

Eucharistic Ministers prayerfully serve the people of our parishes by distributing the Body and Blood of Christ during Eucharistic celebrations.

Why Eucharistic Ministry? To enable our parishes once again to offer both species, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ at our Sunday Liturgies. Eucharistic Ministers make the communion rite take place in a timely fashion. This is not a matter of efficiency, but recognition that its meaning cannot be separated from our experience of it in the ritual. When “going to communion” takes a long time, and we are not sharing a meal with our brothers and sisters, then the communion rite loses its association with the Eucharistic prayer and the breaking of the bread. The number of Eucharistic ministers is based on the number of communicants at Mass.

Responsibilities

Assist the presider in distributing Eucharist at Mass. The minister looks each person in the eye and says, without rushing, “The Body of Christ,” “The Blood of Christ.” Each person has time to respond, “Amen.” The minister, again without hurrying, then places the Body of Christ in the hand or on the tongue and gives over the Blood of Christ.

Find your own replacement if you are unable to serve when scheduled.

Offer to minister on Holy Days and other special feasts.

Offer to minister even when you are not scheduled.

Requirements

You must be an active member of the Catholic Church.

Entering your Senior Year of High School or older

Completed Sacraments of Initiation

No Impediments to Receiving Communion

Express Interest

Attend A Training Session

Fr. Felix and Fr. Mark are asking all new and continuing Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to attend a scheduled training session (If you cannot attend any of these times, contact Fr. Mark for a link to the training session that you can view online at your convenience.)

Friday, June 2 after the 8:00am Mass at St. Joseph-Olney

Saturday, June 3, after the 4:00pm Mass at Holy Cross-Wendelin

Saturday, June 3, after the 5:00am Mass at St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, June 4, after the 8:00am Mass at St. Joseph-Stringtown and St. Joseph-Olney

Sunday, June 5, after the 10:00am Mass at St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville and Holy Cross-Wendelin