

Dear Parents,

Father Manning wishes to invite parish children in the 4th grade and up to consider becoming an Altar Server. To serve at the Altar is a great privilege and honor and requires a willingness to serve, training, dedication, discipline and a prayerful attitude. It requires a serious commitment of both child and family, however this is a beautiful way for your child to serve God and actively participate in the liturgical life of Holy Cross Parish.

TOP TEN REASONS TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER!

- 1) Opportunity to serve God, 2) Become more involved in Parish Life, 3) Grow in respect and understanding of the Mass, 4) Make great friends, 5) Strengthen your relationship with Jesus, 6) Learn valuable life skills, 7) Opportunity for leadership, 8) Learn more about vocations, 9) It's always fun when there's fire and smoke, 10) Best seats in the house!

Please print out the attached Application and information. We hope that you seriously consider our invitation and discuss it as a family.

The completed applications should be dropped off at the Parish Office ASAP. Training will take place in June.

Please feel free to give me a call should you have any questions!

May God continue to bless you and your family!

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IS JESUS CALLING YOU TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER?

*To be an Altar Server requires a sense of dedication, training and responsibility.
It is a wonderful opportunity to serve God and the community in a very special ministry.*

Why do you like being an Altar Server? Here's what our Altar Servers have to say!

"I enjoy being an Altar Server because I get to play a special part at Mass. Mass is more fun and meaningful when you get to participate in it."

"It is a great honor to server on the Altar at Mass. The Mass becomes more interesting when you serve and it makes me feel good to know that I am serving the Lord."

"Being an Altar server taught me reverence and it is a way I can contribute to Holy Cross Parish. It is exciting to serve!"

"Altar Serving makes me feel special and it is fun! When I leave Mass I feel really happy and good!"

Altar Servers work with the Priest to make the Sacrifice of the Mass and other Liturgical Celebrations meaningful and faith enhancing events for the people of Holy Cross Parish. Altar Serving is both fun and a serious commitment for the server and their family. Please carefully review the following requirements and expectations.

Who May Serve

- ◆ Boys and girls in the fourth grade and up. Servers are encouraged to participate through their senior year of High School.
- ◆ Candidates must be **Mature enough to Sit Quietly, Pay Attention and Understand their Responsibilities and carry them out with Devotion, Dedication and Discipline.**

Characteristics of a Server

- ◆ Be able to **listen, follow directions and be naturally alert and able to think on their feet.**
- ◆ Be **responsible, reliable and respectful** and able to **work together** as a team.
- ◆ Be willing to **fully participate** in the Mass including all prayers, responses and hymns.

Training

- ◆ Candidates must attend all training sessions and have the commitment and ability to perform the role of server with reverence.
- ◆ Candidates must be willing to pass a written test based on what they learned at Orientation in preparation to begin server training. Candidates will receive materials to study at home.

Expectations:

- ◆ Servers are expected to **be at Church 20 minutes** before Mass begins.
- ◆ Servers are expected to show respect for the Mass by wearing proper attire
- ◆ Servers are expected to **serve at every Mass or special liturgies when scheduled.**
- ◆ All Servers are expected to be **prepared to fill in** when attending a Mass for which you have not been scheduled and where you see that servers are missing.
- ◆ Servers are expected to **attend all Altar Server training sessions when scheduled.**

HOLY CROSS PARISH ALTAR SERVERS

Application Form



Our Mission

We work with the Priest and others to make the Sacrifice of the Mass and other Liturgical Celebrations meaningful and faith enhancing events for the people of Holy Cross Parish. We do this by performing our duties with dignity and grace reflecting the true presence of Christ at the Mass.

Please complete the application form below and return to Mrs. George, Holy Cross Parish Office, by May 24, 2019.

Orientation is Tuesday, May 28, 2019, 7:00 to 8:15 pm in the Church. Training will take place in June.

Name: _____

Address _____
(street)

_____ (city) (state) (zip)

Home Phone _____ Parent Cell: _____

Email _____

School _____ Grade you are presently in _____

Boys of the parish are invited to learn how to serve the Traditional Latin Mass. If you are interested please check the box.

Dear Father Manning,

I would like be an Altar Server at Holy Cross. My parents and I have carefully read the important information on this application and have discussed the commitment and responsibility involved as an Altar Server. You can depend on me to serve faithfully at the Altar of the Lord and I will take this great privilege seriously.

(APPLICANT signature)

(PARENT signature)