

## Mission

Children's Liturgy of the Word ministry provides age-appropriate proclamation of the Sunday Readings, with child-friendly reflection, prayer and song for children in grades K-5, to help them participate more fully and actively in the Mass.

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*All who work with children are safe environment trained and background approved.*



During the  
**10:00 a.m. Mass**

**CHILDREN'S  
LITURGY**

SCHEDULE 2018-2019

September 30  
October 7  
October 14  
October 28  
November 4  
November 11  
December 2  
December 9  
December 16  
January 6  
January 13  
January 27  
February 3  
February 10  
February 24  
March 3  
March 10  
March 17  
March 24  
April 7

# Children's Liturgy Of the Word

*"Let the little children come to me."  
Matthew 19:14*



The Church of St. Mary  
Alexandria, MN



## Overview of Ministry

Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered to all children in grades K-5 during the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass. This ministry helps children hear God's message in a language that is appropriate and in a manner that they understand.

**Schedule is located on the back and no registration needed.**

## To improve your child's experience

- Sit near front. Children who can see the altar and choir are more apt to be engaged.
- Actively participate. Parents who pray and sing model behavior for your child.
- Note points of interest. Colors of vestments and other seasonal cues.

## Format of Liturgy of the Word

Children will be called to the front of Church by Father after the opening prayer. Children process out to a song of support sung by the entire community.

Liturgy of the Word with Children includes the elements that we normally experience in the Liturgy at Sunday Mass.

- Old Testament Reading
- Psalm
- New Testament Reading
- Alleluia
- Reading of the Holy Gospel
- Reflection/Homily
- Creed
- Petitions
- Procession back to Church

Children will experience ritual of silence, song, hearing, proclaiming, processions and reverence for the Word of God in an interactive way.

The children return to the church in time for the Preparation of the Gifts and Liturgy of the Eucharist.

## Purpose

To provide a focused environment where children are more likely to become conscious, active listeners and responders to God's Word.

## Goal

Is to help children:

- Have an age-appropriate experience of Liturgy of the Word.
- Apply the Word of God to their own experiences and actions.
- Become closer to God.
- Learn how to fully participate in the Mass.

## To make the most of Children's Liturgy

- Make sure your child uses the restrooms before Mass.
- Impress upon your child the importance of remembering that the Children's Liturgy of the Word is still part of the Mass and his or her behavior should be appropriate for liturgy.
- Discuss the reading with your child before or after Mass.