

Eucharistic Minister Information:

November 3rd, 2017

Let me begin by thanking you for offering your time in service to the Church. We are all called to participate in the Liturgy and it is through persons like yourself that we are to bring the worship of God to fuller life.

Please make every effort to fulfill your obligation on the schedule. It is your responsibility to find your replacement. If your need assistance, please call Connie.

Reminders:

Remember that offering the Body and Blood of Christ is a great honor. So please make sure that you are spiritually prepared. This means making sure that you are in a State of Grace and that you have taken time for your own personal prayer before the celebration of Mass.

Appropriate Church attire is expected (no tee-shirts, flip flops, and such)

Please sit close to the front of the Church to save on time on entering the Sanctuary.

As extra-ordinary ministers you are not allowed to do more than one ministry at any given Mass. So if you are an Extra-Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist you may not also be a Lector at the same Mass.

Before Mass:

Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to Mass and spend a few moments in prayer, as well as checking in with the Sacristan.

Please also check off your name on the schedule and make sure you know where you are distributing the Body or Blood of Christ.

During Mass

Please come into the Sanctuary during the Sign of Peace.

Those distributing Hosts should be on Mary's side of the Sanctuary.

Those distributing the cup should be on the Ambo side of the Sanctuary (Sacristans should become one of the cupbearers).

When cupbearers receive the cup DO NOT give the cup to other cupbearers. Instead offer the cup to those that distribute the host. The celebrant will distribute the cup to cupbearers. (Take the cup and purificator at the same time even if that is not your position.)

After all have received the cup and host you may exit either down the ramp at the back of the Sanctuary or down the front of the altar if you are able to.

Distribution of the Body and Blood

Look the person in the eye and say only **The Blood of Christ** or **The Body of Christ**, do not add or subtract words. Please DO NOT add personal names.

Hand the cup to the communicant and let them take it. (Except in rare circumstances).

Handicap pews are first-start at the aisle and go to the ends.

If there are two cup people – one will follow the person distributing the Host the other one will wait for the next pew.

If you are the only one giving the Host go from side to side until help arrives.

Offer the cup and then take it back and wipe the rim and then turn the cup.

If there is a choir, they will and musicians receive Communion first.

Give the Host in the hand or on the mouth – it is the choice of the Communicant.

When your section is finished check to see if other areas need more of the Body or Precious Blood- especially the back wing.

If you have a spill, use purificator to wipe (use a clean one to continue) protect the area and then continue when possible.

If a Host drops: hold it in your hand to take care of after Communion, do not give it to the next person, do not put it back in the ciborium, do not consume it until after you go to the back; dissolve in water if you are unable to consume.

DO NOT use the Host to give a blessing, use the back of your hand and lightly touch their hand or shoulder and say *“May God Bless You”* or something similar DO NOT make the sign of the cross, please.

If someone comes to you that you think might not be Catholic, quietly and politely ask them.

After Communion

Persons with cups should take left over Blood to the Sacristy and consume, please get help if needed.

Persons with a ciborium should line up in front of the altar so that the ciborium can be returned to the priest (There is no need to bow if carrying the Blessed Sacrament).

Once the ciborium is returned persons should go to the lavabo DO NOT go to the hand sanitizer first.

Please contact Josh Dowling at the parish office if you are not able to be an Extra Ordinary Eucharistic minister during any specific month. The scheduling for the upcoming month is completed the last week of the previous month.