

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary LITURGICAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Dear Parents,

We invite you to review the list of ministry opportunities (*see other side*) and evaluate the possibility of having your child(ren) and/or your family involved in the weekend liturgies here at Assumption. Participating in Liturgical Ministry is truly an awesome honor and privilege which can help all parishioners – and particularly our young people – to grow in their faith. It is a wonderful way to experience true discipleship by serving God and the church community. Along with enhancing one's faith journey, ministry also teaches responsibility, commitment, and love of the Eucharist! Please prayerfully consider discussing this opportunity with your family to see if there is any interest in becoming involved in parish liturgy.

## FAMILY PARTICIPATION

Family members are encouraged to consider sharing a specific ministry together. For example, parents and their children may wish to share the responsibilities of being Greeters. Another possibility is to team up as Altar Servers. Whatever the ministry chosen, or the family preference – mother/daughter, father/son, brother/sister, both parents and all children, etc. – by sharing ministry together, your family may come to recognize a deeper faith experience and commitment to discipleship.

**Please be mindful of being dressed appropriately as to show care and respect to the ministry.**

*If you would like additional information, please complete the form below and return it with your registration information. Or if you prefer, you may contact Cathy Converse at the parish office (631-4447) or email to [cathy@assumptionmidland.org](mailto:cathy@assumptionmidland.org).*

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My child/ren (and/or family) would like to participate in Liturgical Ministry as indicated below. Please contact me with additional information.

PARENTS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD/REN: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check any ministry of interest*

\_\_\_\_ Altar Server

\_\_\_\_ Greeter

\_\_\_\_ Cantor/Choir

\_\_\_\_ Lector

\_\_\_\_ Usher

\_\_\_\_ Instrumentalist

\_\_\_\_ Eucharistic Minister

(type of instrument) \_\_\_\_\_

**ALTAR SERVER** (*Grade 3 thru High School & Adult – family participation invited*)

The primary role of the altar server is to assist the priest during the Mass. This involves properly setting and clearing the Altar table, helping to receive the gifts of bread and wine, lighting and extinguishing the candles, reverently participating in the procession and recessional, and other miscellaneous needs determined by the liturgy celebration. In order for an altar server to be successful, they must be willing to understand the order of Mass and have a desire to actively participate by singing, praying, responding and listening. Certainly encouragement and a commitment from the parents will help to build responsible, reverent and dedicated servers.

**GREETER** (*recommended for families and/or Middle & High School teams*)

As part of the Hospitality Ministry, a greeter will display a genuine welcome and share a smile with the faith community as they come to prepare for worship. Greeters will be positioned inside the sanctuary entrance and will distribute Worship Aids as parishioners arrive.

**USHER** (*Middle School thru Adult*)

As part of the Hospitality Ministry, an usher will help with the collection during the preparation of the gifts and will assist the community during the communion procession. Ushers are always available to meet the needs of parishioners and provide any necessary assistance or information.

**LECTOR** (*Middle School thru Adult*)

Proclaiming the scripture requires a desire to know and understand more deeply our Catholic faith. A lector will be eager to live a Gospel way of life by following the teachings of Jesus. On a practical matter, a clear speaking voice, good posture and reverence, and a commitment to diligent preparation is very important.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

*(Must be at least 16 years old and have attended a Diocesan EMHC session for certification)*

As an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a Eucharistic Minister helps to distribute the Body and Blood of Christ to the faith community. Great care, reverence and understanding of the Eucharist are needed in order to accept the full responsibility of this ministry. Additionally, a Eucharistic Minister will be eager to “share” Jesus with others, not only at church but in all activities in everyday life.

**CHOIR** (*Elementary, Youth and Adult*)

All are welcome! Giving God glory and praise through song is not only fun but can be very prayerful, joyful, encouraging and exciting – it truly can bring fulfillment to one’s spiritual formation. Generally, choir opportunities are available at Christmas and/or Easter liturgies.

**CANTOR/INSTRUMENTALIST** (*Middle School thru Adult*)

Participation in Music Ministry can be very flexible, but often times quite diverse and demanding. Opportunities will vary according to the skill, experience and commitment of those interested. Furthermore, liturgical needs and specific celebrations will determine the extent to when, who, and how often the involvement of musicians is required.