



Many of you were able to attend the meeting with Father Charlie regarding the changes in the distribution of Communion to our parish, thank you for coming. We also realize that some were unable to be there for the presentation. So that everyone is on the same page I took some notes and I ask that you to go over them in case something was missed at one of the meetings.

### **A few thoughts for all Eucharistic Ministers**

1. Please dress in an appropriate manner for your ministry.
2. Please go to the sacristy down stairs to sign in before Mass.
3. Continue to come up into the sanctuary at the Lamb of God
4. When the Deacon is present he will get the host from the tabernacle, if the deacon is not present then the first host minister will go to the tabernacle.
5. If you are looking to see if there are sufficient ministers present remember to count the deacon as one of the ministers.
6. If you are taking communion to the homebound please do not carry the host around with you, take it to them when you leave the church.
7. Keep your eyes open to those who receive communion but do not know what to do with the host....approach them with gentleness and understanding.
8. At the 11:00 Mass the extra bread minister and a cup minister should stand and distribute communion to those seated at the sides of the church before going to the center aisle.

### **If you are a Bread Minister**

1. Bread Ministers are to use the hand sanitizer on the credence table before distributing communion.
2. Bread ministers are to stand on the tabernacle side of the servers.
3. Use the pyx at the masses when you need to give communion to someone in the choir loft or the back of the church. Do not carry the ciborium to the back of church. The pyx is located in the tabernacle and should be returned to the tabernacle after Mass.
4. If you drop a host put it off to the edge of your ciborium/bowl, let Father know about it and he will consume it.

### **If you are a Cup Minister**

1. Cup ministers are to stand on the St. Joseph side of the servers.
2. First cup minister please offer the cup to the bread minister(s) first than to the altar servers.
3. When distributing the precious blood please work around the entire purificator and rotate the cup as you hand it to each individual.
4. In order to avoid self-communication the cup ministers are asked to take their cups back to the credence table and offer the remainder to another minister. One cup minister is asked to remain at the credence table until all have finished distributing communion.
5. The purificator is to be placed over the cup — do not shove it down into the cups.

Thank you for your ministry to St. Mary Parish.