

St. James Nursery Information for Parents

Currently, we will provide childcare at the 11am Mass only.

(Parents may drop off their children 15 minutes before the start of mass.)

Purpose:

-To provide childcare during mass for children between the ages of 1 year-6 years in an environment that is safe, secure, and nurturing.

-To model Catholic values and beliefs while caring for the children of our parish.

(Instead of visiting the nursery, children in Kindergarten or older can attend the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 11am Mass.)

Security:

-For the safety of the children and the volunteers, the nursery will not be able to open unless there are at least 2 volunteers. Volunteers must have attended a training session (Called to Protect), as well as had a background check and an interview.

-A Parent must sign his child in when dropping off. When signing in, be sure to write down your cell phone number that you have with you at mass. Keep your phone on vibrate and a volunteer will call you if you are needed at the nursery.

-Upon signing in, a childcare volunteer will give you a paper with your child's name and the date on it. This paper must be presented when picking up your child after mass. You must also sign your child out when picking up. If needed, volunteers may ask for identification.

Child registration: The first time your child visits the nursery, you must fill out a short registration form. This is a form that provides important background information on your child. If you have already filled out the form, we will keep it on file.

Bathroom breaks: Parents, please take your child to the bathroom before dropping off. The bathroom is not attached to the nursery. If needed, a volunteer will take your child to the bathroom, along with at least one other child. For safety reasons, one volunteer will never be alone with one child. If you prefer, you can be called out of Mass to take your own child to the bathroom.

Diapers: We are not equipped to change diapers in the nursery. If your child has a dirty diaper during mass, we will be calling your cell phone to ask you to come back and do it. Sorry for the inconvenience!

Food: Food will not be given in the nursery. However, you may bring a water bottle, juice in a sippy cup, or a baby bottle of formula. Please do not bring snacks for your children to eat during this time.

Activities: Some of the activities available to your child in the nursery are a train table, coloring, VeggieTales movies, and various toys. For safety reasons, we will not be visiting the playground during this time. The children will be kept inside the nursery until you sign them out.

Sanitizing: At the end of the day, toys and tables will be sprayed with a bleach and water solution. Small toys that have been in little ones' mouths will be washed as well.

Illness: If your child is sick, please do not bring him/her to the nursery.

The safety and well-being of your children is our highest priority! If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions about the nursery, please contact Erin at nursery@stjames-greater.com