

GIFT BEARERS

Thank you for your commitment to this ministry. Gift bearers should arrive in the gathering place in the Sacred Heart Chapel by **5:40 p.m.** on their scheduled Sunday to check-in and receive instructions. If you are unable to be a gift bearer, please find a replacement and let our staff know as soon as possible.

Before the Eucharist

- Sign-in on the volunteer list in the Gathering Place by **5:40 p.m.**
- Speak with the Gift Bearer coordinator to decide what to bring up, and to receive any necessary instructions
- Choose a seat near the gifts table

During the Preparation of the Gifts (toward the end of the collection time)

- When the collection has been taken up and the presider goes to the Altar, the gift bearers go to the table.
- One gift bearer pours some water into the chalice and the decanter. The water pitcher is left on the gifts table.
- All gift bearers process to the Altar together and bow before going up the steps.
- The gift bearer with the collection meets a greeter while processing. That greeter places the baskets from the North and West naves in the large basket.
- The gift bearers with the bread and wine *present* their gifts to the presider and the person with the collection places it on the floor in front of the altar on the opposite side of the presider
- All remain at the altar until the presider has received both the bread and wine, and has prayed over each. Then all bow with the presider.
- Gift bearers return to their seats.

Note: It is important to walk with honor and stand by the altar with dignity. It is also important to dress appropriately.