

Our Parish Ministries *at a glance*

Our Parish Liturgical Ministries - Part 2



Ushers & Greeters

The responsibilities of the ushers are varied. Ushers are responsible for making fellow parishioners as well as visitors feel welcome in our church, opening the door and greeting people as they come into the church. They are also responsible for the safety of congregants, assisting if someone becomes ill or gets hurt. The ushers take up the offering and make sure the offertory procession is taken care of, and facilitate the distribution of communion. After Mass the ushers distribute the bulletins and lock up the church after everyone is gone. *If you are interested in becoming an usher, contact Bill Keuper at 522-6422 or keuperbill@gmail.com.*

Offertory Procession

Those who participate in the Offertory Procession are taking on a special role in the Mass. During the Offertory Procession, the gifts of bread and wine are presented to the priest at the altar. It is an expression of our willingness to offer to God what he has given to us and is symbolic of the congregation's participation in the Eucharist. Any individual or family that is interested in taking part in the Offertory Procession should notify one of the ushers before the beginning of Mass to be sure they are aware and to make sure that the need has not already been filled for that Mass.

Sacristan

Our parish's team of sacristans may work quietly behind the scenes, but you would notice if they weren't there. Some of the tasks of a sacristan include making sure the water, wine and bread are ready and in place for the start of Mass; keeping the Sacristy clean and in order; light housekeeping around the altar and other areas of the church; keeping the holy water fonts clean and full; and laundering and ironing the altar cloths. Being a sacristan requires that you are capable of performing light housekeeping tasks (like dusting, vacuuming, etc), reliable and able to come to the church during regular work week office hours. Generally a sacristan is scheduled once a month and their work needs to be completed before the weekend.

If you are interested in learning more about being a sacristan, contact Maureen in the Parish Office at 521-7387 or mmason@zoomtown.com and she will put you in touch with someone on the team who can answer your questions and provide any training needed.

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Support Ministries

"Many hands make light work"

Following are a few of the ministries in the parish that have a tremendous need for volunteers.

Bulletin and Mailing Stuffers (B.A.M.S.)

Many people are not aware the inserts found in their weekly bulletins are hand-inserted by faithful parish volunteers each week. This same team also prepares the parish quarterly newsletter for mailing by folding, tabbing, applying mailing labels, and taking them to the post office, as well as being on call for any other special mailings that need to be assembled.

The B.A.M.S. group has been shrinking. It is in great need of new helpers. The bulletins are stuffed every Friday morning in the Holy Family Room following morning Mass. The newsletters are quarterly and generally assembled during a day earlier in the week when they arrive from the printer. If you are someone who is available during the day and capable of working with your hands, this is a volunteer opportunity for you to consider.

Contact Maureen in the Parish Office, 521-7387 or mmason@zoomtown.com for more information or to volunteer to help.



St. Paul Community Dinner

Jesus taught us to love God, to love one another, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. St. Paul Church at Hamilton and Bising puts these words into action with their free Community Dinner that takes place every Tuesday evening from 5-6:30 p.m. They serve around 100 people each week.

St. Margaret Mary takes a turn providing volunteers to prepare and serve the meal every 5th Tuesday. Meal prep begins at 4 p.m., serves from 5-6:30 p.m. followed by cleanup which is complete by 7 p.m. Help is always appreciated whether a person can be there the entire time or just part of the time.

If you can help with this wonderful outreach to our citizens, or would like to know more, call the Parish Office, 521-7387.