

## St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church

### Expectations for Gift Bearers

Come when scheduled. This is by far the most important thing. If you cannot be unavailable for your scheduled time, call another family and ask them to take your place. Remember if others ask you to 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 Gift Bearers schedule is placed on the Web Site at least one month in advance and it will also be mailed to your home. Take a look at the schedule. If you know in advance that you will not be able to make one of your scheduled times and have swapped your time with someone else, please let the Secretary know so that she can change the Gift Bearers announced by the cantor during the greeting at each Mass.

Gift Bearers are expected to dress appropriately for their ministry, shorts are not permitted. Also arrive at least 10 minutes before Mass starts. Review the flow diagram so you will know how to carry and hand the gifts to Father, depending on the number of Gift Bearers assigned to the Mass. Please attempt to sit with your family toward the back of the Church in order to come to the "gifts" table in as least disruptive a manner as possible.

We greatly appreciate your willingness to serve the parish as a Gift Bearer, but you certainly can understand the pressure it places on others involved in the Mass if you and your family do not show up for your assigned Mass or arrive at the last minute.

Last minute substitutes cannot adequately prepare, and this detracts from the quality of our Mass. Remember, you represent the entire St. Frances Cabrini parish community in this action. Thank you for helping to make our Mass more organized and memorable.