

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church

Wee Disciples Nursery Ministry Policy Handbook

The Parish Council approved a permanent Nursery Ministry for families with young children in June 2015.

Nursery Care will be provided by a paid Nursery Coordinator and volunteers on Sundays during the 10:45 a.m. Mass. Nursery care is for children ages 12 months up to four years old. The Nursery Ministry is located in Room Seven in the Education Wing.

MISSION STATEMENT

- **To create a safe, loving Catholic environment that enables young children to learn and feel at home in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, while providing an age appropriate ministry.** Children up to four years will be able to worship through songs, stories and play activities that help them learn about Christ and the Church, while their parents give their undivided time and concentration to God.
- **To share the love of Christ and offer spiritual support for parents of young children.** Parents are encouraged to experience Mass as a time of Worship, respite and renewal to strengthen and nourish them for their role as caregivers and teachers for their children.

The Nursery ministry operates on a Co-op concept meaning that parents who enroll their children for regular nursery care must also volunteer in the Nursery on a routine basis as appropriate for the volunteer and necessary to meet Nursery needs.

PROCEDURES FOR NURSERY REGISTRATION

- Nursery care is for children ages 12 months through three years old (children who reach their fourth birthday graduate from the Nursery to attending Mass with their families).
- Parents with eligible children may download a Nursery Registration form through the Sacred Heart website: www.sacredheartpinehurst.org or request Registration forms from the Nursery Coordinator on Sundays from 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- Registration and current immunization records and documents must be submitted to the Nursery Coordinator prior to the child's first day of attending Nursery care. Completed forms may be submitted on Sundays from 10 – 10:30 a.m. in room 7 to the Nursery Coordinator. In addition parents/guardians may arrive at 10:00 to complete forms prior to Nursery operations beginning. Each child requires an