

Children's Ministries

2010 Expenditures: \$42,756

2011 Budget: \$28,750

Chairperson: Laura Bradford, Director, Children's Ministries
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Volunteers: Kathy Clark, Molly Moores, Alex de la Lama, Lissy Rooney, Robyn Sohne, Louise Cate, Libby Troyer, Ruth Weber, Robin Twiss, Tami Sandke, Sheri and Sarah Henderson, Jim Cooper

Purpose/Mission/Responsibilities:

- Provide spiritual nurturing and educational opportunities to children age three to grade five
- Provide a safe, warm, and inviting environment for infants to age three
- Recruit, train, and support adult volunteers involved in children's ministries
- Organize and direct Vacation Bible School (VBS) and the Christmas Pageant; and Children's Chapel during the summer to provide continuity between Sunday school years
- Organize and direct other family-oriented opportunities for fellowship and outreach as needed

Major Accomplishments:

- Our average daily attendance for Sunday School is 12 children between age three and grade five.
- Our average choir attendance is eight children.
- Our Christmas Pageant service this year set a record at 371 attendees; and we had more angels, sheep, and shepherds than ever.
- Our Vacation Bible School was the largest ever with 95 children attending and numerous volunteers. Registrations dollars offset two-thirds of the money budgeted for VBS.

Challenges:

- Our space limitation continues to offer us challenges, but we look forward, with much anticipation, to the remodeling of Clare's cottage.
- We continue to look for ways to increase our attendance.
- We want to implement a family-centered evening spiritual nurturing and educational worship opportunity.

Summary:

Overall, it has been a very successful year for Children's Ministries. We have had some wonderful new families join our parish family. Our children, new and old, have grown stronger in their faith and are being supported in their walk with Christ. Thanks to all the many people, volunteers, families, staff, etc. that make it possible to provide such a warm, loving, and caring environment for our children.