

# CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

## **It's been a great summer!**

Whether you worked, studied, vacationed with family or completed projects in your homes, we know God was with you and look forward to being back together again beginning Sunday, October 6!

## **Thank You!**

First, we once again extend our heartfelt gratitude and thanks to Jocelyn Evans who graduated from Seton H.S. in June and is on her way to college in Indianapolis this year. May God lead her steps as she walks out this new adventure in her life.

We also extend our thanks to Therese Dattilo and Nick Schaffield for helping as occasional assistants last year.

Thank you to all who blessed us through donations of paper, scissors, pencils, crayons, teaching materials and our bibles! You have been so good to us and we appreciate your gifts.

We deeply appreciate the work that our St. Leo family has done to build and beautify our classrooms downstairs. Thank you so much! You can only imagine the noise generated by 30-45 little voices when we are all in one room so having separated spaces enhances our liturgy.

## **"Children Celebrate!" Lesson Plans**

The purpose of the CLOW program is to provide the children with an age-appropriate but up close experience with our Lord through the Sunday liturgy. This year we will be using new class materials and each child will receive a worksheet to take home with them. Our CLOW time will more closely resemble the structure of the mass, but at their level. Our hope is that each family will also use the work sheets to deepen their experience, talk about it throughout the week or practice the bible verses through memory, songs and actions.

One other blessing of the CLOW time is that the adults have an opportunity to experience a quiet liturgy in the sanctuary. We try so very hard to have the children come back upstairs in a peaceful and sacred manner but realize that it doesn't always happen so we appreciate your patience. Help us by reinforcing that behavior in each child when you talk with them at home.

## **CLOW Teachers**

Our plan this year is to teach in pairs to allow us to maintain a high level of energy and consistency throughout the nine months. We are blessed to have three teachers committed to half time teaching (and maybe a fourth) so we are praying for three more to complete our 3 classes. If you are interested in teaching half time, please let us know or contact Angela Anno. We will provide all of the materials and lesson plans to make it as easy for you!

Sheila Heaton has just moved to Cincinnati from Indianapolis and will be teaching with us for the first time. Sheila is a second grade teacher at Holy Family and recently joined our parish. Welcome Sheila! We know God is already blessing us through your presence with us.

Tara Lonneman returns for her third year and will again work with our children ages 3-5. Tara is an amazing young lady who really has a special gifting in working with our tiniest children. They are the quietest and most well-behaved group of all! Tara lives in historical Covington and works for PL Marketing as an analyst for Kroger. She also recently opened her new spinning business called Reformed Cycling in Covington, KY. With her busy schedule, we are blessed to have her help us.

Debra Reyland is also teaching for the third year and works with the older children who incorporate the daily liturgies by finding them and reading them directly from our bibles. Debra lives in West Chester and works at American Micro Products in Batavia as their Director of Information Systems and Technologies. This summer she completed her Certification as a Facilitator to lead Transformational Leadership classes and retreats, to help people identify and remove personal, team and systemic constraints while encouraging transformation that encourages healthy, trusting relationships.

Becky Seipel is new to us this year. She grew up in southern Indiana in a large Catholic family of seven. She studies history and French at Xavier University and has also participated in the planning of their student masses. The past two summers she worked with refugees through Catholic Charities in Cincinnati and last summer in Louisville. Upon graduation she hopes to continue work in the field of refugee resettlement. You might also see her helping with evening classes at St. Leo.

## **CLOW Assistants**

Are you interested in helping us but don't want to commit to half time teaching? We need you! All parents, college and high school students are welcome. You won't need to plan anything – just sign up on our bulletin board. High school students who need service hours make great assistants for the little hands who need help cutting with scissors and assembling crafts.

The only requirement we have is that anyone who works with our children on a regular basis must complete the Child Protection Class offered by the Diocese.

If you have any interest in helping us, please contact Debra Reyland at [debrareyland@yahoo.com](mailto:debrareyland@yahoo.com) or (513) 305-5168.

—Debra Reyland, CLOW Director