



The Ministry of Ushering is a vital part of any church ministry. Ushers represent the Parish in a very visible way. They help set the tone in preparation for the worship service, as well as assist with the smooth and orderly operation within the service, thus heightening the mood to receive God's Word.

Ushering is an opportunity to serve God by serving His people, and is a marvelous way to actively and faithfully participate in the functioning of Holy Family. Ushering provides a wonderful way for one to begin to grow and to continue to serve in a very important role for the Church.

The role of the usher frequently is underestimated for its importance. Good ushers are "people-persons" who make people coming into Holy Family feel welcome and appreciated. In doing so, ushers contribute greatly to making everyone's church experience a positive one. Perhaps when you first attended a new church – probably one of the ushers had some impact on you and your family. A positive experience from an usher may lead someone to join the Parish. The opinions visitors and parishioners form of the faith community at Holy Family are directly influenced by the usher's attitude, conduct, and appearance.

A good usher always strives to be a blessing to everyone with whom he comes in contact. He goes out of his way in an effort to brighten a person's day and to be a Godsend to everyone he meets. An usher's influence will always be a positive one if he endeavors to go the extra mile to help everyone.

Ushers arrive approximately 20 to 30 minutes before Mass. They welcome arriving members and guests to the service, count attendance, arrange for gift-bearers, assist and direct with seating, collect the offering and present it to the altar, direct the orderly flow of communicants to the altar, pass out the Parish Bulletin, help in emergencies, and aid the clergy as needed.

**Holy Family Lead Ushers: 4PM – Ray Poulin • 7:30AM – Joe Olson • 10:30AM – Bob Bastine
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An Usher's Prayer



Lord in Your love, You gather Your people this day, help me to serve them in a Christ-like manner, even as Your son Jesus served those who gathered about Him. Make me prayerful, patient, helpful and understanding, and may I radiate the joy that faith brings as I serve their needs. Give me Your strength to support my fellow ministers. May all who assemble to celebrate our common faith in the Risen Savior be glad of heart for being here and for having encountered Your son in one another, in our priest, at the altar of the Word and the Body and Blood, and through the ministry of ushers like me. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

With adaptation - Gregory F. Smith, O. Carm