

St Joseph Religious Education Program RESOURCES

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE: A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR LEADING
YOUR KIDS TO CHRIST

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Please also see the bottom of the page for info about parish subscriptions to
[FORMED](#) which grant free access to our parishioners and their families.

ADORATION RESOURCES

The Eucharistic Rosary Congress & 24/7 adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
inside St. Joseph Church – watch the bulletin for more info!

“[What is Adoration?](#)” A How-To Video presented by St. Ann’s Children’s
Ministry”

Fr. Mike Schmitz and the Ascension Presents RECEIVED First Communion program show us [“What really happens in Eucharistic Adoration?”](#) This is a beautifully done presentation!

MASS RESOURCES

There are BOOKS for children and young people on the back tables of the church.

[THE SUNDAY CONNECTION:](#) God speaks to us in many ways, including through the Sunday Scripture readings. The Sunday Connection from Loyola provides useful background and activities to better understand the upcoming Sunday’s Scripture readings, helping you to connect the Scripture to daily life in a meaningful way. You’ll find each Sunday’s Readings and more (printable version available at [Sunday Connection | Loyola Press](#)).

[HOLY HEROES](#) (free download or free email subscription with pages to print. Features a short Gospel video; Coloring page; Mass quiz; Pre-Reader Activity Page; Mass readings) <https://holyheroes.com/pages/sunday-mass-prep>

[CATHOLIC KIDS BULLETIN](#) w/Theresa. Worksheets match with the weekly Mass readings, Gospel coloring pages, activities throughout the month incl. Psalm copy work, word search, & a saint. Bulletin outlines the liturgy so kids can follow along during Mass and learn the order and structure of the Mass; handouts help

students focus at Mass or help them be prepared for the Sunday Mass.

<https://catholickidsbulletin.com/>

[THE KIDS' BULLETIN](#) is made by a Canadian mom. It is a resource for Catholic kids who would like to have some fun while learning about the readings from the Sunday Mass every week. <https://thekidsbulletin.com/>

At SundayMassReadings.org, click the “CHILDREN” tab to access sermons, videos, crafts, activities, and more for children.

[Every Sacred Family: A 52-Week Mass Discussion Guide](#) (digital edition only-must be purchased). This 80-page Guide provides “a roadmap to prepare for Mass as a family, engage kids of all ages at Mass, and continue faith-filled conversation throughout the week — because catechizing our kids starts with conversation! For every Sunday and Solemnity, there are three discussion questions that dive into the Mass readings, with a particular focus on the weekly Gospel reading.”

[52 Sundays](#) is a FREE family resource from Unleash the Gospel/the Archdiocese of Detroit. Celebrate the Lord’s Day with a dynamic guide to help you and your family reclaim the Lord’s Day with prayer, activities, food, and more. Sign up for the weekly email.

There are Children’s Liturgy books, including ones like [Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2025-2026](#) or [At Home with the Word 2025](#).

[Living Faith Kids](#) publishes daily reflection booklets based on the church's daily Gospel Readings. Remember to double-check the date range you're actually going to receive!

Magnificat's monthly [MagnifiKid!](#) subscription (children ages 6-12)

[Living with Christ's yearly Sunday Missal for Young Catholics](#)

ADULTS: Consider a monthly magazine (print or digital subscription) to [The Word Among Us](#) or [Magnificat](#) or a book like Mark Hart's One Sunday at a Time: Preparing Your Heart for Weekly Mass.

Check out [Bishop Barron's Sunday Sermons](#) and [Fr. Mike Schmitz](#)' Sunday Homilies. There are also print, video, and audio reflections available—including on FORMED, HALLOW, AMEN, and online. The USCCB website has Daily Readings and video reflections. See <https://sundaymassreadings.org/>.

CHILDREN:

“Family Mass” is offered during the 11:00 Mass at St. Joseph Church on the third Sunday of the month.

[Weekly Gospel Video from Pflaum We Celebrate program](#) with short (5-6 minute) Gospel Reflection Videos for kids.

Free weekly 8-10 minute videos from Mary Jo Cole [called “The Bible Bag: Kid-Sized Lessons on the Sunday Gospel.”](#)

See the 29-minute weekly [Children’s Liturgy of the Word/Kids’ Liturgy with Ms. Heidi videos](#) on her youtube channel.

See free content from [Holy Heroes Mass Prep](#) and [Catholic Kids Bulletin](#).

MASS JOURNALING

Consider helping your child JOURNAL about the weekend’s Mass Readings or about what they see & hear during Mass. They could do so before Mass to prepare, during Mass to follow along, or after Mass for follow-up & discussion.

