

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS BRINGING HOLY COMMUNION TO RELATIVES OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL AT HOME:

In order to follow proper procedure and to provide consistency please be aware of the following changes.

- Instead of receiving the Eucharist during the Communion Procession please come to the Sacristy after you receive rather than returning to your seat. Before the Eucharist is returned to the Tabernacle you will receive the Body of Christ from the priest or deacon. You will be invited to the side of the Sanctuary receive the host and a blessing. (See the deacon before Mass if you have a question.)
- It is required that the Holy Eucharist be carried in a pyx which is carried in a burse with a cord which is worn over the minister's neck to hang at the chest. We can no longer simply put the pyx in pocket or purse. This is for two reasons. First, is respect for Jesus. Second, is respect for the person receiving by using sanitized materials.
- If you already have a pyx but need a burse, please contact Deacon Jeff at the ministry center.

EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS- VISITING THE SICK, A CORPORAL WORK OF MERCY HELP NEEDED

First, the good news; while at this writing Defiance County continues to have a high COVID infection rate, the future is looking better. I expect that the Assisted Living facilities that St. Mary's visits to bring Holy Communion to residents will soon open to ministers. Those facilities are Glenn Park and Kingsbury Place. The nursing facility, Laurels, is considering allowing visits soon as well.

We also have several homebound parish members who will appreciate regular visits. Currently with the number of qualified and willing Eucharistic Ministers we will be able to visit folks one Sunday per month. We need more volunteers.

Please consider this ministry as a way to practice a Corporal Work of Mercy; Visiting the Sick. To participate ministers must be Commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and be fully vaccinated.

For more information call the Ministry Center (419) 782-2776. Deacon Jeff will contact you.

IF YOU OR A LOVED IS UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS AND WOULD LIKE COMMUNION BROUGHT TO YOU AT HOME, PLEASE CALL THE MINISTRY CENTER. ONE OF THE DEACONS WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU.