

Children and Youth at  
All Saints Episcopal Church  
Parma, Ohio

Kids of all ages are welcome at All Saints - in Sunday School, in our nursery, in Youth Group, in worship, and in fellowship. We have special service leaflets for children in worship and there are crayons for coloring them. There are also books and bags full of soft toys to take to your seat during church, and there's a rocking chair in our worship space where Moms and little ones can be comfortable.

Nursery Care

Our nursery, with trained attendants, is open on Sundays from 10:00 until 11:30 a.m. It's large and sunny and full of fun and educational toys.

Youth Group Sunday Mornings – 9:45 a.m.

Members of the Youth Group, Junior and Senior high school students, study the scripture for the day and related topics with their leader, Sally Catalano. Youth Group members attend either the liturgy before or after their class.

Good Shepherd School – 9:45 a.m.

All Saints offers the Good Shepherd program for children from 3 to 10 years of age. It is an approach to the religious formation of children which is rooted in biblical teachings, the liturgy of the Church, and the educational principals of the Montessori method. The children gather in two "atriums," which are set apart as sacred and serene space. Each has handmade materials, appropriate to the age group, that the children use to learn Bible stories and to practice all aspects of our worship, particularly preparing and receiving Holy Communion. Catechesis teachers are trained to introduce stories about Jesus but to give the children the opportunity to discover meaning in them for themselves, to allow the Holy Spirit to work in their young lives. Our Catechesis teachers are Sandy Kynerd, Jan Fritzsche, Lisa Czerny, and Debbie Talbott-Miller.

All Saints Youth Group

This group, for junior high and high school students, holds its meetings on Sundays at 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. with Sally Catalano, our Youth Leader. They meet often with members of the Youth Group from Parma Christian Church, our neighbors on Ridge Road. The Youth Group is active in worship, serving as acolytes, ushers, and lectors, and participating regularly in Sunday worship. On occasion members of the Youth Group lead worship or offer a chancel drama or skit, and they are fine models for the younger children.

Children's Bellchoir

The All Saints Children's Bellchoir is made up of kids in primary grades. They play color-coded bells to the delight of all and make their appearances occasionally on Sunday mornings and on special holidays.

We welcome children to Holy Communion. Parents make the decision as to when children begin to receive but, as we all continue to learn the meaning of what we are doing in receiving the sacrament throughout our lives, we do not turn children away because they don't understand. In fact, we hope they will always remember being welcome for Jesus' special meal. Classes in the meaning of the sacrament are offered periodically for children.