

## **St. Joseph Catholic Church Liturgical Ministeries**

### **USHERS**

Ushers assist in the collection at the Preparation of the Gifts. This ministry should be done prayerfully and efficiently, allowing the congregation to prepare themselves as the Liturgy of the Eucharist begins.

- Upon standing for the Creed, move to the entrance of the church for the collection.
- Handle baskets are located along the front pews.
- After the General Intercessions (“We pray to the Lord”), walk up aisle, bow to altar, and using the handle basket, go row by row until you reach the entrance of the church. Make sure you allow ease of passage for the bread and wine bearers down the center aisle.
- Put all money from your basket into the main basket, and one carrier brings that basket to the altar.
- If there is a second collection, be sure to move in a timely manner, and the same process is followed as the first collection.

### **Prayer for Ushers:**

*Lord, in your love you gather your people this day.  
Help me to serve them in a prayerful, patient, helpful, and understanding way,  
And may I radiate the joy that faith brings as I serve their needs.  
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*