

Christ the King Catholic Church Nursery Program



The Nursery is provided for all children, ages 1 through 3, of Christ the King Catholic Church who are attending the 9:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Sunday masses. The staff and volunteers are committed to a nurturing and loving atmosphere and are required to complete the mandatory safe environment training selected by the Diocese of Dallas.

Detailed information of various areas of the Nursery program can be found in the Parent Handbook as follows:

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The purpose of the following policies is to promote unity and understanding between parents and the caregivers at Christ the King Catholic Church.

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Purpose of the Nursery Program

The Nursery Program includes children ages 1 – 3 years of age. The nursery is staffed by a team of at least 2 workers and volunteers from the St. Anne's organization.

The goal of our program is:

- To help each child feel comfortable and special.
- To help each child feel secure with adults who care for him/her.
- To help each child have positive feelings about coming to Church.
- To encourage the active participation of parents in Mass.

Safety and Registration

Your child's safety while visiting our nursery is our top priority. All of our staff and volunteers have completed the mandatory Family and Faith Safe Environment training as well as the necessary updates. Part of the Safe Environment program includes background checks as well as a personal interview.

Before your child attends the nursery we ask that you fill out our [Nursery Registration Form](#). This form provides our staff and volunteers with valuable information to provide the best care for your child as well as important information for our records.

When you bring your child to the nursery, you must sign in your child on the Nursery Registry. When signing in your child it is necessary to include your cell phone number that you will have with you during Mass. ***Your cell phone should then be placed on vibrate*** so you can either be called or texted should your child need you during the service. Please be sure to keep your cell phone in a place where you may notice the vibration, in the event you are being called.

When signing in your child on the Nursery Registry, it is extremely important that the information is accurate and complete. Please use the “Special Instructions” space to write anything you feel the caregiver should know about your child during his/her stay at the nursery.

When you return to pick up your child, you will need to sign your child out.

We do ask for a \$1 donation per child to help maintain upkeep costs of running the nursery.

It is our goal to create and maintain a safe, clean, and loving place for our parishioners to bring their children.

General Policies

1. The nursery opens 20 minutes prior to Mass times.
2. Children are to be brought to the nursery by their parents and will only be released to their parent once they have been signed out.
3. Parents should pick up their children immediately following the Mass they have been attending.

4. Please have your child's belongings properly labeled. This includes: diaper bag, bottles, pacifiers, drinking cups, coats, etc.
5. Children should not bring personal toys to the nursery.
6. Please bring your child in a clean diaper or take them to the restroom before entering the nursery.
 - a. If your child still wears diapers please bring a spare with your child's name on it.
 - b. If your child is potty training please bring a change of clothes, pair of "easy ups," etc. in case of an accident.

Health Policies

1. If your child has a food allergy, please notify the nursery caregivers verbally and in writing on the "Special Instructions" portion of the sign in sheet.
2. For the protection of your children and the other children, parents are requested not to bring a child who appears to be ill. A child should not be placed in the nursery when any of the following exists:
 - a. Fever – currently or within the previous 24 hours,
 - b. Vomiting or diarrhea,
 - c. Significant, persistent nasal drainage which is green or yellow in color,
 - d. Common cold,
 - e. Sore throat,
 - f. Unexplained rash,
 - g. Any skin or eye infection.

3. Medications cannot be given by the nursery personnel. Please do not put any type of medication in your child's sippy cup.
4. If the child develops fever or other symptoms of illness while in the nursery, he/she will be separated from other children and the parents will be called on their cell phone to take the child home.
5. If your child develops an infectious disease (chicken pox, etc) after he/she has been in the nursery please contact the Nursery Coordinator so we may notify other parents of their child's exposure.
6. Toys used by the children are washed at the end of each session and at other times that are necessary.

Classroom Management

The behavior of children while in the nursery will be managed in a manner that will protect their self-esteem and maintain a safe environment for all children.

Children are expected to follow the directions given by the caregiver and respect the personal space of other children. Any correction needed will be done in a positive manner. Parents are expected to encourage their children to follow directions given by a caregiver. The parent will be contacted if any child behavior is deemed inappropriate or hurtful to others.

You are welcome in our nurseries at anytime; however, some children may be upset when they see you “peek in,” and it is normal for children to go through various stages of separation anxiety. In most cases, crying stops a few moments after you leave. Every attempt will be made to soothe a crying child. If the child persists in crying for 10 minutes, the parent will be called on their cell phone to assist. Some children need to be weaned into the nursery environment and may need to work up to a full hour.

We thank you for using the services provided by our nursery. We hope your child enjoys his/her time in our care and your mind is at ease as you attend Mass.

*Kate O'Connell, PKFF/Nursery Coordinator
&
The Nursery Staff*