

“Hospitality Minister” Responsibilities

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Thank you so much for volunteering to be a Hospitality Minister for St. Joe’s this weekend, you are greatly appreciated! Please arrive 20-25 minutes before Mass time so we can be ready. The outside and inside middle glass doors should be opened 15 minutes before Mass starts for those not volunteering to enter. Please remember to wear a mask and gloves for the duration of your volunteer duties. If you have any questions please contact Annie acollins@stjoesbb.com or Michelle mkreuser@stjoesbb.com.

As the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has ended, we have seen more people attending Mass.

Hospitality Minister Responsibilities:

- Joyfully welcome people and help them find pews being mindful of seating in a way that can maximize space while maintaining social distancing
- Gently encourage people to not stay in gathering spaces
- Remind people to stay 6 feet apart from anyone with whom they do not live
- Remind people that once they are seated, they need to stay there to avoid possible spread of infection
- Remind people of the current Wisconsin executive order of wearing masks indoors
- **Hospitality Minister 1**--stationed at the outside doors (both the inside and outside middle set of doors should be unlocked and propped open), use the clicker to keep count of all attendees as they enter
 - Remind parishioners we have masks available for them to wear and they should then keep/take it home with them
- **Hospitality Minister 2, 3, and 4** -
 - HM 2 is in charge of covering the right (if facing the altar) of the inside church doors
 - HM 3 is stationed by the middle aisles and also uses the clicker to do a second count
 - HM 4 is stationed to the left (if facing the altar)
 - When the open seats are no longer obvious, Hospitality Ministers 2 and 4 will move down the aisle closer to the altar so they can indicate where open seats are. You can signal the number of people using your fingers to Hospitality Minister 3 who will be just inside the doors.
 - Once someone is seated, they should stay in that seat and not be moved
 - **When needed, if the middle space of a pew is open, you should ask the people on the end to step out of the pew momentarily to fill the space inside that pew so they can be reseated in the same spot while maintaining the 6 feet social distancing between groups.**
 - Pass out worship aids to anyone that would like them. Tell them to please take it with them when they leave Mass as we cannot reuse them.

Capacity:

- **Capacity number is based on social distancing and is somewhere around 200. This is not an exact number, could be larger or smaller based on how well we were able to seat people in the church while maintaining the 6 feet of social distance between families.**

Overflow:

- When the church is filled to a safe capacity (where no one else can be seated while continuing to maintain 6 feet of distance) then open up the Day Chapel to be used for additional seating
- Expect about 45 people to be able to fit in the Day Chapel.
- Seat people/families with about 3 chairs between (3 chairs is about 6 feet for social distancing)
- Leave the doors to the Day Chapel open as well as the church so attendees can hear.
- If Day Chapel is used, please direct people from the Day Chapel to receive communion when Father Andy is distributing communion in the center aisle.

Considerations

- If there is a family (who lives together) and we are nearing capacity, don't break them apart. They can all come in.
- Please contact the staff member assigned to that Mass when we reach capacity or any time you need assistance. Staff members should be wearing their St. Joseph badge

Counting for Mass:

- **When capacity is getting close, Hospitality Minister 1 and Hospitality Minister 3 will need to communicate with each other as to the numbers and that we are close to capacity. The intention is to not turn people away.**

When Mass starts:

- If we still have quite a number of spots available, please leave the outside doors unlocked but closed and have at least one hospitality minister sit near the back of the church to help as needed.
- Inside doors to the church should be left open at all times during Mass.
- Make a determination if the number is close to capacity, then please stay near the back of the church so you can monitor and help if people arrive late.

Dismissal: (Just prior to Father processing out of church)

- ***We will now dismiss people from both sides of the church at once.***
- Hospitality Minister 1 opens all the doors to outside, **closes the middle doors at the back of church after Father Andy leaves** and then passes out bulletins while wearing gloves and a mask as people are leaving.
- Hospitality Minister 2 & 4 dismiss pews from back of the church to front to leave safely
 - Hospitality Minister 2 will start at the back right if facing the altar (by the choir). Walk and dismiss the last row first and work forward to the front of that section.
 - After that section is done, then next section to the left of that one will be dismissed
 - Hospitality Minister 4 will start at the back left and dismiss the last row first and work forward to the front of that section
- Hospitality Minister 1 & 3 will pass out bulletins while wearing gloves and masks as people are leaving as well.

Please also read the [St. Joe's Catholic Comeback Mass Policies and Procedures](#)

Thank you so much!!