

Commissioning of the Ministries will take place on **Saturday September 17th and Sunday September 18th** at all of the masses and is for all ministries of the parish. In preparation, we will be including short explanations of the ministry opportunities of our parish in the bulletin. The simplest and most complete definition of ministry is, **gifts meeting needs**. God has given each of us unique gifts and talents and wants us to use those gifts and talents to serve the needs of others. Putting our faith into action brings a sense of peace and unity to our well-being. It gives us a sense of purpose and meaning in life.

Liturgy Committee

Members of the committee need to be people of vision dedicated to promoting the liturgical life of the parish.

One of the most important qualities of a committee member is to recognize oneself as a servant of the community. In this context the role of the committee is to serve the needs of the Body of Christ, not their own.

Members of the committee need to be informed of the liturgical guidelines and laws set forth in the documents of the Church. Decisions concerning pastoral applications of these guidelines and laws are subject to the review of the pastor.

Liturgy sub-ministries are:

Eucharistic ministry, It is with great awe and humility that we approach our mission, being what we are called to be, ministers of and to the Body of Christ. As part of the Body of Christ we are called to share His Most Precious Body and Blood. At the celebration of the Mass, where the bread and wine gifts are consecrated and transformed into His Body and Blood, we use our hands as His in the distribution of this wonderful gift to the faithful.

Ministers to the Sick take His Consecrated Body from the table directly to the sick, infirmed and shut-ins. Along with the host where possible, we share scripture, daily readings and prayers with those who are unable to attend Mass. We also meet the needs of Holy Days, and special celebrations such as Thanksgiving. and other holidays.

*God is good! All the time
All the time.....God is Good!*

The Lectors proclaim the Word of God during Mass. It is Christ who speaks when Holy Scripture is read aloud in the church. Thus, lectors are privileged to assume the role of God’s heralds in announcing the good news of salvation. The proclamation of the scriptures fosters a greater love for the Word and deeper insight into its meaning. This allows others to live God’s Word in their lives, at home and work. New lectors receive coaching on strengths and weaknesses of their presentation.

Hospitality Ministers provide a welcoming, hospitable, reverent atmosphere at the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgies and other important parish liturgical celebrations. They insure the orderly progress of the liturgies by taking up the collection , by identifying families to bring the gifts to the altar, and distributing the bulletin. This important ministry is open to anyone who can be attentive to others’ needs and is willing to share a warm welcome and friendly smile to parishioners and visitors alike.

Prayer Support Ministers participate through the telephone tree and an additional group who participate through email. Although you need not give all the details when you call, anonymous intentions are not the norm.

Music Ministry (Choir) . The goal of this ministry is to enhance the Mass and lead the congregation in song. Inspiring everyone in our parish family is the mission of those involved in sharing musical abilities, time and talent. If you have a talent you wish to share, please consider joining the music ministry. Vocalists need not be soloists. If you play a musical instrument or wish to share talents in another manner, these gifts are welcome too.