

Notes on Child Protection Programs: Revised on June 15, 2009

Protecting God's Children: In a concerted effort to keep all our children safe, St. Mary Parish offers Protecting God's Children, a comprehensive sexual abuse prevention and education program. Adopted by the Diocese of Joliet, this program educates all parish employees as well as all volunteers who work with the children of our parish community. All parish staff and volunteers who have contact with children are required to participate in this diocesan-mandated program, and to submit to background checks as well. All our parishioners are encouraged to voluntarily participate in this program, so that together we may all protect God's children. Protecting God's Children seminars are led by the Spirituality Director several times a year. The parish office carefully tracks all volunteers who have access to our parish children and processes their background checks. All volunteers who have contact with children in parish programs attend this required diocesan program.

