

# The Catholic Community of Christ Our Light Children's Liturgy of the Word



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) will resume on September 25<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses.

The purpose of this special Liturgy is twofold:

- To provide a quality liturgical experience
- To facilitate the proclamation and breaking open of Scripture with the children

What is Children's Liturgy of the Word?

- CLOW is a part of the Mass
- The Church encourages a separate liturgy to allow the children to participate and understand
- Appropriate for children between the ages of 5 and 12
- All are welcome - No registration is necessary
- We meet in the church and the children remain with the assembly and their parents for the opening of Mass
- The children are dismissed by the celebrant after the Opening Prayer.

Gather the Children

- The children form two groups: second grade and younger; third grade and older
- They are led to rooms in the Ministry Center of the church
- A candle is lit to remind the children of the presence of the Lord; they are reminded that they are still at Mass.
- A Reading, Responsorial Psalm, and Gospel are read.
- An interactive sharing follows: the children discuss what they heard; what the readings mean to them; practical ways they can incorporate what they heard into their everyday lives.
- The children return to the assembly after the Offertory Procession



## VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

- Adults and teens are needed to proclaim and share the Word of God
  - Requirements: enthusiasm and the willingness to share your faith with the children of Christ Our Light Parish
  - Scheduling is approximately once a month
  - All materials are provided and mailed home the week before you are scheduled
- Facilitators do not have to come up with ideas - just present them and, most of all, let the children LEAD you.
  - Feel free to come back with the children during a CLOW session to observe.
  - Facilitators have commented that they learn so much from the children
  - As one child said, "CLOW helps me understand; I don't understand all those big words."
  - If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Ginny Grogan or Mary Lou Lymper at the Elementary Faith Formation Office: 856-667-2440, ext. 346,347  
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