



OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) Helpers Needed!

During Mass from September to May—after the Gloria and before the Readings—the celebrant will invite children forward, bless them and dismiss them for a child-sized Liturgy of the Word designed just for them. Following is an overview of your role as the helper.

9:15am at St. Julian Eymard Church (SJE, 601 Biesterfield Road):

- 1. At the start:** The CLW Leader will walk forward with the cross while Father says the opening prayer. You, the helper, can wait at the back of the church by the vestibule door.
- 2. Walk to Room 10:** Walk with the child carrying the cross to the CLW worship space in Room 10 (4th door on the left side of the hall in the Ministry Center behind Shea Hall). The Leader will begin the session, and you can sit in the chairs behind the rug where the kids will be seated.
- 3. Check the time:** Around 9:40 or 9:45, return to the main church to see where the Mass is. Once the Homily is done, go back to Room 10 to let the Leader know so they can wrap up. They'll finish the discussion and Prayers of the Faithful if they haven't already.
- 4. Returning to Mass:** Help gather the kids and walk them back to the vestibule. If the assembly is still reciting the Prayers of the Faithful, hold the kids in the vestibule. You can lead them back into the church during the Offertory, after the gift bearers are about halfway down the aisle.

10:30am at Queen of the Rosary Site (QR, 750 W. Elk Grove Blvd):

- 1. At the start:** The CLW Leader will walk forward with the cross while Father says the opening prayer. You, the helper, should wait at the side of the altar near the Sacristy. Bow as the children gather, then walk up the steps to the sacristy with them.
- 2. In the CLW space:** The Leader will begin the session, and you can sit in the chairs behind the rug where the kids will be seated.
- 3. Check the time:** Around 10:55 or 11:00, peek through the window in the door to see where the Mass is. Once the Homily is done, inform the Leader so they can wrap up the session and Prayers of the Faithful.
- 4. Returning to Mass:** Help gather the kids and hold them at the door until the assembly finishes the Prayers of the Faithful. The door can be opened so the kids hear the assembly repeat what they just said.
 - **Walking back:** Lead the kids out of the door, go to the right, and pause with them in front of the side pews. Bow toward the altar, then lead the kids to the back of the church.
 - **Timing:** Be mindful of the collection basket, so kids aren't caught by the long handle. You can lead the kids back to their families in the assembly after the gift bearers are about halfway down the aisle.

Scan the code above to signup. Thanks for helping make CLW a success!