

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Variety of gifts. Variety of service.



**WORSHIP
COMMISSION**



**ART &
ENVIRONEMENT**



**ALTAR
SERVERS**



**SACRISTANS /
MASS COORDINATORS**



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MINISTERS**



**BEREAVEMENT
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**USHERS
GREETERS**



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PURIFICATORS



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**COMMUNION TO
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**WEDDING
COORDINATORS**

THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The term '**People of God**' is often used to describe the baptized members of the Church who are not ordained. There is an interrelationship between the ordained and non-ordained ministries because every ministry of the whole Church is a participation in the one priesthood of Christ.

The **People of God** may serve the Church in any number of particular ministries. The Second Vatican Council encouraged their 'full, conscious and active participation':

The Church earnestly desires that all the faithful be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations called for by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation ... is their right and duty by reason of their baptism.

- Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 1963 n. 14

In addition to the roles of ordained clergy and staff, lay members are necessary in the preparation and execution of meaningful, organized, and inclusive sacramental celebrations, which are an encounter with God.

These members are all part of the Worship Commission.



WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Through the Worship Commission, the people of God are called to participate in the **Work of the People** in special, specific ways. The members serve in a variety of ministries, Liturgical Ministries, that supports our daily and weekly liturgies.

Examples are altar servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, cantors, choir members, instrumentalists, leaders of song and ushers. Others contribute their time and talent to planning and organizing the liturgy, to keeping the church and the vestments, vessels and appointments clean and well-ordered or to providing decorations that reflect the spirit of the liturgical feast or season.

Any and all persons who assist in the Liturgical Ministries above, in any role, are members of the Worship Commission. **However, these members are called "*members at large*."**

Members at large are invited to attend the monthly Leadership Meetings, but are NOT required.



Thank You to Dave Zink, Past President

Deacon Dave Zink served as the President of the Worship Commission from approximately 2010 through 2021.

We thank him for the many years of service as the head of the Worship Commission; and hence, the head of Liturgical Ministries.



Welcome Joe Riley, President

As Deacon Dave has stepped down after his long term serving as **President**, Joe Riley has generously assumed the leadership.

His bio: Joe has been a member of St. Albert communities for nine years. He is married to Angela and their two sons, Frank and Will, are proud StAGs graduates currently attending CJ High School.

Other leaders of **Worship Commission**, that serve as the head of each specific ministry:

- Altar Servers *Heidi Acuna*
- Art & Environment *Linda & Pat O'Malley*
- Baptism Prep *Deacon Dick Strominger*
(special thanks to Karen Gould for all the years)
- Bereavement *Paula Smith / Nancy Steffan*
- Communion to Homebound *Deacon Dick Strominger*
- Eucharistic Distributors *Deacon Dave Zink / Forst Elliott* (scheduling Peggy Fromholt)
- Lectors *Therese Frick*
- Legion of Mary *Gloria & Ennis Dodd*
- Mass Coordinators *Diane DePascale*
(special thanks to Mary Miles for all the years)
- Music *Jim Butler / Judy Drake*
- Purificators *Parish Office*
- RCIA *Julie Burt*
- Ushers *Mike Oswald*
- Wedding Coordinators *Amy Wittmann / Angela Ruffolo / Diana Malas*

BEHIND THE SCENES LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

ART & ENVIRONMENT



This group helps set up the spiritual atmosphere of the church with flowers and decorating.

Do you love flowers and plants? Do you like to decorate during the holidays? Do you have a little extra time on your hands? If so, this ministry is for you as you can help as much as or as little as you want!

Volunteers are needed seasonally to help with watering and pruning the Church and campus flowers and plants. During the holidays (Easter and Christmas), we always need volunteers to help decorate the Church and Chapel.

Is there a need for more participation in this ministry *YES*

Time commitment *as much as or as little as you want. Seasonal*

Head Coordinator *Linda & Pat O'Malley, lomalley@stalbertthegreat.net*

PURIFICATORS

This ministry involves washing and ironing of the Church altar linens.

Is there a need for more participation in this ministry

Yes, the more people we have, the less you will be scheduled.

Time commitment *approximately 2—3 weekends per year*

Head Coordinator *Parish Office*



MASS COORDINATORS / SACRISTANS



The Mass Coordinator, who may be high school aged or older, are responsible for the physical background supporting the celebration of the Mass. The duties include setting up the altar area for Mass, and then cleaning the communion vessels after Mass. Training will be provided with a one-time training session, which will be before or after the 11am Mass in the Lower Sacristy.

Is there a need for more participation in this ministry

Yes, The more coordinators we have, the less you will be scheduled.

Time commitment *approximately 20 minutes before Mass; and another 15 minutes after Mass*

Head Coordinator *Diane DePascale, diane@depascalelaw.com*

DURING THE MASS LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

USHERS

The ushers greet people in a welcoming manner as they arrive at the church. They also fill the bulletin bins and assist any parishioner that may need help.

More specifically during the Mass, they select volunteers to bring up the gifts, perform the collection, and dismiss the pews for communion. At times, they might be asked to do an attendance count.

The goal would be to have four ushers on the church side and two ushers on the chapel side.

Is there a need for more participation in this ministry

YES. Ushers are in great need.

