

# **Usher Ministry**

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I first became a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in 1977. Shortly after joining, I joined the Usher Ministry.

I then became Head Usher. I have found ushering to be an extremely worthwhile ministry. Ushers typically arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass. Our responsibilities are numerous and varied. We greet fellow parishioners with a smile and a warm welcome.

Ushers assist families to their seats, count the number of parishioners attending Mass, take up the collections, and guide parishioners to receive the Blessed Eucharist, pass out bulletins and respond to any crisis or problem that may arise. We try to make everyone feel welcome and make Holy Family their parish.

It is a very rewarding experience to usher and many of the ushers have been helping for decades. If anyone reading this has any desire to usher, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would be more than happy to train you.

In closing, the most rewarding aspect of being an usher is the opportunity to say hi to old friends and the chance to meet new parishioners.

May God bless you and your family.

