

St Joseph Church Nursery Policy and Information

Nursery services are offered at no charge to parents of children between the ages of 4 months and 4 years while their parents are attending/participating in a parish sponsored religious activity on campus. Children over 4 years old should attend mass/activity with their parents. Nursery workers and parish employees working with these children are required by the Diocese of Shreveport to attend Protecting God's Children certification workshop to help ensure the safety and well-being of our youngest parishioners.

Hours of Operation:

Sundays - 9:30 AM Mass

The nursery will be open from 9:00 AM until 12:30 PM when the Parish School of Religion is in session. Summer hours are 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. These hours are in effect any time there are no PSR classes.

Other - parish sponsored religious activities as determined by parish and published in weekly bulletin.

If a ministry needs nursery it MUST be on the calendar by the 15th of the PREVIOUS month. Nursery schedule is prepared by the 20th of the previous month for the following month. There is NO guarantee nursery will be provided.

Occupancy and Staffing:

Maximum capacity of 14 children will not be exceeded. If NURSERY WORKER/WORKERS are NOT available, NO SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED. Organizations may NOT provide their own nursery service. The nursery must remain locked when not open for service.

Parent Responsibilities:

Sign in child with name, age, allergy information, and cell phone number. As we do our best to provide a safe and happy environment for our children, we are concerned when children are crying for more than 10 minutes. After 10 minutes parents will be notified to come to the nursery to retrieve the unhappy child. Parents will provide all necessary items for their child such as diapers, bottles, etc. The nursery serves water, gold fish, or vanilla wafers. Nutrition facts are available. Parents may request that the child not receive any snacks.

Our Responsibilities:

To provide a safe environment for the children

To allow parents of young children to attend parish sponsored religious activities

To notify parents immediately of sick or unhappy children

NURSERY PERSONNEL WILL NOT ADMINISTER ANY MEDICATIONS