



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Ages 3 years through First Grade

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) is a liturgical experience for children three years of age through first grade that takes place during the Liturgy of the Word portion of Mass. While the adults are listening to scripture and the Gospel, the children are hearing a modified version, story if you will, of the Gospel and learning to love God's Word.

The program runs September through April and is offered at the 9:00 Mass. The program is designed for two separate age groups: Pre-K and K/1st.

*****All parents who have children registered in this program will be called upon to volunteer.*****

Registration: Each child participating in CLW must have a completed Faith Formation Registration Form. If your child is new to the program, please take a moment to fill out the form.

Safe Environment: Each family participating in the program must have one adult cleared through the Safe Environment Program. Please visit www.stgabriel.org under the Safe Environment menu to review the program requirements, complete the online application or renew your clearance.

Volunteer Commitment: Because this is a cooperative program available to families at no cost, we ask parents to volunteer on a regular basis. You must be SE cleared to volunteer. Please sign up to assist in class on the calendar located at the check-in table.

Late Arrival Policy: Please arrive 10 minutes prior to Mass to sign in your child each Sunday. To be respectful, we must close the sign-in table when Mass begins. For the safety of your child, please do not send your child to CLW if he/she is not signed in prior to Mass.

Procedures:

Note: Please take your child to the restroom before Mass.

- ❖ Please sign in your child at the CLW table using first and last name.
- ❖ Please make out a nametag using the appropriate color for his/her group.
- ❖ Please sign up to volunteer for the upcoming months.
- ❖ Please sit in the sanctuary closest to where the children exit and enter.
- ❖ Children are blessed and dismissed by Father before the scripture readings.
- ❖ Please use the Seat Holder sign for your child to let ushers know the seat is being used.
- ❖ Children are returned during the Offertory.

*****Please notify one of the coordinators or one of the teachers if your child chooses not to attend. We MUST account for every child on the sign in list.*****

Illness: Please do not bring your child to the program if he/she is not feeling well, or has had fever or diarrhea in the last 24 hours.

Emergency: In the event of a building evacuation, the instructor and volunteers will escort the children out. Parents should pick up their child from the safety checkpoint. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.