

Church of St. Mary

Gift Bearer Ministry

Guidelines as of September 2008.

Thank you for your commitment to this ministry.

BEFORE MASS

- Gift bearers should arrive and check in at the ministry sacristy in the back of church 15 minutes before Mass begins.
- Please check off your name on the schedule.
- Introduce yourself to the sacristan/hospitality ministers if they are available so they know you have arrived.
- Ministers are responsible for finding their own subs. If you cannot be present when you are scheduled please consult the minister list that accompanies each schedule to exchange Mass day/times with other ministers or to find someone to sub.

We ask that you acknowledge the parish's guidelines for dress at worship.

DURING MASS

- Please go to the gift table after the Prayers of the Faithful.
- Wait for greeters to gather the collection baskets before going up
- For bringing up the gifts: one carries bread, one carries the decanter of wine, and one carries the money basket
- You may walk in procession side by side or one by one. When a family of more than 3 presents the gifts, the entire family presents the gifts.
- Care should be given to who is best able to carry which of the gifts (bread, wine, or collection).
- The presider will receive the gifts at the bottom of the sanctuary steps. The money is presented first. After all gifts have been presented, bow your heads toward the altar and return to your seats.

Families, couples, and single individuals are all encouraged to participate in this ministry. A family will be scheduled as a family and individuals will be paired with other individuals on the schedule.

[i.e. Tom Jones Family or Betty and Bob Apple or Barbara Smith and Sara Brown.]

Schedules are available on the parish website, in the ministry room at church or by contacting the parish office.

If you have any questions about this ministry, please contact the parish office and speak to the Director of Music and Liturgy or the Volunteer Ministry Coordinator. If you are no longer able or willing to serve in this ministry or have scheduling changes please notify the Director of Music and Liturgy or the Volunteer Coordinator.