

Sacred Heart Church Liturgical Ministries

If you are interested in serving in any of these ministries please contact **Jim Evermann** at 509-339-3607 (day) or 334-3041 (eve) or email **Mary Sutherland**, the parish secretary, at sacredheartpullman@frontier.com.

At the present time additional ushers and greeters are especially needed at the 4:30 p.m. and 11 a.m. Masses.

Ushers help provide a friendly comfortable atmosphere for the church services. This includes assisting people to find seating, seeing that heating or air conditioning facilities are working properly, collecting the offering, and seeing that someone is assigned to take up the wine and hosts at the Offertory. The ushers aid the priest, count and record attendance, and distribute hand outs. In general, the ushers are there to help both the parishioners and clergy as needed. New ushers are paired with experienced ushers at first for training.

Greeters are needed at the church entrances before Mass to provide a welcoming presence. An important part of the ministry is assisting people who use the accessible entrance in the alley. They also answer questions from visitors. New greeters will be scheduled with experienced greeters for training.

Eucharistic Ministers that we see at Mass are there because they wish to serve the Church and the parish. The time commitment for new people is generally one Mass every few weeks. Eucharistic Ministers need one training session, and help to clean up the Sacramental vessels for about 15 minutes after Mass. Parishioners of high school age or older are encouraged to serve in this ministry.

Readers that we see and hear at Mass are there because they wish to serve the Church and the parish. The time commitment for new people is generally one Mass every few weeks. For Readers, one training session, and arrival at Mass 15 minutes earlier than usual is needed. Parishioners of high school age or older are encouraged to serve in this ministry.

Altar Servers: Altar servers provide a very important and valuable service to our parish. Through service as an altar server, one gains a greater appreciation and understanding of the Mass. Altar servers are eligible for training and service beginning in their fourth grade year of school, after they have received First Communion, and are welcomed through high school and as adults. New servers are provided with an initial training session and then paired with experienced servers until the new server feels confident in his or her abilities as a server. They are scheduled to serve Mass every few weeks. If they wish to volunteer to serve at Mass when there is a need for servers that is good as well. Check in with Father Jeff or Deacon Jim prior to Mass.