

Liturgical Ministries



AND MORE

Altar Server	Altar Servers assist the priest at Mass in a prayerful and respectful manner. Serving includes preparation before the Mass and assisting during Mass; the duties will be reviewed in the training provided. This is available for children 9 or older and in grade 4.
Children's Liturgy of the Word – leaders and helpers	The leader of Children's Liturgy facilitates the 'Liturgy of the Word for Children'. The Sunday Gospel and readings are proclaimed at a level children can understand so as to experience God's love for them. The Liturgy of the Word is enriched with discussion, activities, prayers, and songs. Training, resources, and support are provided for those who provide this ministry. Those serving in the ministry must complete a Criminal Record Check prior to serving.
Church Art & Environment	Ministers of Art and Environment are called to serve the parish in preparing an environment that enables reverence and the worship and honor of our God. These ministers care for the worship space, ensuring that the environment appropriately represents what we celebrate in the sacraments, rites, and the liturgical seasons and feasts of the Church Year.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)	The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) assists the priest in the distribution of Holy Communion. EMHCs receive formation and training which emphasizes the importance of this specific ministry and the reverence and decorum that it requires.
Hospitality Ministry	The Hospitality Ministry helps to provide a welcoming atmosphere at our parish. In addition to being greeters at Sunday Mass, the Hospitality Ministers connect guests and newcomers to parish resources and coordinate the gift bearers and ushers.
Hosting Sunday Coffee	Those hosting Sunday Coffee teams provide an opportunity for parishioners to socialize after Mass. Working as a team of two to four people. They set up, make, and serve coffee and treats and clean up. If there are enough teams – a team would serve once a month.
Lector	The Lector Ministry calls for the proclamation of the Word of God at Mass and other liturgical celebrations. The hearing of God's Word, which is living and active, enable us to grow in the knowledge of Scripture and incorporate its message into our daily living. Lectors are urged to pray with the Sunday readings prior to proclaiming them, and to then read scripture in a clear and meaningful way so that everyone can hear and understand how God is speaking to us in his living Word. Lectors receive formation and training.
Music Ministry Leaders of song and choir members	Music enhances the Mass and liturgical celebrations through hymns and songs that ensure the "full, conscious, and active participation" of the parishioners in the liturgical celebration (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 14). The whole parish community benefits from participating in the Mass through prayerful music.



Other Parish Ministries and Services

Altar Linen Care	The care of the altar and church linens is important to the celebration of the Mass. Well prepared altar linens serve as a sign of reverence for what is celebrated on the altar of the Lord, as well as a protection of the altar and the sacred vessels.
Grounds and Building Maintenance Assistance	To assist in the maintenance and care of our building and grounds when needed.

Faith Formation

RCIA Team Member	The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a program for people interested in the Catholic faith, whether they are non-Catholics thinking about becoming Catholic, or Catholics who wish to learn more about their baptismal Catholic faith. This is an opportunity to be a part of RCIA through leadership, support in prayer or sponsorship, set up, providing snacks, etc.
Sacramental Preparation Programs	The goal of Faith Formation is to assist parents in the religious education of their children and to help them prepare to receive the Sacraments. The Faith Formation program is offered to children who attend public school. Faithful adults who will serve as group leaders, assistants, and hospitality helpers. One does not need to be a theology expert, training, and materials, and lesson plans are part of the programs. If you love your faith and want to help our young people grow closer to Jesus.

Parish Outreach

Visiting the Sick and Homebound	Those who visit and/or bring Holy Communion to those at home, in hospital or care homes are offering a ministry of spiritual care. A minister of care is commissioned by the parish to bring Holy Communion and the compassion of Christ and His Church to the sick and the homebound. Visiting the sick, the grieving, the aged, the dying is a ministry of sharing Christ with others. Training is provided.
Monthly Soup Kitchen	This ministry is a monthly opportunity to come together as a group of volunteers to help prepare homemade soup and sandwiches for those who drop into Saint Vicent de Paul for hot meals. This is a great, tangible way to live out the Corporal Works of Mercy. Whether you can commit to making soup and sandwiches on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning once a month, or make a batch cookies, on a monthly basis, your contribution will make a direct impact to those in need.

