

# Liturgical Ministries

## St. Clare of Assisi Parish

*There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;*

*there are different forms of service but the same Lord;*



*there are different workings but the same God  
who produces all of them in everyone.*

*To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit  
is given for some benefit.*

*As a body is one though it has many parts,  
and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body,  
so also Christ.*

*1 Cor 12:4-7, 12*

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# Form a deeper connection to the Mass and your parish by serving in a liturgical ministry!

Did you know?

It takes over 100 liturgical ministers to fill the roles for all three Masses.

Liturgical ministries are open to parishioners of all ages.

Couples, families, and friends can sign up for ministries together.

Many of our ministries require little to no commitment outside of attending a weekend Mass.

Liturgical ministry helps you build relationships within your parish, the Body of Christ.

Your ministry adds to the “voices of the angels and saints” who pray with us at each Mass.

Thinking about getting involved? Time to take the next step! Using the enclosed card, select the ministries you would like to join (or continue in). Be sure to include your names and contact information in the spaces provided. Bring your card to church on May 13th or 14th, or drop it in the collection basket any time. You can also drop off or mail your card to the parish office.

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# Ministry Descriptions

## **1 - Altar Server (Grades 5 - 12)**

Boys and girls in fifth grade through high school and above assist the priest in serving the Mass. Adults are also needed to assist with weekly Masses, funerals, and other special occasions. Training sessions are required for new servers.

## **2 - Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist (Age 16 & up)**

These ministers assist in the most important aspect of our faith – distributing the Eucharist at Mass. Grow in your devotion to Jesus' presence in the Eucharist by becoming an Extraordinary Minister!

## **3 - Reader (Grade 8 & up)**

Readers proclaim the Word of God during the Mass and at other liturgical services throughout the year. Readers need a good speaking voice with the ability to project well, and a willingness to deepen their knowledge of scripture.

## **4 - Greeter**

Greeters welcome parishioners and visitors to our weekend liturgies, and for various feasts and services throughout the year. They also assist newcomers with registration forms and help them become familiar with parish facilities. This is a ministry in which individuals or families can participate!

## **5 - Usher (Grade 8 - Adults)**

Ushers provide a hospitable atmosphere by greeting and seating people, taking up the collection, and responding to people's needs. High school students and adults, both male and female, are needed. **A training refresher will be required for all ushers this year.**

## **6 - Gift Bearer**

Gift bearers represent the assembly by bringing the gifts of bread and wine to the altar at each weekend Mass. This is a ministry in which individuals or families can participate!

## **7 - Bread Baker**

Bread bakers take turns preparing the Eucharistic bread for the weekend Masses throughout the year. This is a beautiful sacrificial element in the Mass - the work of human hands becoming the Body of Christ. Training includes learning the specific recipe we use for the Eucharistic bread.

## **8 - Liturgical Dancer (Grade 5 minimum)**

Liturgical dancers perform sacred movement for special seasons and feasts. Dancers must be at least in the 5th grade and possess basic abilities in terms of rhythmic movement and graceful presence. Practices are held throughout the year.

## **9 - Banner Bearer (Grade 8 - Adults)**

Banner bearers add color and festivity to the processions at Mass for special seasons and feasts. This is a low-time-commitment ministry open to high school youth and adults.

## **10 - Parish Choir (Age 14 & up)**

Through the gift of song, the parish choir enriches our prayer at Sunday Masses from September through May. Weekly rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings, and for 30 minutes before Mass.

## **11 - Treble Choir (Grades 5 - 8)**

These young musicians lead our parish in sung prayer at Mass. Weekly rehearsals are held in the St. Clare School choir room on Wednesdays from 3:45 to 4:45. After school care is available for St. Clare students from 3:00 to 3:45. The choir sings at a 5:00 and 8:30 Mass on average twice per month from September through May, and also for some feasts and special liturgies during the year.

## **12 - Cherub Choir (Grades 2 - 4)**

Begin your life in music ministry at a young age! Weekly rehearsals are held in the St. Clare School choir room on Wednesdays from 3:10 to 3:40. The choir sings at the 10:30 Mass once per month from September through May, and also for some feasts and special liturgies during the year.

### **13 - Instrumentalist**

We welcome instrumentalists (wind, string, brass, and percussion), youth and adults, for liturgies throughout the year. Practices are held as needed. Please indicate your instrument on the commitment card or the online form.

