

## USHERS

It is a special ministry in the church. When we serve God in church, we learn how to serve God outside of church, by helping people who are in need, by taking care of each other and the earth that we live on, by loving people that no one else loves.

The following are the Usher duties:

- Please be at church 15 minutes before the start of Mass.
- The Ushers will bring the pitcher of wine and the container of hosts (ciborium) to the table behind the Usher pew. The pitcher of wine and the container of hosts will be on the table in the sacristy.
- The Ushers will then greet the parishioners entering church.
- Ushers should also invite people to bring up the gifts. Pay attention to the bulletin board to see the mass intention for the weekend. Those families should be invited to carry the gifts up as a priority.
- The start of Mass will be at 5:00, 8:30, 10:30. Father will be processing from the back of church and will be back there with the servers 5-10 minutes before Mass begins. Help the servers light the candles before Mass begins. There is a lighter in the Usher closet.
- Please hold people who arrive during the processional until after the priest has bowed at the altar.
- An Usher is to stand in each of the two corners of the back of church until the beginning of the First Reading. These two Ushers are responsible for seating people that are entering after Mass has begun.
- Throughout the Mass, be attentive to those that may have disabilities or may need assistance in any way. Attention should be paid to those that leave Mass suddenly.
- In the summer months, be aware of opening the windows and/or doors and turning on fans to maintain a comfortable temperature in church.

\*\*\*Also, crosses have been ordered for Ushers to wear. They will be hanging in the Usher's closet in the back of church. We hope to have them available in the near future.\*\*\*