

*Are you ready to take involvement in your faith to a new level?
Your whole family can serve together in one of these new ministries.*

Usher Families (Newly Expanded!) Your family can be part of our revised and expanded usher ministry. These are the primary ministers who welcome guests and visitors to our church and serve the needs of the assembly. Parents and kids together can share the tasks of preparing your assigned entrance and section of pews before Mass, greeting people as they arrive, taking up the collection, helping with the Communion procession, passing out bulletins at the end of Mass, and getting your assigned area ready for the next celebration. *Time commitment: 20 minutes before Mass, 10 minutes after Mass, scheduled roughly once a month based on your availability.*

Outdoor Greeters (NEW!) We're taking hospitality to a new level. While our Ushers focus on welcoming and serving people inside the church, our Outdoor Greeters will extend that feeling of welcome outside of the church building. Your ministry is to stand outside our front or side entrances, greet everyone with a warm smile and *good morning!*, and open the door for every person as they enter. This ministry goes on rain or shine, hot or cold, so dress accordingly. This is a great way for families to serve together. You can build up our faith community while building up your arm muscles as you open that door for everyone! *Time commitment: 20 minutes before Mass then you are done, scheduled roughly once a month based on your availability.*

Gift Bearers (Newly reorganized!) We have always had individuals or families to present the bread and wine at Mass, but we are taking it to the next level. Parents and kids together, even with grandparents or other family members, can be scheduled for each weekend Mass to present the bread and wine at the Preparation of the Gifts. Two people will carry the gifts, but your whole family can walk together in the procession. As one of our simplest roles, this is a great way to involve younger children in a liturgical ministry! *Time commitment: check in 10 minutes before Mass begins, scheduled a few times per year based on your availability.*

- **Scheduling is flexible and easy with our new online scheduling system.** You can go online to specify your preferred Mass time, dates you are unavailable, and how often you are willing to serve. If your schedule changes and you can't make an assigned date, you can easily request a substitute online with a few days notice. If your family members are already involved with other ministries (server, lector, EM, choir, etc.) all of your assignments can be automatically coordinated in a way that works for you.

We want to become the most welcoming church in Southern Illinois. But to do it we need your help, so please join one of these new ministries today! It's a great way for your family to live out your faith, and it will help to build up our parish community.

Family Name: **THE** _____ **FAMILY** Phone: _____

Primary contact person: _____ Email: _____

We are interested in:

Usher Families

Outdoor Greeters

Gift Bearers

Please return to the church or school office.
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