



Dear St. Mark's Parents,

**Sunday School begins on September 7th with Kick Off Sunday!**

In addition to the academic, athletic, and social development of your children, their spiritual growth is essential for them to become caring, generous and compassionate toward others. This year's Sunday program provides an environment for spiritual growth for your children. This year's Sunday School offerings include:

**Nursery** For infants through 3 years of age during all services (8:30 am, 10:30 am and 1 pm).

**8:30 a.m.** Godly Play Sunday School for ages 4 and older.

**10:15 a.m.** Sunday School is offered for ages 4 and older.

- 10:15 - Gather in Mahon Hall for a greeting, song and music.
- 10:30 - Classrooms for Pre-K, K – 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Church service --Worship with parents with participation at the altar.

**We need your help! Please:**

Sign up to be classroom volunteer: QR code to the right or <https://signup.com/go/iekMfgU>



Register your children using the QR code to the left or at <https://tinyurl.com/3h7tm8h5>

More information about children's ministry is available on the St. Mark's web site - [stmarksglenellyn.org](http://stmarksglenellyn.org).

The 2025-2026 program year calendar is printed on the other side of this letter and includes our special events like Pumpkin Decorating, St. Nicholas & Christmas Pageant, Easter Egg Hunt, & more. We look forward to helping your children grow in faith this year! Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

God's peace and blessing!

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**St. Mark's Children's Ministry**  
**2025 - 2026 Church Year Calendar Highlights**

- September 7 Kick Off Sunday – Sunday school at 8:30 am and 10:15 am; Hot dogs, bounce house and more at 11:30 am
- October 3, Saturday - Pumpkin Unloading – 9:30 am – all ages welcome to help!
- October 26, Sunday - Pumpkin Decorating during Sunday School
- November 2, Sunday - All Saints' Sunday – with children processing at 10:30 am
- November 16, Sunday - Help Stock the Food Pantry – bring donations to church
- November 30, Sunday - First Sunday of Advent – Advent crafts during coffee hour
- December 7, Sunday - St. Nicholas visits St. Mark's with a special coffee hour at 11:30 am
- December 14, Sunday - Christmas Pageant at 10:30 am
- December 24, Wednesday - Christmas Eve – Family services at 3 pm and 5 pm
- January 4, Sunday – Epiphany and Three Kings at all services
- January 11, Sunday - Wear pajamas to church!
- February 8, Sunday - Create Valentines for Veterans
- February 17, Tuesday - Mardis Gras! Celebrate with pancakes and bingo at 6 pm
- February 18, Wednesday - Ash Wednesday – Ashes To Go 7 am to 7 pm
- February 22, Sunday - Plant bulbs during Sunday School
- March 29, Sunday - Palm Sunday with Donkey Processions at 8:30 am and 10:30 am; make crosses out of palms during coffee hour
- April 3, Friday - Good Friday “walk through Holy Week” at 10 am
- April 5, Sunday - Easter Sunday Egg Hunt – services at 9 am and 11:15 am
- May 3, Sunday - First Communion Celebration at the 10:30 am service
- May 24, Sunday - Pentecost and Teacher Appreciation – wear red!
- May 31, Sunday - Summer Sunday School begins at 10:30 am
- July 13-17, Mon – Fri - Vacation Bible School, 9 am to 12 pm