

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.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

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. Be sure to include your name and contact information in the spaces provided.

Bring your card to church the weekend of May 13th or 20th to drop in the collection basket or turn in to the basket in the gathering space. After those two weekends, cards can be turned in to the parish office or you can sign up online at www.stclarechurch.org/ministry

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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 Holy Communion (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 - Adults)

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. Youth 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 - 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 and is open to youth and adults.

9 - Parish Choir (Grade 9 - Adults)

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

10 - 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 for some feasts and special liturgies during the year.

11 - 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 for some feasts and special liturgies during the year.

12 - 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.

13 - 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.

14 - Children's Liturgy of the Word Leader (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.

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

Youth ages 12-16 help out the leaders for Children's Liturgy of the Word. (See #14 for full description)

16- Nursery Leader (Age 17 & up)

The Parish Nursery is open for free child care for children as young as 6 months old during the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses. **We are looking to open the nursery during the 5:00 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. **Working the nursery does not fulfill your obligation to attend Mass – leaders are expected to attend a different Mass time to fulfill their Sunday obligation.**

17 - Nursery Helper (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 #16 for full description)

18 - 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 by distributing literature and encouraging adult education sessions on the Eucharist.

19 - 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.

20 - 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.

21 - 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. Ministers attend the training session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in addition to a short training session scheduled by appointment.

22 - Rosary Leader

Rosary Leaders 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.

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 Corinthians 12:12

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 11 or 13 - 7:00p-8:00p - first part of Mass

B: September 18 or 20 - 7:00p-8:00p - second part of Mass

C: September 25 or 27 - 7:00p-8:00p - thurible training

2 - Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (Age 16 & up)

New Ministers - August 25, 9:30a-10:45a

OR - August 28, 6:00-7:15

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

3 - Reader (Grade 8 - Adults)

New Readers - August 25, 10:45a - 12:00p

OR - September 4, 6:00p-7:15p

Current & New Readers - September 6 from 7:00p-8:30p

4 - Greeter

August 25 or 26 after Mass (10-15 minutes)

5 - Usher (Grade 8 - Adults)

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

New Ushers - September 9, 11:45a-1:00p

6 - Gift Bearer

August 18 or 19 after Mass (10-15 minutes)

7 - Bread Baker

Current & New Bakers - August 18, 2:00p-3:30p

8 - Banner Bearer (Grade 8 - Adults)

September 8 or 9 after Mass (10-15 minutes)

13 - Sound Board Operator (Grade 9 - Adults)

Scheduled by appointment

Gary Borges - gmb6270@charter.net

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

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

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

16 - Nursery Leader (Age 17 & up)

17 - Nursery Helper (Age 12-16)

New Leaders & Helpers - August 20, 6:00p-7:00p

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