

# Liturgical Ministries

**Liturgy Committee** - The Liturgy Committee helps plan parish liturgies and special services. Membership includes the chairpersons of the various liturgical ministries, but is also open to anyone who would like to help enrich our worship.

**Usher/Greeter** - The ushers function as greeters in welcoming those attending Mass. Additional ushers direct people to available pews, oversee the offertory collections, direct the Communion lines and distribute bulletins at the church doors after Mass.

**Lectors** - The responsibility of a Lector is to read the scriptures during the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. Lectors read the introduction before Mass, the first and second readings, responsorial psalm (if not sung) and the Prayers of the Faithful. Anyone in the parish, willing to proclaim the Word of God aloud with devotion, is eligible to become a Lector.

**Gift Bearer** - This ministry provides a means for having parishioners participate in the Mass by bringing forward the gifts of bread and wine in the Offertory procession.

**Altar Server** - This ministry is open to any boy or girl of Saint Dominic Parish who has reached the fifth grade. Those interested are contacted and trained in the fall. Altar servers assist the priest at the various liturgical services held in the parish.

**Liturgy of the Word for Children**- Children's Liturgy of the Word is a ministry whose focus is to help Kindergarten & 1st graders understand the message of the gospel. Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Mass, during the Scripture readings. K - 1st graders are invited to join an adult volunteer at the altar for a blessing and then go to the chapel to learn about the gospel message.

**Choir** - The St Dominic Choir sings weekly at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Additionally, the Choir sings for the liturgically rich celebrations of Christmas and Easter along with the other great feasts of the church year. New members are welcomed and encouraged. You do not need to sing like Pavarotti, but possess a love of singing and a willingness to learn and blend with the ensemble.

**Contemporary Ensemble** -The Contemporary Ensemble sings weekly at the 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass and other special occasions as needed. The Contemporary Ensemble supports the CYO liturgy and a more casual style of music. Its basis consists of piano, guitars, vocal, and instruments. New instrumentalists are welcome and need to possess the skill and playing ability to enhance the ensemble.

**Cantors** - The Cantors are critical to the music liturgy at St Dominic. They lead the congregation in singing at all Masses and special services as well as provide support for the Choir. Cantors are auditioned and required to read music. They must have a clear voice with good pitch, and possess the skills to create a good rapport with the congregation.

**Altar Care** - The members of this organization are responsible for the general appearance of the main sanctuary, chapel and devotional areas of the church. Duties include straightening the hymnbooks, dusting the altar, changing the holy water, cleaning the windows and the candleholders. This work is typically done on Saturday mornings, taking approximately 1 1/2 hours.

