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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May the joy and peace of this holy season be with you. May you and your families be blessed in this New Year with good health and happiness!

TO ALL MINISTERS:

Reminder: The ministry schedule is always available on the parish web site. You can find it under the Liturgy and Sacraments link at www.StGregsMil.org. Thank you for your attention to the schedule. I appreciate the effort being made to check in before Masses. Because the Triduum will be in the March/April schedule, I have included a form for your availability for the Triduum and Easter Morning. It will be very helpful for scheduling for April! Please return to Cindy by February 15th.

SCHEDULING: Scheduling requests for March and April are due February 15. Contact Cindy at 543-8292, x213 or cbremeier@stgregsmil.org with your requests or questions

Eucharistic Ministers:

We are in cold and flu season! Please be extra attentive to hand-hygiene to prevent the spread of unfriendly germs. I have a supply of hand wipes for your use and there are bottles of hand sanitizer near the credence table which you should be using after you receive and before you distribute! Also, be sure to wipe both the inside and outside rim of the cup. ~Cup ministers: After you have taken your cup to the sacristy, please do NOT move to your pew during the silent period after communion; it's hard for people to be reflective when we are moving around.

REMINDER: please leave enough space between you and the Bread Minister. In the Center Section, Cup Ministers should be standing near either corner of the bottom step, so people don't get "bunched up" in the center.

Bread Ministers: Please, bring your own bread paten to the tabernacle and hand it to the presider. One minister should not be "collecting" the patens to bring into the sanctuary.

Procedure: When you are finished at your assigned station, look around to see if any other stations might need help. When you are finished, and no one needs help, take your paten to the presider, hand it to him, reverence the tabernacle and leave the sanctuary. If you see the priest has empty patens, you may take it/them from the priest. Wait for him to hand it to you! Again, reverence the tabernacle and leave the sanctuary. Do not pour the contents of your paten into another paten as you are walking to the tabernacle! Hand it to the presider!

LECTORS:

Readings for Dec 29-30: There are choices that weekend: we are using 1st reading: Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14 (pg 32) and 2nd reading: Colossians 3:12-17 (short form, pgs. 34-35)

Readings for Jan 12-13: We are using 1st reading: Isaiah 42: 1-4,6-7 (pg. 43-44); 2nd reading: Acts 10: 34-38 (pgs 45-46)

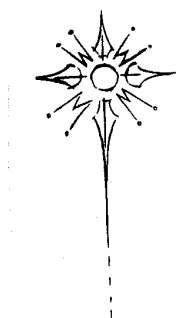
January 12th (4pm only): Girl Scouts will be present for their lock-in. Lectors please be prepared to do readings as usual (see information on page 1). The scouts may act as greeters, and carry up the gifts. They will be seated in the center sections.

USHERS: Reminder: After the collection time, and you are coming back into church, after depositing the money into the safe, it is usually very close to the time of consecration. You should stop walking around during that sacred time, and pay attention to the altar! That is the most sacred time of the Mass. Your other duties can wait until after the consecration of the Body and Blood of Jesus.

ACOLYTES: Youth servers, please make sure you have clean hands when you come to Mass to serve. I recently took the cross and candles back into the Church after Mass and the bases were sticky and grimy. Please wash your hands!

Please do not play with the melted candle wax after Mass! Gently blow out the candles, or use the long handled snuffer which is hanging right there! No fingers should touch the wax.

Please pay attention to your scheduled Masses. MANY Masses have been short servers, sometimes all three scheduled have not shown up!! We NEED you!! Please find a sub if you cannot be at Mass.



Grateful for the gift of each of you!

Cindy Bremaier

Scheduling Request Form for the Triduum/Easter Sunday (April 18-21)

(Return Attn: Cindy Bremer by February 15, 2019) please check all that you are able/willing to help with.

Name _____

Holy Thursday (April 18, 2019) Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 pm

_____ **Lector**

_____ **Eucharistic Minister**

Good Friday (April 19, 2019) Passion of the Lord, 1:30 pm

_____ **Lector**

_____ **Eucharistic Minister (bread only)**

Holy Saturday (April 20, 2019) Easter Vigil, 8:00 pm

_____ **Lector**

_____ **Eucharistic Minister**

Easter Sunday (April 21, 2019)

_____ **Lector (8 am 10 am) circle a Mass time!**

_____ **Eucharistic Minister (8 am 10 am) circle a Mass time!**