

**GUIDELINES FOR
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION(EMHC)
June 2024**

These are updated guidelines for Eucharistic Ministers. Please read especially the highlighted areas.

If you are unable to minister at the scheduled time, please find a substitute at stnicksministry@gmail.com. Please do not write on the schedule in the sacristy, I need a sub. Terri Brown will send you a list of substitutes that you can contact. **Make sure you are at Mass at least thirty minutes before Mass begins to help with the hospitality ministry at the doors.** Pick up your cross in the sacristy in the top drawer on the right of the counter.

- The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion with one asterisk (*) next to their name is the captain. The captain's main duty is to be sure that all assigned EMHCs are present and to help find substitutes if they are not.
- The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion with the cross (+) next to his/her name on the schedule will take Communion to the sick and homebound after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. (Following the 9:30 a.m. Mass, the EMHC, who is taking communion out to the sick needs to pick up the pyx and then take Communion to the homebound.

LAMB OF GOD

As the "Lamb of God" begins, all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should gather on either side of the sanctuary right below the first step. If you sit on the right side, you may stand on the right side of the sanctuary. If you sit on the left side, you may stand on the left side of the sanctuary. As soon as the presider has received the Body and Blood of Christ, gather around the altar, where you will receive the Body and Blood of Christ from the presider. Only the minister that distributes the Body of Christ should bless the children or others who choose not to receive Eucharist. For the blessing of a child please place your hand over the child and say "Bless you!".

AFTER COMMUNION:

After Communion, each minister should take his or her vessel to the altar so that Father can purify the vessel. **Those who distribute the Precious Blood should immediately place their cup and the purificator on the altar, and then head back to the sacristy.** Father will consume any remaining precious Blood. You do not need to consume any remaining precious Blood. Only the bread ministers should remain at the altar to take the vessels from Father. After leaving your vessels in the sacristy, place your cross on the sacristy counter and head back to the bottom step of the altar. Make a solemn bow and proceed to your pew,

**Thank you for sharing your time and talent
with our family of faith in this ministry!**