

St. Henry Children's Liturgy 2017-2018

THANK YOU for volunteering your time to this very important ministry for our church. Please check your scheduled times below. **When preparing for your weekend, remember that the most powerful tool you can use is prayer.** The Holy Spirit will gladly lead and empower you with words and wisdom. Please consider using a prop, activity, or story that will help the children understand the message. **We retain 10% of what we hear, 30% of what we see, and 60% of what we do!**

If a schedule conflict comes up, please call to switch with another team giving them a week or two notice if possible, so they can prepare.

Children's Liturgy ministry is one of the ministries that the church requires its volunteers to take the VERTIS program. Please check the bulletin for the next time the class is offered if you haven't already taken the class. Thank you.

Please remember to sign in before mass and talk to Father.

I would suggest checking with the servers to make sure that they have put the Children's Liturgy Bible and candle out front. Also check with the readers to make sure they have the correct card that tells which grade level of kids is supposed to go down for liturgy! All of these items can be found in the cabinets against the wall in the sacristy.

****If the musicians do not come, then there is a box with music sheets in the west side cabinet with songs that the children are familiar with, AND a CD so you can play the songs. A CD player can be found on the East side cabinets in the basement****

Date	Mass Time	Grades	Homilist	Presider	Music
Oct. 15	10:00	K12	Amy Buschur	Bruce Buschur	
			419-852-9952		
Oct. 22	10:00	345	Lori Speck	Jackie Buschur	Rachel Speck & Alicia Clune
			(419-678-8060)	(419-678-0094)	
Oct. 29	10:00	K12	Karla Bruns	Kelly Horstman	Julia Beyke
			(419-763-4303)	(419-678-8649)	
Nov. 12	10:00	345	Kim Zimmerman	Joyce Steinbrunner	Rose Lefeld & Robyn Lefeld
			(419-678-8684)	(419-678-4978)	
Nov. 19	10:00	K12	Kim Franck	Cheryl Holdheide	
			(937-710-2340)	(419-678-9127)	
Nov. 26	10:00	345	Leah Knapke	Mara Alexander	
Dec. 3	10:00	K12	Esther Beyke	Amy Buschur	Julia Beyke
Dec. 10	10:00	345	Marcia Clune	Lisa Dailey	Rachel Speck & Alicia Clune
			(419-678-0309)		
Dec. 17	10:00	K12	Craig Buschur	Bill Gast	Rose Lefeld & Robyn Lefeld
			(419-678-8644)	(419-852-1517)	
Jan. 7	10:00	345	Alvera Miller	Jim Bowers	Julie Beyke
				(419-852-0381)	
Jan. 14	10:00	K12	Amy Buschur	Bruce Buschur	
			(419-852-9952)		

Jan. 21	10:00	345	Esther Beyke	Amy Buschur	
Feb. 11	10:00	K12	Joyce Steinbrunner	Kim Zimmerman	
Feb. 18	10:00	345	Lori Speck	Jackie Buschur	Rachel Speck & Alicia Clune
Feb. 25	10:00	K12	Leah Rindler	Mara Alexander	
Mar. 4	10:00	345	Craig Buschur	Bill Gast	Rose Lefeld & Robyn Lefeld
Mar. 18	10:00	K12	Alvera Miller	Jim Bowers	
April 8	10:00	345	Marcia Clune	Lisa Dailey	Rachel Speck & Alicia Clune
April 15	10:00	K12	Kim Franck	Cheryl Holdheide	
May 6	10:00	345	Lori Speck	Jackie Buschur	
May 13	10:00	K12	Kelly Horstman	Karla Bruns	Julia Beyke

Websites that may offer some help with your homily:

www.sermons4kids.com

www.childrenssermons.com

If you have any concerns or questions or need help with anything, please feel free to call Amy Buschur at 419-852-9952 or Pat Stachler at 419-678-4118 (parish office).

Children's Liturgy Homily Tips

- ✓ **Read** through the readings. Try to read it as one of the children. What would they hear? Take into consideration the age group for that week, and try to get down to their level of understanding.
- ✓ **Pray** and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the meaning to you. God knows that we need help and that's why he gave us the Holy Spirit.
- ✓ **Discover** the key idea. Focus on one key point or idea. This will keep it simple and help get the message across. Ask them what they will do in the next week at school and at home to live out this message.
- ✓ **Write** your homily down on paper so that it is clear to you. Write it as if you are talking to the children. You may want to number the lines down the left side of the paper so you can keep your place while you are talking.
- ✓ **Ask** children questions about the readings. Who, what, how, where, and when. If they missed the main idea, you can lead them to it through your questions.
- ✓ **Connect** with the children by using examples relevant to them, their family, friends, and school. Tie in the church's connections too. (Eucharist & Sacraments)
- ✓ **Props** that will get the children involved. You might consider using some props, or drawings and even act out the reading.
- ✓ **Carpet squares** are available by the coat racks for the children to sit on while you're in the basement.
- ✓ **Call to action**...How can they use what they have learned? Will they treat someone different? How will their life be better? How does it connect to the celebration of the Eucharist?
- ✓ **Sing** the songs with the musicians. There are copies of the songs that the musicians will sing in the cabinet in the church basement. Ask the musicians what songs they will sing so you can have the papers ready.
- ✓ **Remember that Jesus is with you and He won't let you down!**