

St. Elizabeth's Family-Focused Sunday Liturgies



All programs at 10:30 AM
unless noted

January 2018

- 7- Family Mass
- 14- Gather the Children
- 21- 5th Grade CCD Mass
- 28- Gather the Children

February 2018

- 4- Family Mass
- 11- Gather the Children
(9:00 & 10:30 AM Masses)
- 18- Gather the Children
- 25- 4th Grade CCD Mass

March 2018

- 7- Family Mass
(9:00 & 10:30 AM Masses)
- 11- Gather the Children
- 18- Gather the Children
- 25- Palm Sunday Procession
- 30- Good Friday (12 noon)
Way of the Cross for Families

April 2018

- 1- Easter Sunday
- 8- Family Mass
- 15- Gather the Children
- 22- 3rd Grade CCD Mass
- 29- Gather the Children

May 2018

- 6- Family Mass
- 13- May Crowning after noon
Mass (Mother's Day)

Sunday Family Masses

Mass is an essential part of our Catholic tradition. Are you looking for a way to make Sunday Mass more meaningful for your child? Join us for these special masses that keep children in mind. During the mass, the children will be invited to gather around the altar for a special children's homily.

Gather the Children Program

On select Sundays, the Sunday Liturgy of the Word for Children, commonly referred to as "Gather the Children," will be offered. This program is geared to children in grades K – 5 and registration is not required. Children should be seated with their families in the church as usual. The priest will invite the children and their leaders to process to the Elizabeth Room at the beginning of mass. The essential elements of the traditional Liturgy of the Word are retained, although the language of the readings is simplified using a special lectionary for children, approved by the Church. The liturgy includes the use of prayers, gestures, songs, and homiletics appropriate for children. The children return prior to the offertory to celebrate the Eucharist with the entire community. Parents should save their seats.

CCD Grade-level Masses

Children in the designated grade have a special part in these masses. They will participate in the offertory procession and receive a special blessing. Parents should look for e-mail from CCD center about the details.

A chance to become involved!

Would you like to join the Gather the Children Ministry team? Families like yours take turns leading the prayers and songs, proclaiming scripture, and discussing the Gospel with the children. The time commitment is minimal, one Sunday a month, from 10 AM to 11:45 AM. Best of all, your entire family can come and participate as part of the volunteer team. Older siblings can come and help too. It's a great opportunity to learn more about the Mass while contributing to this important ministry. If your family is interested in helping, please contact Donna at dgormley27@gmail.com. Parents are always welcome to come and see what it's all about.