



Liturgical Ministries

Altar server

Altar servers assist the priest in the sanctuary during Mass. At least one altar server is scheduled for each Mass; additional servers may be scheduled for special feast days. Servers may also be requested for weddings and funerals. Training is provided. Consider this ministry if you have a special love for the reverent celebration of the liturgy.

Lector

Lectors proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture during Mass and (in the absence of a deacon) read the petitions during the Prayer of the Faithful. At least one lector is scheduled for each Mass, but two per Mass would be preferable. Training is provided. Consider this ministry if you have a clear voice and wish to have a deeper experience of the living Word of God.

Gift Bearer

Gift bearers bring forward the bread and wine to be consecrated at Mass. One couple or family is scheduled for each Mass. This is a very simple and easy way to contribute to the liturgy.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC)

While priests and deacons are ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, specially authorized laypersons may be called upon to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion when necessary. At St. Boniface, typically two or three EMHCs are scheduled for each Mass. This ministry requires the completion of training by the archdiocesan Worship Office and a current mandate from the archbishop. Consider this ministry if you have a deep love and reverence for the Holy Eucharist and feel called to bring Christ's presence to others.

Choir

St. Augustine wrote that "He who sings prays twice" and the psalms command us to "Make a joyful noise to the Lord." The choir performs an important function in the liturgy by helping the congregation to lift up their voices, minds, and hearts to God. The choir typically rehearses on Sundays at 10:00 and performs at the 11:00 Mass. If you love to sing and want to offer your voice in worship, consider joining the St. Boniface choir.

Sacristan

The sacristan is responsible for maintaining the sacristy and preparing the church for liturgical celebrations. He or she works closely with the priest to ensure that everything needed is organized and ready: books marked, bread and wine prepared, ministers present, etc. An effective sacristan is organized, pays attention to detail, and knows and respects the liturgy and St. Boniface. A sacristan must be a trained and mandated EMHC. Additional training is provided.

Liturgical Decor and Maintenance

Often referred to in the past as an altar society, this ministry is responsible for cleaning and maintaining items needed for Mass such as altar linens and vestments as well as decorating the church in accord with the current feast or liturgical season. This team works in collaboration with the sacristans and priests to ensure that our worship space is beautiful and that our treasure of liturgical objects, many of great value and artistic quality, are kept in good repair.

Hospitality Ministries

Greeter

Greeters hand out hymnals and bulletins beginning 15 minutes before Mass. These ministers also perform an important role by welcoming visitors, answering questions, and providing information about the church. Three hospitality ministers are scheduled for each Mass. Consider this ministry if you have an outgoing personality and love being a part of St. Boniface.

Usher

Ushers are responsible for taking up the collection, providing assistance as needed, and assisting with maintaining order during Mass. Three or four ushers are scheduled for each Mass. Consider this ministry if you have a servant's heart and are committed to supporting St. Boniface.

Tour Guide

We are justly proud of Saint Boniface's beauty and history. Guided tours are a way for us to show hospitality to visiting individuals and groups who wish to learn more about our church and give prospective parishioners an easy way to get to know the parish better. Consider this ministry if you love Saint Boniface and want to show our parish off to others. Depending on interest and availability, we may begin offering guided tours on a regular schedule.

Sacramental Preparation Ministries

Catechist

Catechists assist with preparing children and their parents for the reception of the sacraments. This may include preparation for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, First Reconciliation, or First Communion. Catechists are called upon as needed when there are children preparing to receive sacraments. When needed, a schedule will be developed in collaboration with Fr. Steven and the families involved. No formal teaching experience or religious study is required, but all catechists must complete archdiocesan Safe Environment Training. Consider this ministry if you enjoy working with children and love your Catholic faith.

Sponsor

Adults preparing for baptism or reception into full communion with the Catholic Church are assigned a sponsor to be a mentor and companion during their preparation. Sponsors are called upon as needed when there are individuals preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation. Sponsors attend catechesis sessions with their catechumen or candidate and generally help introduce them to life as a Catholic and as a member of St. Boniface. Sponsors do not need to be theological experts; they just need to be faithful, prayerful, and joyful Catholics.

Pastoral Care Ministries

Minister to Sick and Homebound

Ministers to the sick and homebound visit and bring Holy Communion to those who are unable to come to church due to age, illness, or injury. They typically make their visits immediately following Sunday Mass. Those serving in this ministry must be trained and mandated as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This is an important way of helping people stay connected to the parish and to Christ when they may otherwise feel lonely and forgotten. Consider this ministry if you have a compassionate heart and want to bring Christ's presence to those in need.

Administrative Ministries

Collection Counter

These individuals are responsible for counting the weekly collection and preparing it for deposit. Counting takes place in the parish office either after Mass on Sunday or on Monday morning. At least two non-related individuals are scheduled each week. Consider this ministry if you are trustworthy, good with numbers, and want to help us be good stewards of the gifts we have been entrusted with.

Facilities and Grounds

If you enjoy gardening, yardwork, repairs, or working with your hands, please consider helping with the numerous maintenance projects that are needed around our campus. In the last year, projects have included weeding and planting grass in the yard behind the parish office, clearing the gutters, and clearing storage space in the parish office and garage. Going forward, an ongoing need will be to maintain the landscaping around the church, parking lot, and Fr. Tim Hogan plaza.

Outreach Ministries

Saint Boniface supports several local ministries through financial support, monthly donations, and volunteer time. Consider becoming involved in any of the following outreach ministries if you want to help Saint Boniface be the hands and feet of Christ, serving those in need in our neighborhood.

Nativity Academy at Saint Boniface

Central Louisville Community Ministries (CLCM)

St. John's Center for Homeless Men

Wayside Christian Mission

Parish Council

The parish pastoral council serves as a consultative body to advise and assist the pastor in his leadership of Saint Boniface. The parish council meets approximately every six weeks to receive reports from the clergy and staff, review financial data, and to discuss the current and future needs, priorities, and vision of the parish. Membership is by appointment of the pastor.