

## Fourth Grade Prepared for Their Class Mass

Each month, a different class at St. Patrick School has the opportunity to participate in a School Mass. The students read the scriptures, lead the Prayer of the Faithful, and are the members of the choir who lead the congregation in the hymns with sign language. On October 12, 2010, the School Mass was led by Miss Auriemma's fourth grade class. In preparation, the students discussed the Gospel, Readings, and Prayer of the Faithful. They talked about St. Francis and all the good work he did. Miss A said some of the children were anxious to read, while others thought this would be a great opportunity to sing in the choir. She commented that it is amazing to watch the children prepare for Mass. "They are nervous, but they do such a great job! It was wonderful to see Father Bob invite them up to the altar." At the conclusion of the Mass, Father Bob complimented the class on their preparation and attentiveness.

Below are some of the student's reactions and comments about the Mass:

Claire – "Preparation for the Mass was fun. We practiced our readings and chose our parts. This time, I sang in the choir. I like it when different classes have different masses. I think it makes me feel more holy because I read the readings and remember them."

Caroline – "In our class Mass, I got to read part of the Prayer of the Faithful. It was a lot of fun. I brought my readings home to study. We went to church to practice, so we would know where to sit and when to read. I learned a lot more about St. Francis."

Michael – "To prepare for Mass, we had to practice our readings. My part was to read a Prayer of the Faithful. I had to study my part to get it right. During the process, I learned about St. Francis, and how he gave up his possessions to grow in love for people and animals."

Colin - "I prepared for the Mass by reading over my part. I learned a lot about St. Francis. I had the first reading. It was really fun. I got a little nervous, but I felt good after I read."

Abby – "In our class Mass, I got to read the Call to Worship. I had to take home my passage and study it. It took a lot of cooperation to get ready for our Mass. I learned a lot about St. Francis."

