

BECOME A LITURGICAL MINISTER

Involvement in any liturgical ministry in the parish is a calling from the Lord to take on specific tasks in the service of the whole faith community. Children, women, and men are all called in the community to offer their gifts and talents to the public worship of the community. All of us can match our unique qualities with different liturgical roles for a prayerful liturgical experience in the parish.

Altar Servers – Altar servers are boys and girls of the parish who assist the priest during Mass and other liturgical services. They model liturgical prayer with grace and reverence and enter whole-heartedly into the public worship of the community. Servers are expected to be familiar with the flow of liturgy, and to anticipate each movement, cue and need.

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister(EMS) - Eucharistic Ministers are men and women of the parish who assist the priest in the distribution of the body and blood of Christ at Mass and other liturgical services. Those called to this ministry are to become truly present to others in the moment they have to “share” the body and blood of Christ with them.

Lector /reader - Lectors are called to clearly proclaim the Word of God to the assembled faith community. They strive to present the Word of God with clarity and distinction so that it is not merely "read", but fully understood by the listening Parish Community.

Minister of Hospitality (usher/greeter) - The Usher is usually the first representative of the parish encountered by people coming to Mass. Ushers serve the parish community by being a visible sign of "welcome" to members of the parish community and visitors alike. They greet people in the name of the parish community, help find available seats, take up the collection and ensure its safekeeping. They hand out bulletins or other material, assist those who need special help, and answer questions.

Musicians – Members of the music ministry provide instrumental music, singing, and cantoring that support uplifting and prayerful liturgical celebration.

Environment – The proper physical environment is an essential part of good liturgy. Those who assist with church decorations work with their creative gifts to add form, color, and texture that appeal to the senses and support the right atmosphere and mood for our liturgical space.

Sacristan – Sacristans care for the condition of the whole space where liturgy is celebrated, as well as for the vestments, vessels, candles, and preparation of the bread and wine for each celebration. They coordinate and support the tasks of the Presider and other ministers before and after the liturgy.

Liturgy and Spiritual Growth Commission – The main contact to sign up is the Liturgy and Spiritual Growth Commission. Contact Ann Lorenz or Cheryl.