



ST. MARY'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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FALL KICKOFF SUNDAY! SEPTEMBER 11

We cannot wait to see everyone for the start of the program year! St. Mary's wants to welcome you back this Fall with a big kickoff! Join us on Sunday, September 11 as we return to two services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. (see more information to the right) and following the 11 a.m. service, we will have a big picnic complete with hamburgers, hot dogs, and veggie options. And the Kona Ice truck will be here!

Interested in volunteering for Sunday School? There are so many ways to help on Sunday mornings. Sign up to be a helping hand at www.stmarysgochland.org/children



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS ON NATURE TRAIL

Outdoor Sunday School was such a success last year that we are continuing it. A new meeting spot was created on the Nature Trail behind the Youth Education Building at the back of the campus. Kids will meet there to begin the Sunday School hour and then break off into smaller age groups to continue the lesson. Depending on the weather, they may be outdoors or head to their designated classrooms. If the weather is inclement, we will meet in the large classroom on the 1st floor of the Youth Education Building and break out from there. Pick up locations will be on the playgrounds, again weather permitting, or in the designated classrooms.





PARENTS' HOSPITALITY ROOM

Have you dropped your kid off at Sunday School but aren't planning on attending Adult Forum? Head to the Library on the first floor of the Education Building for some coffee and fellowship with other parents.



OBLATION BEARER FAMILIES

We are returning to the practice of having families bring up the elements – the bread and the wine – during the offertory. The bread and wine are brought forward to the priest so he/she may begin setting the table as the offertory continues. This is a great way to get involved in a low stress way! Go to www.stmarysgoochland.org/children to sign up.



PARKING LOT CHURCH & DINNER

Mark your calendars for Parking Lot Church and Dinner. On Sunday, October 23 at 5 p.m., families are invited for an informal worship in the parking lot followed by a potluck fellowship meal.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- **Nursery on Sunday Mornings** - Meg Zehmer will again lead our wonderful team of nursery workers this year. Nursery is open from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for infants through 4-years-old. (If your child has need of the nursery and is older, please consult with Meg or Amelia, and we will do all we can to make sure there is a welcoming place for your child.) The nursery is located just off of the Dover Lounge.
- **Children's Chapel Returns** - Children's Chapel returns at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, September 11. The kids follow the children's cross out of the church at the Gospel hymn and into to the block room. There Amelia or one of the clergy will tell the Gospel story, give a children's homily, and lead prayers. Rochelle Jordan, our choir member, leads songs. The kids return back to the service at the peace.

Don't forget to register for Children's Ministry online!

This information helps us keep up to date on addresses, emails, schools, and birthdays.

