**LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN (LWC)**

**2019-2020 Schedule:**

**Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 2, Mar.1, Mar. 22, Apr. 19**

Liturgy of the Word with Children takes place at the 9:30 AM Mass on scheduled Sundays. We welcome and encourage the children’s participation . . . ages 4 through 3rd grade.

The children begin Mass with their families, and after the opening prayers, they are called forward by the Celebrant. They process with the Liturgical Leaders to the room below the Rectory for about 25 minutes. There they listen to the day's Scripture readings / Gospel at a level better suited to their understanding. They respond to the Psalms and Acclamations, and often participate in the homily which may include visuals, dialogue and music. The session concludes with the Creed and the Intercessions. They receive a Children's Worship Bulletin, related to the readings of the day, and return to their families as the Liturgy of the Eucharist portion of the Mass begins.

This has been a vital Ministry in our parish since 1992. It has proven to be a wonderful opportunity for children to better understand and appreciate the Sunday Scriptures, in addition to increasing their willingness to attend Sunday Mass with their families.

LWC has flourished all these years because we have had a steady team of dedicated **Leaders** and **Assistants** in this Ministry. There are currently five leaders and five assistants who have fulfilled the Archdiocesan program titled “Protecting God’s Children” required for all adults working with children in Church programs.

**Leaders:**  prepare faithfully for their scheduled Sundays, helping to bring meaning to the Liturgy of the Word, using the approved guides, and their spiritual gifts and talents.

**Assistants (one or two needed per session):** They need to be present with the Leader to ensure safety and/or in case of any emergency situation. The Leader and Assistant communicate before their scheduled day. The Assistant, if willing, may be asked to do one of the scripture readings (mailed in advance) and assists the Leader as needed.

For further information, and/or if you would consider being an assistant …

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 **LWC Assistant response :**

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