to do so.