



St. Sebastian Nursery During the 10:30 Mass

“...Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” Mark 9:36-37

**We need: Nursery Helpers, Nursery Helper Substitutes,
and Adult Lead Substitutes**

Purpose of Our Nursery

- To provide a safe and secure place for parents to leave their children while they attend Mass on Sunday morning.
- To nurture little ones physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
- To help children begin to associate God with loving people and enjoyable activities, in this way preparing the child for future spiritual training.
- To help children know that they are a special part of our church family.

Questions? Contact debbie@stsebastianmi.org or 878-1619 X102

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_____Nursery Helper* (Grade 6 – Adult)
_____Nursery Substitute Helper* (Grade 6-Adult)
_____Adult Lead Substitute*

Name_____Phone_____

E-mail_____

Please place in an envelope and place in the offertory basket or bring to the parish hall.

*Requirements for anyone over the age of 18:

1. Must have a criminal background check
2. Must attend a Protecting God’s Children Session
3. Must read and sign papers from the Diocese.

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HELPING IN THE NURSERY GRADES 6 - ADULT

Arrival:

- Sign in when you arrive.
- Arrive to the hall no later than 10:10 to greet parents and help welcome the children.
There will be 2-3 teens assigned each week.
- Make sure each parent signs their child(ren) in before leaving for Mass.
- There are nametags to put on the child's back.
- Place the child's name card next to their backpack.

During the hour and half:

- You should be actively engaged with the children in your care. Play with the children, read stories to them, keep them involved in some type of activity.
- You are NOT to use your cell phone while in the nursery so that you can give your full attention to the children in your care.
- Place toys that have been in the child's mouth in the container. At the end of the session, you will need to wash them, rinse, dry, and put away.
- Keep a close eye on each child, even if you are engaged with some type of activity with another child.
- Activities like swinging the children by their arms, holding them upside down, carrying them on your shoulder, etc. **ARE NOT ALLOWED.**
- ONLY adult helpers will change dirty diapers.**

Before you leave:

- Make sure each parent signs their child out.
- Make sure parents take all their belongs before leaving
- Wash and dry any toys that were in a child's mouth.
- Make sure all toys are put away in the containers and in the cabinets.

NURSERY HELPER SUBSTITUTES:

You will be called or e-mailed by one of the helpers when they are unable to help on their assigned Sunday. It could be days ahead of time or it could be Sunday morning at 7AM.

ADULT SUBSTITUTE RESPONSIBILITIES:

There may be a time when our adult helper, Becky, is not able to be here. You will be called or E-mailed when she is unable to help. It could be days ahead of time or it could be Sunday morning any time beginning at 7AM. You will also be responsible for overseeing the helpers during this time.

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