

Little Lamb's Liturgy

Starting Sunday July 9th, 2023
at St. Michael Parish

Are you a parent or caregiver of a young child?

Are they sometimes a little squirmy in church?

Is it sometimes a struggle to sit in church when their little bodies just want to move, but you still want them to be involved in the service?

Welcome to Little Lamb's Liturgy!

Starting Sunday July 9th, 2023 at Saint Michael Church in Hollidaysburg we will be hosting a special children service DURING the 10 AM Mass! Additional dates will be announced. This liturgy will be held twice a month. Watch the bulletin and the parishes website and Facebook pages for upcoming dates!

Little Lambs

What is the goal of this ministry?

To provide a safe, child friendly church environment where children can comfortably get to know God at their level and provide a network for parents with other parents in a similar season of life.

How does it work?

Before the first reading the children will be asked to stand (if they desire) and process with the service leader down to the church hall (church basement) where they will have their own service. The children will return back upstairs to present the gifts to the presiding priest and following the procession they will return to their pew to finish Mass.

What will happen during the children's service?

Each service will follow the same order. Once the children are downstairs they will begin with a fun movement activity, followed by a child led gospel reading and then a craft based upon the reading. All activities are specifically child friendly.

Is there a age requirement?

Although geared to children 2-5, you are welcome to bring younger or older children if you think they will benefit from this liturgy.

Does a parent have to be present during the children's service?

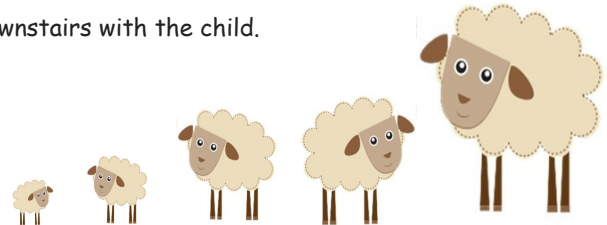
If the child is under the age of 4 a parent must be present downstairs with the child.

Will you be helping my child to toilet if needed?

No. The child must be able to toilet themselves.

Can I leave the church during the service?

No. You must remain in the church.



I attend St. Mary parish, can I bring my children to the Little Lamb Liturgy?

Absolutely! St. Mary & St. Michael parishioners are always welcome to attend Mass at either location. Unfortunately the Little Lamb Liturgy will only be offered at St. Michael Parish at this time. If you feel the children entering and leaving will distract you during Mass you are always welcome to attend Mass at St. Mary on those days.

Will there be a TV for the parent to view the Mass during the children's liturgy?

Yes. You may also remain downstairs after the liturgy is over if desired.

Do the leaders and aides have their clearances as dictated by the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese?

Yes. All must have their clearances on file to interact with the children.

If I am interested in helping with this ministry who do I contact?

Call or email Janet at the St. Michael parish office and she will connect you with the Little Lamb team. We are happy to have high school and college students help the team. Email: stmichaelburg@dioceseaj.org or call (814) 695-0912