Time commitment *10 minutes before Mass. Duties are performed during the Mass you attend*

Head Coordinator *Mike Oswald, kedoswald@gmail.com*



LECTORS



The lectors (readers) play an important role in the Liturgy of the Word as they proclaim and share the Word of God with the people gathered. Lectors are scheduled once a month; however, you have opportunity to read more as a sub, which is often needed. There is a one-time training to go over procedures, which takes about 30 minutes.

Is there a need for more participation in this ministry

We can always use more readers.

Time commitment *you will be scheduled to read once a month*

Head Coordinator *Therese Frick, 904-868-8839*

ALTAR SERVERS

The altar servers help the Priest throughout the liturgy.

Anyone who has received their First Holy Communion and is trained can be an altar server. At the beginning of the Mass the altar servers process into the church with the Priest, and they bring religious symbols such as the cross or candles into the sacred space. During the Preparation of the Gifts, the altar servers stand either side of the Priest at the front of the altar to receive the gifts. They then take the gifts and the water used by the Priest to the altar table.



Is there a need for more participation in this ministry

We encourage our School & RE students to be servers at weekend Masses.

Time commitment *approximately once per month. We will work with your child's availability*

Head Coordinator *The RE Office Heidi Acuna, hacuna@stalbertthegreat.net*

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion assist the Priest to prepare and distribute the bread and wine to the people during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This involves bringing the hosts from the tabernacle to the altar after the Lamb of God is sung or spoken.

They stand at the altar with the Priest, pray with the assembly and reverently distribute the bread or wine to the people.

We encourage our newly confirmed students to become a part of this wonderful and fulfilling ministry.



Is there a need for more participation in this ministry

Yes, there is a need for more distributors at all Masses. A one-time training session is required. If you were previously a distributor, no new training is required.

Time commitment *This ministry is performed during Mass*

Head Coordinator / Trainer *Deacon Dave Zink, 937-296-0590; Forst Elliott*

Scheduler *Peggy Fromholt, 937-293-2571*

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND



Many times our Eucharistic Distributors will take Communion to a loved one who is sick and cannot attend Mass. We also have a group of parishioners who take communion to our parishioners living in the six retirement / nursing homes in the Dayton area.

This ministry was On Hold due to Covid-19. If you are interested in this ministry, please sign up and we will keep you updated.

Is there a need for more participation in this ministry *Yes*

Time commitment *as often as or as little as you like*

Head Coordinators *Deacon Dick Strominger, 937-281-0038*

MUSIC

The liturgical musicians help the people to respond through music and song during the Mass. They lead the assembly at key points in the liturgy such as the Entrance Procession, the Psalm, the Alleluia, the Eucharistic Prayer, and Communion. The liturgical musicians could be those who sing, play instruments, and join with others in a choir. Being able to read music is a plus, but not a requirement.



Is there a need for more participation in this ministry *Yes!*

Time commitment *90 minute rehearsal every Wednesday evening , and usually sing at the 9:30am Sunday Mass (or equivalent) and Holy Days*

Head Coordinator *Jim Butler, jbutler@stalbertthegreat.net*

OTHER ASPECTS OF WORSHIP COMMISSION

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Opportunities to serve during the funeral Mass include reading, distributing Communion, serving, singing in the Resurrection Choir, and passing out programs. When there is a funeral lunch after the Mass, we also need volunteers to assist in serving and cleaning up.

Is there a need for more participation in this ministry

Yes, there is a need for help at the funeral lunches, when they start again.

During Mass

Time commitment *one hour during the funeral Mass*

Head Coordinators *Paula Smith, 937-434-8506*

After Mass at Funeral Lunch

Time commitment *approximately 2—3 hours after the funeral Mass*

Head Coordinator *Nancy Steffan, nsteffan@stag-school.org*

WEDDING COORDINATORS



Wedding coordinators assist couples with their wedding rehearsal and ceremony. Some preparation is involved with the couple for planning purposes a few months prior to the wedding.

They also assist the celebrant carry out the liturgical functions of the wedding rehearsal and ceremony.

Is there a need for more participation in this ministry *Not at this time.*

Time commitment

Head Coordinator *Amy Wittmann, amy.wittmann927@gmail.com*

BAPTISM PREP

Baptisms are scheduled usually on Sundays after the 11am Mass unless other arrangements have been made. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend a Baptism Preparation Class before the child is baptized.

Is there a need for more participation in this ministry *Not at this time.*

Time commitment

Head Coordinator *school aged: Heidi Acuna; infant: Deacon Dick Strominger*



YES, I AM INTERESTED!

I am interested in signing up for OR learning more about *our* Liturgical Ministries!

1 FILL OUT THE FORM ON OUR WEBSITE

The easiest way to sign up for or learn more one of the many Liturgical Ministries is to fill out the form on our website. Look for the Liturgical Ministry logo on our website's homepage under *Quick Links*. **This form will also be sent in a Flocknote.**



2 FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW

You can also simply fill out the form below, cut it out, and drop it off at the Parish Office or put it in the Offertory Box.

Your Name and a way to contact you

What Liturgical Ministries are you interested in

Any questions you might have. Any details or information you want us to know.

3 CONTACT THE COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Contact me, the Communications Coordinator. I will take your information, any details or questions you might have, and get it to the appropriate person.
Sara Schwager, 937-281-0048 sschwager@stalbertthegreat.net.

