

Altar Server Registration

Dear Parents,

The ministry of altar server affords the children of our parish an opportunity to express their personal spirituality in a profound way. The simple acts of service they perform are, in essence, acts of love for God. This level of participation adds to the reverence and dignity of the liturgical celebration. It is an expression of their personal desire to be close to Jesus and serves as a powerful witness for others. The expression of a child's spirituality also has a family dimension, for the child's faithful participation in this ministry can only succeed with the full support of his or her family. The server's family, in turn, is strengthened by this ministry, which provides a visible manifestation of the Christian family.

An altar server's participation in this ministry is a serious commitment. At a minimum they should know all the responses and prayers said during Mass. We want students to enjoy this ministry as another part of their personal spirituality. By reverently assisting the priest and deacon, servers express their desire to serve Jesus and to follow his example of humble service to the community. By assisting the priest and deacon, altar servers perform a valuable service to the community. They also serve the congregation directly by providing an example of prayerful and reverent participation in the liturgy.

The altar server ministry is a service to others. In their service to the community, altar servers learn and practice the self-giving love that characterizes our Catholic faith. Any student who wishes to become a server should return this permission slip to the parish office. Students will then receive training and then be invited to sign up to serve at Masses that are convenient for their family.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Server's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____