

Liturgical Ministers and Those Interested in Becoming Liturgical Ministers

It is the time of year again when we begin working on the schedule for Liturgical Ministers. The first schedule will run from the weekend of October 6-7 through the weekend of December 22-23. We would like to try something a little different this time. We will be collecting the information you give us on paper and inputting it into Ministry Pro in the Parish Office. This will help us to better accommodate how you would like to be scheduled while still using the program to provide you with reminders and allow you to send requests for substitutes.

If you would like to become or continue as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Mass Server, Cross Bearer, Usher or Greeter/Hospitality Minister, please fill out the form below and drop it in the offertory collection basket, mail it to the Parish Office, or email it to Carol Gibson at carolg@lourdesdepere.org. **Please respond by Wednesday, September 19.** Deacon Mike will be providing training for all new ministers.

Take some time to pray and consider becoming a Liturgical Minister. It is a wonderful opportunity to enrich your spiritual life. All are Welcome. . . All are Needed!

Liturgical Minister Scheduling

Please return by **Wednesday, September 19.**

Family Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Ministries (list first names)

Eucharistic Minister: _____

Lector: _____

Mass Server: _____

Cross Bearer: _____

Greeter Only: _____

Hospitality Minister (Greet & serve coffee/juice):

Usher: _____

Mass preference (circle):

4:30 PM _____ 8:15 AM _____

10:15 AM _____

Times per month you are willing to be scheduled (circle):

1x _____ 2x _____ 3x _____

If you have a preference as to a weekend:

1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ 4th _____ 5th _____ No Preference _____

****Some weekends and Mass times are more popular. Keep in mind that if you have a certain weekend you like to serve, you may only be scheduled a few times.**



Liturgical Ministers Needed

August is the time of year when we start looking at scheduling all the different Liturgical Ministry positions for the year. The different ministries are Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Usher, Greeter/Hospitality Minister, Mass Server, and Cross Bearer. Each of these ministries is so very important to our Mass, and we are finding it harder and harder all the time to fill all the positions that are needed for each Mass. As some of our regular Liturgical Ministers get to the point where they physically can't do the ministry any more, our roster is dwindling.

Our greatest need is for **Eucharistic Ministers**. One of the things I hear when I encourage someone to be a Eucharistic Minister is that they would be too nervous to do that. Every new adventure in our lives gets the nerves jumping, and that isn't a bad thing. It is such an honor and a privilege to look at another person and say **"The Body of Christ"** or **"The Blood of Christ"** and give Jesus to them. So please consider becoming a Eucharistic Minister. **Anyone from our current Confirmation Class who will be confirmed on November 3 and older can be a Eucharistic Minister.** Each Mass needs 12 Eucharistic Ministers.

The other big need is for **Greeters/Hospitality Ministers**. The ministry that asks you to stand by one of the doors of the church and welcome everyone who walks through them. As a Hospitality Minister, you act as a greeter before Mass and then serve coffee and juice after Mass. This is a ministry that anyone can do. It is the perfect ministry for a single person, a couple, or a family to participate in. Even if you have trouble standing, we can get you set up with a chair to sit in. Our motto is **"All are Welcome"** and having someone greet folks as they enter sure puts an exclamation point on that motto.

Like the ministry of Greeter, being an **Usher** is also a great way to make others feel welcome. This ministry can be done by anyone from school-age children along with their parents and up.

Proclaiming the Word of God is also such an honor. If you are a good reader and high school age or older, please consider being a **Lector**.

Servers need to be in 5th grade and up. A letter was sent out to all 5th graders on our parish roster last week.

The ministry of **Cross Bearer** is for anyone, male or female, who can lift the processional cross. We encourage our middle school kids and older to take on this ministry.

No matter what ministry best fits you, training will be provided. Please, please consider becoming a Liturgical Minister and get your name on the schedule.

Thank you!
Deacon Mike