

THE LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

WORSHIP TEAM

The Worship Ministry Team plans and coordinates the Liturgical celebrations of our parish. Bringing together our Liturgical ministries, pastoral musicians and members of the Art & Environment team, they work to plan and coordinate prayerful celebrations of the Liturgy. They also strive to enrich our people's understanding of the Mass. This Ministry Team has about 10 meetings a year (on the first Wednesday of the month) and does additional work in between the meetings. Members who volunteer for this ministry are asked to make a commitment for one year.

LITURGICAL SINGERS & MUSICIANS

Our Liturgies are prayer, some spoken and some sung. The Liturgical Singers and Musicians lead the sung prayer of the Mass. Our Liturgical Singers and Musicians meet weekly for rehearsal. Volunteers for this ministry make a one year commitment.

RESURRECTION CHOIR

Singers and musicians are invited to be a part of a new and special Liturgical ministry. They provide the consolation of musical prayer at funeral Liturgies. *If you choose this ministry, you need to be available to serve on weekdays, when most funerals occur.* Volunteers for this ministry make a one-year commitment.

LITURGICAL ART & ENVIRONMENT

The Liturgical Art & Environment Task Group works in conjunction with the Worship Ministry Team to enhance our worship space for the seasons and special feasts during the Church Year. They meet for planning but most of the work is done in small groups or by individuals. Volunteers for this ministry make a one year commitment.

MINISTERS OF PRAYER

Hardly a day goes by without some one asking for prayer for a special need. This is a commitment to pray for the needs of our fellow parishioners and the parish. Ministers of prayer commit themselves to pray for one hour each month in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Our prayer requests will be placed there. The prayer minister prays for these during their hour and takes the requests with them to continue their prayer through the rest of the month.

COFFEE & DONUTS

Each weekend we serve coffee & donuts after the Liturgy, providing the opportunity for us to continue the community we have just celebrated. The role of those hosting is to set up beforehand and to clean up afterward. It requires about 30 minutes before and after the Liturgy. Those who choose this ministry serve about six times a year (once every other month) and are asked to make a one year commitment.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

The role of the Minister of the Eucharist is to serve as the Assembly, the Body of Christ. That means that we serve both the people of God - the Body of Christ, as well as to distribute the Eucharist to them. Ministers of the Eucharist need to arrive 20 minutes before the Liturgy to assure that the bread, wine, water and vessels are ready. They then welcome the people of God, the Body of Christ as they enter. After the Liturgy they are responsible for washing all the vessels and returning them to wherever they will be needed.

Volunteers for this ministry must be responsible people of faith and of service to others who are Confirmed in the Catholic Church and registered in the parish.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

The role of the Minister of the Word is to serve the Assembly by bringing the Word of God to life. Since the Assembly does not have the readings, it all the more important that the minister is well prepared and lively in their proclamation. Ministers of the Word need to arrive 20 minutes before the Liturgy in order to familiarize themselves with the readings as they appear in the Lectionary and prepare for the introduction and General Intercessions.

Volunteers for this ministry must be responsible people of faith who love the Word of God. They must also be Confirmed in the Catholic Church and registered in the parish.

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR (Altar Servers)

The role of the Minister of the Altar is to serve the Assembly by helping the presider during the Liturgy. Servers wear good shoes, dark slacks and a white or light colored dress shirt or blouse and a cross while serving. They help prepare the server table and light the candles before the Liturgy and assist the presider during the Liturgy. Servers arrive 20 minutes beforehand to help prepare and remain afterward to help clean up.

Volunteers for this ministry must be people responsible people of faith who have made their first Communion and first Penance (fifth grade and older). Adults and parent/child teams are welcome to be a part of this ministry.

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

The role of the hospitality is serve as the hosts/hostesses of our parish family as it assembles for the Liturgy. They welcome and assist people as they enter, they aide people to find proper seating, they gather the gifts of the assembly and they assist people as they leave. Ministers of Hospitality need to arrive 30 minutes before the Liturgy to make sure that everything needed is set up and ready. After the Liturgy they need to remain to assure that all is in order.

Volunteers for this ministry may be families, couples or individuals who are responsible, reliable and friendly and registered members of the parish.