



Something NEW at St. Christopher!

Starting on **Sunday, October 12**, we will begin our own **Children's Liturgy of the Word** at the **10:30** Mass. The goal for this is to help children hear God's message in a way that is more understandable for them.

At the 10:30 liturgy, just before the first reading is proclaimed, the priest will invite all children to come to the front of the church. Father will offer a short prayer of blessing for the children and Sister Mary Ann (their prayer leader), and he will present them with their Lectionary. The group will then leave the sanctuary and go to their own prayer space. This will be out in Emmaus Way, by the large stained glass windows. The children will then hear one or more of the Sunday readings and participate in conversation and prayer centered on the message of the day. They will pray their own General Intercessions. Finally they will be escorted back into the church – they will be invited to place their own envelopes in the collection basket and then will rejoin their families.

We plan that Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place every Sunday at the 10:30 liturgy. This is for all children attending that Mass, whether they attend our CCD or School or are visiting. We suggest that children be in Kindergarten through 2nd or 3rd grade, but all are welcome! We also welcome any parent or older sibling who may wish to accompany a child.

It is important to remember that this isn't a religion "lesson" but it is really a time for prayer and hearing the Word of God. The primary purpose is to provide children with a focused environment where they are more likely to become conscious, active listeners and responders to God's Word.

If you have any questions, or would like to assist with this new ministry, please contact:

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