

December 2019 to March 2020

Greetings Altar Servers and Parents,

Advent is already halfway over! The newborn Savior is coming! Prepare the way; prepare your hearts for the time is near.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Warm welcome to our new servers:

**Galen Lepson**

**Jacqueline Lepson**

Best wishes for a bright future to **Raffi Fazio, Marion Howell, Maddie Marzullo, Patrick McLain and Sam Sushko!** Thank you for your service and dedication to the altar serving ministry! May God's grace bless you on all of your future endeavors.



### **NOTES:**

Mr. Snyder will be conducting training for new servers in January. If you know anyone who may be interested in becoming a server, please contact him with their name as soon as possible via text/email at 717-309-9342 or [Snyder.scott@icloud.com](mailto:Snyder.scott@icloud.com)

**We need everyone's help with the 7:30 masses due to the limited number of altar server families who normally attend these masses. You may be assigned to one of these masses based on need so check the schedule carefully. Also, don't forget to see if you are scheduled for a special mass listed on pages 5 and 6.**

### **REMINDERS:**

- Please look over the cue cards on the table in the vesting room to refresh your memory.
- St. John the Baptist Altar Servers have a webpage on the church website. You will be able to read this cover letter, check the schedule, and review the cue cards.
  - Go to the church website – <http://www.sjbnf.org>, click on "Ministries", and then click "Altar Server".
- Also available on the webpage are Altar Server resources: Server Instructions and Order of Mass, Diagrams, Thurifer Instructions, Prayers, Glossary of Terms, and much more! Check it out!!!

### **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.
- The next schedule, beginning with March 7, 2020, will be available the first week of March.

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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