



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Greetings All Mass Ministers!

After several months of discernment, your parish's Liturgy and Worship Commission, together with our priests, want to share our revised plan for the scheduling of all ministers for holy days and holidays—a plan we think will best serve our liturgy.

- As holy days and holidays approach (i.e. All Saints, Thanksgiving, Feast of Immaculate Conception, Christmas, New Year's, Ash Wednesday, Easter, etc.) Mass ministers will be scheduled in the same manner as they are throughout the rest of the year through the monthly ministry schedule. In other words, there will no longer be sign-up boards in the Gathering Space to recruit ministers for holy days and holiday Masses.
- Just as before, if you and/or your family will be out of town for any particular holy day or holiday—let's use Thanksgiving for example—just as you would normally do, we simply ask that you contact Susie Hollmann no later than the 10th of the month prior, to let her know not to schedule you. So for Thanksgiving, you would let Susie know by October 10th that you would not be available to serve.
- Conversely, if you know of a Mass on a particular holy day or holiday that you would *prefer* to serve, you would let Susie know this so she can add your name to the schedule. For example, if your family always attends the Christmas Children's 4pm Mass, you would contact Susie and let her know that is the Mass you would prefer to be scheduled for.
- In the event your plans change *after* the ministry schedule comes out -- and you find you're on the schedule -- again, just as the procedure has always been, you would be responsible for finding a substitute. While this is important for *every* Mass, understandably it will be even more so for holy day/holiday Masses.
- Susie will make every effort to rotate all ministers through the holy day and holiday schedules throughout the year. You can reach her at susieh@svdprogers.com or at 479-636-4020 x 11.

This revised plan does place a little greater responsibility upon each minister in terms of keeping an eye on the calendar. However, in light of the fact it is a privilege to serve; the members of the commission agreed it was well within everyone's reach.

In closing, we cannot say "Thank You" enough for your part in making the celebration of the Eucharist the wonderful worship of the Lord it is each and every Sunday. We are truly blessed to come together with our parish family to worship and serve an amazing God, while at the same time strengthen our bonds of friendship and community.

***Praying blessings to each and every one of you!
The Liturgy and Worship Commission***