

St. Bart's Ministry Spotlight

What is CLOW?

Here at St. Bart's CLOW stands for **Children's Liturgy of the Word**.

Throughout the school year, children grades K – 5th are invited during the 9:30 a.m. Mass to attend a "child friendly" liturgy session in the chapel. (younger kids can attend with a parent)

Children listen to the 1st Reading, a Psalm (music) and then the Gospel, the adapted for children version. The kids are then invited to ask questions and further their understanding of the readings through discussion and simple activities.

At the conclusion of class, students are chosen to bring up the offertory gifts.

Who leads CLOW?

A dedicated group of volunteer catechists teach the children almost every Sunday. The commitment is about one Sunday per month – taking the children to the chapel for about 15-20 minutes.

Hear from CLOW volunteers

Julie and Sarah Kaprielian have been co-teaching CLOW for the past 6 years. What began as a service project for middle school has turned into a meaningful ministry for both mother and daughter. Sarah is now considering teaching as a profession.

"It's a great way to give back and connect with the little ones – they have the greatest imagination and want to learn so much!"



Margaret Pawlick has been teaching CLOW for the past two years. She says that she'd always wanted to teach "Sunday School" as she feels it's so important for kids to grow-up with religion and faith.

"I really enjoy it! During the Prayer of the Faithful I always open it up to the kids and they add their own special intentions. It is so refreshing to hear what they have to say."

Margaret, Julie and Sarah all agree that one of the joys of teaching CLOW is breaking down the Gospel for the children and seeing the "Ah, Ha" moment of understanding light up their faces.

If you'd like more information or are interested in volunteering to help St. Bart's CLOW program please contact Fr. Mike or Rachael Smit at Rachael@barts.org.