

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

(Holy Spirit Families: Arrive early to receive any additional information)

THE HOLY MASS – What we should know during the Mass

In General: We will let you know when to move, come forward, etc.

Entrance Rite - Gathering

- Arrive 30 minutes early
- Readers of Scripture and Prayer of the Faithful will go to left side of altar to receive last minute instructions and read through text one last time
- All children at the Mass will then gather near the baptismal font and get ready for the procession
- Fr. Jim does a prayer at the font and then the children follow the cross bearer down the aisle to sit with their families. The Readers of 'Scripture' will go over to their seats to the left.

Liturgy of the Word – Scripture

- Fr. Jim will call the children to the stairs to join him for the homily
- Following the homily, the children designated to be Gift Bearers will go to the gift table near the font and the children designated to be readers of the Prayer of the Faithful go over to get in line and go up the stairs.
- Apostles Creed
- Prayer of the Faithful

Liturgy of the Eucharist

- When it is time to receive First Eucharist, a member of the team will help you know when to come forward to gather as a semicircle with your first communicant(s) standing in front of you
- Fr. Jim will distribute First Eucharist to all of the children and then their family – you go directly back to your pew by the side aisle

Closing Rite

- The children will remain in their pews as we sing the Song of Going Forth.
- Fr. Jim will stay in front for any pictures that the family would like to take.