

St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church

Expectations for Eucharistic Ministers

Come when scheduled. This is by far the most important thing. If you are unavailable for your scheduled time, call another of your fellow Eucharistic Ministers 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 crops up just before Mass starts, please call either the parish hall or the rectory and attempt to let someone know.

Be prepared. The Eucharistic Ministers 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 so that the change can be made to the Eucharistic Ministers announced during the greeting at each Mass.

Please try to arrive at Mass at least 15 minutes early. All Eucharistic Ministers should meet in the sacristy for prayers prior to the procession. All Eucharistic Ministers will receive their "Ministers" cross in the sacristy from Father prior to prayers and are to wear them during the Mass in which they will be Ministers. The Ministers of the Body of Christ will wear the brown cross and stand on the outside when lined up at the altar. The Minister of the Blood of Christ will wear the black crosses and stand to the inside when at the altar. Remember to replace your cross back in the sacristy following Mass so that it will be available for others to wear.

Following the procession, an area has been reserved for the Eucharistic Ministers and their families in the front left row of the church. This will allow you to come to the altar for communion in a least disruptive manner as possible. The Eucharistic Ministers do not join the recession at the end of Mass.

The minister of the Body of Christ may bless any child or person in your line not receiving communion. (Adults not receiving communion should have their arms crossed when they approach you.)

The minister of the Body of Christ will also clean the communion vessels in the following manner:

† Brush the crumbs from the patens in one of the cups by using the purificator.

† Pour water in the pitcher that held the wine first, then in one cup, then in the other cup drinking the water.

† Wipe the two cups with the purificator. If a deacon is present, he will do this.

The ministers of the cups "set up" for the next mass: water, wine and small host (usually 1 sleeve) and 1 large host.

While we greatly appreciate your willingness to serve your parish as a Eucharistic Minister, you must understand the pressure it placed on others involved in the Mass if you do not show up or arrive at the last minute. Last minute substitutes cannot adequately prepare, and this detracts from the quality of our Mass.