

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Liturgy is worship the people offer to God the Father, through Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit. It is the “sign” that WE ARE THE CHURCH. The term “liturgy” is applied to the public worship of the Church in sacraments, the Mass and public rituals. We are called to serve and in serving we receive much joy. Every parish member is invited to take part in our common worship in one of many ways.

### ***Altar Server***

As an Altar Server you experience the wonder and awe of the Mass as you lead in the processions, light candles, set the altar for communion and ring the bells during the Eucharistic prayer. Altar Servers have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the Mass as they offer of themselves for the benefit of others by serving God and His people. It is rewarding knowing that you have helped in the preparation for the miracle that occurs with every Mass when the bread and wine becomes Jesus. This is a great opportunity for the young people of our parish to be involved in the ministry of our Church. Adults are welcome as well!

#### **Screening requirements:**

- ♦ Non-vulnerable documents

#### **Prerequisite:**

- ♦ Celebrated your First Communion

#### **Time Commitment:**

- ♦ 1 – 2 hours when you serve (approximately once or twice per month)

### ***Eucharistic Minister***

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are responsible for assisting priests and deacons, who are the ordinary ministers, in distributing communion when needed. The gift of being able to bring Jesus to the people of God begins with a humble willingness to be the servant. The role of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion seems simple enough: to minister the Body and Blood of Christ to the faithful at Mass. More deeply, their role is to take on Christ’s likeness by strengthening their faith from within and sharing it with others at communion. We, the entire body of Christ, continue to be strengthened through the sacrament to become more like Christ.

#### **Screening requirements:**

- ♦ Non-vulnerable documents

#### **Prerequisite:**

- ♦ Celebrated Confirmation
- ♦ Youth who have celebrated Confirmation with special consideration by the pastor
- ♦ Ages 18+ as appointed by pastor

#### **Time Commitment:**

- ♦ 2 hours when you serve at Saturday anticipatory or Sunday Mass (includes time for prayer and preparation ahead of Mass, and purifying vessels and cleanup after Mass)

## ***Hospitality Minister (Greeters & Ushers)***

The role of a Hospitality Minister is to welcome people as God would welcome them and make it easy for them to participate in the Mass and to make all feel welcome and be part of “your” All Saints parish community. This ministry is perfect if you would love to be more involved with your parish and get to know more people, but are a little bit shy or not sure where you could contribute. This is the perfect way for you, and for families who would like to serve together, to take the first step in being involved, getting to know people and just helping out. So come join the enthusiasm for Christ and neighbor.

### **Time Commitment:**

- ♦ 1 hour when you serve

### **Screening requirements:**

- ♦ Non-vulnerable documents

## ***Lector***

Lectors give voice to the Word of God and they must understand and believe that they are performing a real ministry of presence and communion. They must accept that the Lord is active and present to the assembly through their proclamation, and that the Lord longs to speak and be heard in the biblical Word they enunciate. The Word is for the faithful and each of its members is called to hear and respond to that Word during the Mass. The faithful are called to carry the Word out of the church and to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord.

### **Screening requirements:**

- ♦ Non-vulnerable documents

### **Time Commitment:**

- ♦ Prepare ahead of time by reading and reflecting on the

readings for the week you are proclaiming, and seeking to understand their meanings

## ***Music Ministry***

The Music Ministry within our parish offers the unique opportunity to offer prayer and our Lord’s teaching in praying twice, and also the opportunity to offer stewardship in filling the ranks of the choirs and bringing your gift from God to minister to your parish. It is a form of stewardship which allows all of us to musically apply scripture to music, to pray in a method which not only beatifies and makes prayer common, but also to help parishioners pray more easily when true prayer is difficult to come to, or give back to our Lord. Offering our time and talent to glorify our Lord, to help fan the flames of faith, brings us closer to the mission God calls us all to take part in.

### **Time Commitment:**

- ♦ 2 hours including practices

### **Screening requirements:**

- ♦ Non-vulnerable documents

## ***Sacristan***

The sacristan is at the church one hour before Mass to prepare the church and set up the altar for Mass. Sacristans prepare the bread & wine for the Mass, set out the vessels, liturgical books and prepare the altar space. They ensure that the doors are open, the ministers are in place, the table is set and all is ready for our Liturgy. At the end of Mass they ensure everything is put away, the lights are off and the doors are locked. The sacristan must have a reverent respect for the sanctuary and for all articles and sacred vessels used in the Mass.

### **Screening requirements:**

- ♦ Non-vulnerable documents

### **Prerequisite:**

- ♦ Must be 18 or older
- ♦ Must have some knowledge of the sacred vessels

### **Time Commitment:**

- ♦ Varies depending on the week
- ♦ Average 2 hours when scheduled with extra time at Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter