



## HEAR YE, HEAR YE, ALTAR SERVERS, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE!

The Altar Server Ministry is a unique one in the Catholic Church. Other than priests and deacons, no one else is allowed to so closely play a part in the preparation of the Eucharist. When you serve at Mass, you not only serve the priests, deacons and people of God, you serve Christ! Currently we have a ***significant*** need in our parish for more Altar Servers. As the familiar saying goes, “Many hands make light work” and we could use more hands! We pray that you consider this information and say “YES” to serving Christ!

- ***Were you a server in the past? Or wish you had been one?*** We invite you, the Youth of the parish to consider either *returning* as an altar server or *joining* to become one for the first time. If you are a past server, you could be a role model for the younger and new servers. If you haven't been a server yet, this is an easy and wonderful way for you to volunteer in the parish!
- ***Do you want to serve, but aren't sure about the commitment?*** We understand that family and kids' schedules are busier than ever, so we want to make scheduling Masses easy. We are trying a new scheduling tool to make it a more flexible process to meet both the needs of the parish as well as those of our server families. Please contact **Cyndi Dowling** for more information regarding scheduling; she can be reached at 802-309-2047, or via email: [cdowling@comcast.net](mailto:cdowling@comcast.net)
- ***Want more information to see what being an Altar Server is all about?*** Please join us for a meeting and training after the 4:30PM Mass on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> after the 8:30AM Mass. If you can't make either of those days, another session will be held the following Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30AM Mass.
- ***Summer is a busy time of year, can you help us?*** The summer months bring warmer temperatures and family vacations, leaving some Masses short of servers. If you are an Altar Server and attend a Mass for which you are not scheduled, please check into the front sacristy to see if additional help is needed. Even if you arrive a little late and see there's not enough servers, please don't hesitate to jump in your robe and join in! Ideally each Mass should have a minimum of three (3) servers. This also applies to recently graduated servers and past servers, too; we would love to have you at the altar!
- ***Did you know that serving also helps fulfill the Service Learning Requirement?*** Milton High School students are required to complete 30 hours of service learning before graduation. Spending (1) hour a couple of weekends a month will help you easily reach that goal. If this interests you, we will keep track of Masses you serve and fill out any necessary paperwork needed.



Thank you to all who have served and continue to serve;  
the part you play helps make this ministry a success and we  
couldn't do it without all of you!



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