

Music Ministries

- **Folk Choir - 8:15 AM**
Rehearsal - Thursday, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Arrive at 7:45 AM to prepare for 8:15 AM Mass
- **Schola Choir - 11:15 AM Mass**
Rehearsal - Sunday, 9:45 AM
- **Handbell Choir and Instrumentalists**
Rehearsal - Monday, 7:30 PM
Arrive 45 minutes prior to assigned celebration
- **Cantors - By Appointment**
Invite congregation to sing throughout the Mass celebration
Intone the Psalms and Acclamations

Guidelines for All Ministers

- The chance to exercise various ministries arises from our baptismal call to holiness in service of God and the Church.
- Ministers should be Catholics in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church because they are models to the faithful.
- Ministers should always strive to be in the state of grace, particularly when they perform their ministry.
- The dress and grooming of each minister should reflect the dignity of his or her ministry. Ministers should be active participants in the liturgy when not performing ministry-specific duties.
- Ministers should arrive at least 10-15 minutes early in order to sign in and to spiritually prepare themselves for their ministry.

Altar Care

- Remove wax drippings from candles; refill votive candles
- Clean holy water containers and add fresh holy water
- Light cleaning: dusting, glass cleaning, etc. in vestibules, chapels, sacristy and church. No heavy cleaning or lifting
- Vacuum carpeting, if needed
- 2 weeks on and 6 weeks off, depending on number of teams

Linens

- Launder purificators, corporals, hand towels & finger towels
- Press and fold purificators and corporals
- One month each year
- Brief instruction period

Environment

- Volunteers assist the environment coordinator in the decoration of the Church
- The Church is decorated properly to highlight the various liturgical seasons (Ordinary time, Christmas, Lent, Easter, etc.)
- Volunteers are asked at certain times during the year to help with plant placement and care and putting up various banners
- This ministry is in special need of assistance during the Christmas and Easter seasons when volunteers will be needed to implement and set up a predetermined environment plan

Year of Saint James

85TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION



INVITATION & RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT TO LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

“The faithful should not refuse to serve the People of God gladly whenever they are asked to perform some particular ministry or function in the celebration.”

(General Instruction of the Roman Missal no. 97)

Questions?
Contact St. James at 469-7789
or Visit
<http://www.stjamesyr.org>

Altar Servers

- Provides young people in grades 4-12 the distinct opportunity to give themselves personally and directly to the service of God in a real way by serving at the altar.
- Servers arrive 15 minutes before Mass begins and insure that the sanctuary is properly set up
- Servers carry the cross and candles in procession, hold the Sacramentary for the celebrant, set up the altar at the Preparation of the Gifts, help the celebrant receive the gifts, assist with the water and wine as well as the bowl, pitcher, and towel, ring the bells during the Consecration, and lead the procession out of the church after the celebration of the Mass
- Servers also help to clean up the sanctuary and the sacristy after Mass
- Servers form a special bond through serving Mass and other special celebrations as well as participating in a variety of social activities, such as an annual trip to a theme park for all of their hard work and dedication

Training Dates

(must attend one of each of these 3 sessions)

1. Oct. 15th, 7 :00 PM **OR** Oct 16th, 9:00 AM
2. Oct. 22nd,7:00 PM **OR** Oct.23rd, 9:00 AM
3. Oct. 29th, 7:00 PM **OR** Oct 30th, 9:00 AM

Greeters

- Begin welcoming parishioners and guests at the doors 20 minutes prior to Mass
- Distribute *Worship* books
- Participate in liturgy with the congregation
- Collect *Worship* books at the end of Mass
- Distribute the bulletins

Training Dates (Attend *only one* of three):

Oct. 19, 7:00 PM; Oct. 20, 7:00 PM; or
October 23, 8:00 AM

Commentators

- Introduce and welcome guests, celebrants, and guest homilists
- Announce Baptisms and other special events occurring during liturgies
- Inform the congregation of the appropriate day of the Church's liturgical calendar
- Presents an opportunity for service with a minimal time commitment

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Ushers

- Begin assisting parishioners and guests inside the church 20 minutes prior to Mass
- Assist anyone with mobility issues
- Participate in liturgy with the congregation
- Take up collections with baskets
- Be attentive to any medical concerns
- At the end of Mass tidy up the pews, close the windows & doors, and secure items left behind

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Oct. 19, 7:00 PM; Oct. 20, 7:00 PM; or
October 23, 8:00 AM

Lectors

- Lectors have the honor and privilege of proclaiming the Word of God
- 2 Lectors serve at each Mass
- Lector1 processes into Mass carrying the Book of the Gospels
- Lector1 places the Book of the Gospels on the altar after bowing in front of the altar
- Lector 1 and lector 2 each reverently proclaim the Word of the God from the respective readings for the day
- Lector 2 also reads the General Intercessions

Training Dates (Attend *only one* of three):

Oct. 12, 7:00 PM; Oct. 13, 7:00 PM; or
October 16, 8:00 AM

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- Assist the celebrant with the distribution of Holy Communion so that it may be distributed in a reverent and orderly manner
- After the celebrant receives Holy Communion, approach the altar and receive the Eucharist
- Proceed to assigned Communion station.
- Return to the Credence Table after distribution
- Proceed back to your seat

Training Dates (Attend *only one* of three):

Oct. 5, 7:00 PM; Oct. 6, 7:00 PM; or
October 9, 8:00 AM

Name_____

Address_____

Phone Number_____

E-mail_____

Mass time Preference_____

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