

## **St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church**

### **Expectations for Altar Servers**

Come when scheduled. This is by far the most important thing. If you are unavailable for your scheduled time, call another of your fellow Altar Servers and ask them to take your schedule. Remember if you do it for them, they will also do it for you. Call to make arrangements with someone else, just as SOON AS YOU KNOW you cannot make your time. If an emergency occurs just before Mass starts, please call either the parish hall or the rectory and attempt to let someone know that you will be unable to attend.

The Altar Server schedule is placed on the Web Site one month in advance. Take a look at the schedule. If you know in advance that you have swapped your time with someone else, please let Secretary or the Cantor know prior to Mass so that the change can be made to the Altar Servers announced during the greeting at each Mass.

Be prepared. When you awaken on the day you are to serve, pray that you may serve God well during the day and at the Mass.

Please try to arrive at Mass at least 15 minutes early and ask the priest if there are any special items for that particular Mass, such as incense. All Altar Servers should meet in the sacristy prior to Mass and put on an alb and cincture for the color of the day: The proper colors are:

Violet: Advent, Lent

Green: Ordinary Time

Red: Martyrs, Holy Spirit, Cross

White: Christmas, Easter

Altar Servers also join the other ministers for prayers prior to the procession. After the recession, be certain to return immediately to the sanctuary to extinguish the candles and then remove your alb and cincture.