### **14 - Sound Board Operator (Grade 9 - Adults)**

Volunteers high school age or older are needed to help the church assembly hear and be inspired by The Word in prayer, readings, and music during weekend Masses, and other occasions.

### **15 - Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders (Age 17 & up)**

Share the Gospel in a language our youngest members understand as a leader for Children's Liturgy of the Word. Couples or friends can even sign up together. The program follows the format of the Liturgy of the Word at Mass and explains various elements of the liturgy to the children.

### **16 - Children's Liturgy of the Word Helpers (Age 12-16)**

Youth ages 12-16 help out the leaders for Children's Liturgy of the Word. (See #15 for full description)

### **17 - Nursery Leaders (Age 17 & up)**

The Parish Nursery is currently open for free child care for children as young as 6 months old during the 10:30 Mass. We need more volunteers so we can extend the nursery to cover the 8:30 Mass. Leaders are in charge of child care and the overall operation of the nursery during their assigned Mass. Leaders are asked to arrive 20 minutes before Mass begins.

### **18 - Nursery Helpers (Age 12-16)**

Youth ages 12-16 assist the leader in the nursery with child care and the overall operation of the nursery. Helpers are asked to arrive 20 minutes before Mass begins. (See #17 for full description)

## **19 - Eucharistic Adoration Committee**

The Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life.” (Catechism 1324) In addition to organizing our monthly Eucharistic Adoration times, this committee helps to foster devotion to the Eucharist through distributing literature and encouraging adult education sessions on the Eucharist.

## **20 - Eucharistic Adoration Adorer**

St. Clare offers monthly 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration. Let Jesus more closely guide you in life by spending an hour of prayer in His presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Those who sign up for this ministry will be kept informed of scheduled adoration times.

## **21 - Art & Environment**

This committee is responsible for enhancing our worship space by decorating the church for each Liturgical season. Extensive help is needed at the beginning of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter seasons.

## **22 - Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound**

Extraordinary Ministers bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound. This brings the parish to the sick, and reminds them of their place in the Body of Christ. A training session is required.

## **23 - Rosary Leader**

Rosary learders help the assembly draw nearer to Christ through his Mother Mary. “Mary’s role in the Church is inseparable from her union with Christ and flows directly from it.” (Catechism 964) The rosary is prayed before 5:00 and 8:30 weekend Masses.

## Training Dates and Times

**Please mark these dates on your calendar NOW so you will be able to attend the appropriate training session(s).  
If you have conflicts, please contact Stephen Eros  
stephene@stclarechurch.org or 618-632-3562.**

### **1 - Altar Server (Grades 5-12)**

All new servers must attend one training from each grouping

A: September 12 or 14 - 7:00p-8:00p - first part of Mass

B: September 19 or 21 - 7:00p-8:00p - second part of Mass

C: September 26 or 28 - 7:00p-8:00p - thurible training

### **2 - Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist (Age 16 & up)**

NEW Ministers - August 26, 9:30a-10:45a

**OR** - August 29, 6:00-7:15

Current & New Ministers - August 31 from 7:00p-8:30p

### **3 - Reader (Grade 8 & up)**

NEW Readers - August 26, 10:45a - 12:00p

**OR** - September 5, 6:00p-7:15p

Current & New Readers - September 7 from 7:00p-8:30p

### **4 - Greeter**

August 26 or 27 after Mass (10-15 minutes)

**5 - Usher (Grade 8 - Adults)**

**Current Ushers** - September 16 or 17 after Mass (15 minutes)

**New Ushers** - September 10, 11:45a-1:00p

**6 - Gift Bearer**

August 19 or 20 after Mass (10-15 minutes)

**7 - Bread Baker**

Current & NEW Bakers - August 19, 2:00p-3:30p

**9 - Banner Bearer (Grade 8 - Adults)**

September 9 or 10 after Mass (10-15 minutes)

**14 - Sound Board Operator (Grade 9 - Adults)**

Scheduled by appointment

Jim Colombo - jcolombo16@gmail.com

**15 - Children's Liturgy of the Word Leader (Age 17 & up)**

**16 - Children's Liturgy of the Word (Age 12-16)**

New Leaders & Helpers - August 27, 11:45a-12:45p

**Commitment cards will be brought up at the offertory at  
Mass the weekend of May 13 - 14.**

If you will not be at Mass that weekend,  
you can turn it in after Mass the following weekend,  
or sign up online at [stclarechurch.org/ministry](http://stclarechurch.org/ministry).