

June 2021 to August 2021

Greetings Altar Servers and Parents,

We are finally starting to return to normal activities! God is good! Scott Snyder, Tom Lauer and I want to express our sincere gratitude to you for returning to support the altar serving ministry. Our number of servers has significantly declined so bear with us while we seek and train additional servers. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please have them contact Scott Snyder.

Please read this schedule thoroughly and carefully. We have only scheduled two servers per mass so your attendance is of the utmost importance. Many of you are scheduled for a mass other than your normal time. Remain diligent with your attendance and if necessary, be sure to find a substitute well in advance.

Thank you also for providing your time off requests through the Google Form. It worked well on my end so hopefully, it is easier for you as well. I will be sending out the forms once a quarter. Make sure to enter all dates that your server is NOT available. If you have any questions or concerns, always feel free to contact me through email or phone.



- Please visit the St. John the Baptist Altar Servers webpage on the church website, <http://www.sjbnf.org/>. Click on "Get Involved", "Liturgical Ministries", and "Altar Servers". Click "Visit Page" and the current cover letter and schedule are available. Other resources include: Server Instructions and Order of Mass, Diagrams, Thurifer Instructions, Prayers, Glossary of Terms, and much more! Check it out!!!
- Plus, cue cards are available on the table in the vesting room to refresh your memory.

SCHEDULE TIPS:

- Find your name and highlight it on all of the pages of the schedule. If you are reading a digital copy, it may be helpful to print your own hard copy. Check **ALL** Mass times since you could be scheduled for Masses your family does not usually attend.
- **LOOK AHEAD AND CHECK THE DATES** by your name with your family to be sure you can serve at those Masses/Services, and then put them on your family calendar.
 - If you have a conflict, **call or email someone as soon as possible** and make arrangements for a sub by using the Altar Server Contact List. **ONLY contact servers with a ranking level equal to or "less" than your altar server ranking number.** Be sure to call at least 24 hours in advance! Be generous when someone asks you to sub for them.
- If there is an X marked for a particular Mass, that server is unavailable for that date.
- **Responsibility for your attendance is vital in this ministry.** Your service at Mass is valuable to keep the Liturgy running smoothly.
- Give yourself credit for your hard work by making SURE TO **SIGN IN BEFORE MASS!!!**

- Arrive at least 20 minutes **BEFORE** Mass begins. Senior Servers arrive at least 25 minutes early.
- The next schedule, beginning with September 4, 2021, will be available the first week of September.

As always, servers, keep up the good work at Mass. Get to Mass early every week so you have time to sit quietly with the Lord. Each time you arrive before Mass, check in the sacristy to be sure there are enough altar servers. On rare occasions, an altar server might miss Mass due to illness and not have time to call a sub. Please help out, if needed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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