Primary Journals are blank composition books for younger children combining both drawing and writing space.

Start with a wide-ruled Composition Book—ask June for a directions page to paste inside!

Bring a writing utensil and/or color pencils or crayons (plus something stiff to write on) so your elementary child can complete a St. Joseph Church My Mass Journal page (double-sided) to connect more closely with Mass each weekend!

For children 8 years and older, see [TO HEAR HIS VOICE: A Mass Journal for Catholic Kids](#).

For teens and adults, see [EVERY SACRED SUNDAY](#).

DOING MASS WITH KIDS

[“Passing Your Faith on to Your Kids” \(How to Take Squirrels to Mass...\) with Jackie and Bobby Angel](#)

[15 Tips for Surviving Mass with Young Children by Jennifer Groft](#)

[“How to Get the Most Out of Mass” by Katie Bogner](#) at Look to Him and Be

Radiant

[A Catholic Dad Gives His 10 Best Strategies For Mass With Kids](#)

[“Bringing Your Kids to Mass” from Ascension Press Media](#) with Jackie & Bobby

CHILDREN’S MISSALS and MASS-RELATED BOOKS

There are BOOKS for children and young people on the back tables of the church!

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: Get a copy of the GREAT new book from

Ascension Press for preschool and early elementary children (age 3+; Supervise

very young children or moving parts will be ruined): [MY FIRST INTERACTIVE](#)

[MASS BOOK](#)

MagnifiKid! is a weekly children’s missalette subscription with full Scripture

readings & Eucharistic prayers designed specifically for children ages 6-12 to help

them pray and follow Sunday Mass. See a sample month's magazines here as a [flipbook.MagnifiKid!](#)

[Mass Quiet Book](#) from Catholic Sprouts

[Mass Quiet Book](#) from thelittleroseshop.com

[Look and Learn: Words for Catholic Kids board book by Paraclete Press](#)

[Look and Learn: First Words for Toddlers by Paraclete Press](#)

[The Light of Sunday board book from Sophia Institute Light of Sunday Book Cover](#)

[Articles at Mass: A Roman Catholic Picture Book](#)

Catholic ABC books like [E is for Eucharist from TAN Books](#)

[Hardcover A is for Altar, B is for Bible by Judith Lang Main](#)

[Let's Go to Mass! A Visual Presentation of the Holy Mass, a book from Herald Entertainment and Brother Francis Online.](#)

[The Mass: A Life-Giving Prayer](#) and [The Bread of Life: Celebrating the Eucharist.](#)

[The Holy Mass: On Earth as it is in Heaven - Holy Heroes](#)

[My Mass Book from RCL Benziger](#) (also see corresponding Parent Guide download pages)

[My Mass Book from Sadlier](#)

[The MASS for Children – A St. Joseph Picture Book by Rev. Jude Winkler](#)

[Kids Picture Guide to Catholic Mass with Pull-Down Red Slider Windows](#)

[Participating at Holy Mass: A Coloring Book Guide](#) Part 1 & Part 2 from Holy Heroes

[Printable PDF Lace-Up Missal](#) (in English & Spanish)

Here are a few more titles for you!

[A Missal for Toddlers- Lescoat, Ellen](#)

[I Pray the Mass- Patricia Jablonski](#)

[I Went to Mass, What Did I See? - Warner, Katie](#)

[Fr. Ben Gets Ready for Mass- Warner, Katie](#)

[This is the Church- Warner, Katie](#)

[The Miracle of the Fish and the Boy, by Anthony DeStefano](#)

[Finding You, The Sisters of Life](#)

[Loyola Kids Books of Catholic Signs and Symbols- Welborn, Amy](#)

[Brother Francis Coloring Books](#)

[The Weight of a Mass- Nobisso, Josephine](#)

[What Angels See, Matthew Kilmurry](#)

[Where is Jesus Hidden? Maura Roan McKeegan](#)

[Sam the Guardian Angel, by Lis Luwia](#)

["E" is for Eucharist: A Catholic ABC- Cangilla McAdam, Claudia](#)

[My First Communion Bible- Groeschel, Fr. Benedict](#)

[Little Catechism on the Eucharist- Coggi, Fr. Roberto](#)

[Heavenly Hosts: Eucharistic Miracles for Kids- Griffin, Kathryn](#)

[Stories of the Blessed Sacrament- Bay, Francine](#)

[Catechism on the Seven Sacraments: Building Blocks of Faith Series- O'Neill,](#)

[Kevin and Mary](#)

[The Catholic Field Guide- Chronister, Michelle](#)