

## Family Mass

St. Joseph Church is beginning Family Masses at our parish. What is a Family Mass? It is an opportunity for families to take ownership of the Mass and for all of our school-aged youth to serve in ministries and learn which ones they love. These Masses will occur September through May on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month at the 9:30AM Mass (except January, which will be the 2<sup>nd</sup>). Each month will have a focus on a different grade filling the roles of ministry with their families and each of these Masses will end with that grade's youth leading the closing hymn and rolls and refreshments following.

Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> grade

Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Apr. 21<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade

May 19<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten

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<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eaaa929aafbcf8-family#/>

Below is a list of all of the ministry roles that will be available at each Mass. Some have age requirements or training requirements, which will be listed if applicable. To sign up for them, you can use the QR Code to access the Sign-Up Genius.

**Lector:** The Lector reads the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings at Mass. They will also sometimes read the Responsorial Psalm or the Prayers of the Faithful. This ministry is reserved for the grade that is hosting.

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Eucharistic ministers are commissioned to help distribute communion during Mass and to shut-ins. These persons must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and have received the training.

**Ushers:** Ushers help pass out the baskets for the collections and deposit them afterward.

**Bulletins:** After Mass, those in this role help pass out the bulletins (for both the adults and children).

**Greeters:** Greeters welcome people to the parish and help distribute any handouts for the second collection.

**Cantor:** The cantor leads the congregation in song during Mass. These persons must be in at least 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Altar Servers:** Altar Servers help Fr. Page in the preparation of the altar and various other roles throughout Mass. These persons must be in at least 4<sup>th</sup> grade and have received the training.

**Gift Bearers:** Gift Bearers bring up the bread and wine during the Preparation of the Altar.

**Serving Refreshments:** Rolls, coffee, and juice will be served following each of these Masses. A few people will be needed to help serve.