

COMING SOON !!

## The Good News Gang

Beginning Sunday, January 9, 2011

**11:00 am Mass each Sunday!!**



### *What is the Good News Gang?*

The Good News Gang is the name we use for children ages 4 through Grade 4, who will be dismissed from the assembly each week beginning January 9 during the 11:00 am Mass to hear the Gospel at their own level of understanding. After the Opening Prayer the children will be invited to come forward to the altar and receive a blessing from Father, then proceed to another area where they will listen to God's word.

### *Where is it held?*

The Good News Gang is held in Room 3 in the Parish Center.

### *What happens after the children are dismissed?*

Once in Room 3, the children listen to the Sunday readings and the Gospel, and share in a reflection with the Adult Leader. They will:

- *Listen* to God speak through the Scriptures. The readings are adapted to the language of the child
- *Reflect* on the readings. After drawing from the children what they heard God say to them, questions are shared that invite the children to reflect on what difference God's Word makes in their lives
- *Respond* to God's Word. We explore with the children what they are going to do now that they have heard God's Word.

### *Why take the children out of Church?*

The children will hear God's word with a view unobstructed by adults and without the distraction of toys and snacks. In this setting they often show insights that are remarkable and carry home stories of what happened. This is an effective way for our children to achieve a fuller and more active participation in the worship of the Church.

### *How long will the children be away?*

The children will be out of church approximately 20-25 minutes, before rejoining the congregation for the Eucharist Celebration. They return specifically at the Offertory.

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**There is a training session for all Adult Leaders, Aides, and Scouts on Sunday, December 12 after the 11:00 am Mass.**

*Adult Leaders and Aides would be scheduled to help once or twice over a six month period. Scouts inform the Adult Leader when it is time to return to the assembly at the Offertory.*

*Please call the Religious Education Office at 734.847.1725 to be a part of the training, or fill out the form below.*

*I am interested in helping out as an Adult Leader, Aide, or Scout.*

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one: Adult Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Aide \_\_\_\_\_ Scout \_\_\_\_\_