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Greetings!

MINISTRY COORDINATORS: I am very grateful that Jim Samz, Barb Freuck, Randy Green and Kim Kitzke continue to help me on the weekends before Mass making sure ministers are signed in, so I can tend to other details before Mass begins. Thank You!!

SCHEDULE: Please pay attention to when you are scheduled to minister. Now that summer is here, there are many weekends that do not have a full complement of ministers. If you are not scheduled, please continue to check in to see if help is needed! It helps to know there is someone in church willing to step in at the last moment. If you are scheduled and cannot fulfill the commitment on any given weekend, please try to find a sub! I am very grateful for those of you who consistently "check in". I am including an updated Contact List for you to refer to when you need to find a sub.

SUMMER ATTIRE: Your continued attentiveness to your attire when you serve as a liturgical minister is appreciated. Our goal is not to do anything or wear anything that will draw undue attention to ourselves and away from our common prayer. Both our demeanor and our dress should reflect the sacredness of what we are doing. As a general rule, jeans, shorts and T-shirts with advertising or other writing on them should be avoided.

AUGUST 15 (Feast of the Assumption) is a holy day of obligation and falls on a Thursday this year. Masses will be celebrated at 8:15 am and 6:00 pm. Lectors: prepare the readings on pages 233 & 234.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Currently we are using the Glass Communion Cups because our metal vessels are being re-plated. They should be back, hopefully around the end of July.

Per Fr. Todd, you need only to sanitize your hands during the handshake of peace. Please use the individual hand sanitizers found at the check-in area. You may have already experienced, or at least noticed, the set-up of Communion Cups and Bowls has changed. The DA will no longer set the table and pour the wine. All Communion cups will be prefilled and brought to the altar during the preparation of gifts by the acolytes.

DAs: you will come into the sanctuary during the handshake of peace. One of you will take any reserve hosts from the tabernacle and place those dishes in front of the communion cup on either side of the altar table as needed. The other will stand in front of the servers, on the top step of the sanctuary, facing the side of the altar.

Fr. Todd will receive Communion (both bread and wine) before any ministers. Then the Deacons will receive, first the bread, then the cup. You will then follow Fr. Todd or presider as he distributes bread to the Communion Ministers. If a Deacon is present, he automatically will act as a DA and he will then take the bread from the tabernacle and place it on the altar table. The servers will receive last. Fr Todd will remain on the main floor, until the servers have received from the cup. After the servers have received from the cup, please use the SIDE entrances to enter the sanctuary, take your vessel, and move to your Communion station. Again, there is NO RUSH to this! If the bread minister arrives at the Communion station first, please WAIT to distribute until your Cup Ministers have arrived.

Another reminder not to stand too close to the person who distributes the Bread. In the Center Station, stand on the floor at the corners of the sanctuary steps.

Please be aware, we are trying not to consecrate too many hosts. If by chance you run out of consecrated bread, please go to another minister and see if they have enough to share some with you, otherwise, wait there and get the attention of another minister who finishes at their station. They can come and finish at your station. You can also look over to the altar area. Fr. Todd will be combining hosts at the altar before moving them to the tabernacle. Do not send people from the assembly to another communion station. Either get more hosts and finish your station, or wait for another minister to finish, and direct them to your station. Everyone should be checking the other stations to make sure no one needs help. When you are finished, and no other station needs help, please take the remaining consecrated bread to the altar table.

Usually at the 8 am Mass, station one and station four are closed. The assembly usually moves to the central stations for Mass.

At the 10 am Mass most Sundays, Station one is closed. If people are seated there, Ministers will have to be aware to look over to be sure everyone has received Communion. Thank you for your attention.

ACOLYTES:

I have trained many new altar servers. These are the servers trained recently: Abigail Bohman, Elijah Booth, Gabriela Campos, Hector Ruiz, Vincent Kenney, Nathaniel Litzau, Briana Medina, Gabby Ruedinger & Kylee Zarate. Thank you to these young people for volunteering to help serve at Mass. May God bless you in your service!

Changes in procedure for Acolytes: Communion cups will be in the acrylic holders already filled with wine. YOU will be setting the Communion cups and ant bread to be consecrated on the altar table at the Preparation of the Gifts! Cross Bearer: you will bring the LARGE Roman Missal to the altar center edge of the altar and open it to the white ribbon. You will also bring the presider's chalice, and set it to the right, above the opened Roman Missal. The purificator goes to the right of the Roman Missal. You will also bring the small cruet of water, and set that to the far right of the Chalice.

Candle bearers, you will bring forward the filled Communion cups and set them up on either side of the altar table, leaving enough room in front of each communion cup for a

purificator and with space between purificators for bowls of Bread. Cups go out first, then purificators, then Bread Bowl (is there are any to be consecrated). Cindy has pictures. The first couple times you serve, please arrive EARLY (at least 20 minutes before Mass), so Cindy has time to show you what to do! Cindy will also have new notes for you to take home and review.

When the gifts of bread and Wine are brought to the table, the Large Gold bread bowl is set above the Roman Missal to the left of the chalice. Wine cruet to the right of the Chalice,

LECTORS: Please remember to leave the book of the gospels on the ambo just as the presider or deacon leave it! Intercessions will be on the right side of the ambo.

THANK YOU!

I do thank each of you for the many ways you live out your Christian calling to be a servant and carry out the mission of Christ. God bless you and your families during these summer months, may you be kept safe and healthy and may you be greatly rewarded for your generous spirit of service.

Sincerely,

Cindy Bremer