



WORK OF THE PEOPLE

LITURGY BYTES *by Michele Hall*



The Church tells us that the word liturgy comes from a Greek word, leitourgia, which means “public work” or the “work of the people.” It definitely is work and not a passive activity. It calls us all to actively participate with heart, mind, and voice.

In addition to the priest who celebrates and leads the community in the prayer of the Mass, there are many others involved in assisting to make this happen.

As you might have noticed, we have singers and musicians who lead us in song, servers who assist the Priest and Deacon at the altar, Lectors who proclaim God’s Sacred Word to us and Ministers of Holy Communion who, along with the Priest and Deacon, distribute the Body and Blood of Our Lord to the assembly at each Mass. We also have Ushers/Greeters who welcome you to each Mass, take up the weekly offerings, and distribute the Church bulletin after Mass. In addition to the folks you might see each week, there are also “behind the scenes” helpers that share their time and generosity in making things run smoothly for each liturgy.

As you probably already know, we continue to need faithful assistants from the parish family not only for special events but also for our celebration of Mass weekend after weekend. Since we will soon receive the training schedules that the Diocese offers for the fall, I wanted to raise awareness about the needs we have right here at Holy Cross.

Could you see yourself being.....a Lector (reading the Scriptures at Mass); an EM (distributing Holy Communion at Mass); an usher (greeting people, taking up the collection at Mass)? Pray about it and contact me with your questions or concerns. You can email me at mhall@holycrossrc.org, or call me at the Parish Office. Remember, God’s work is also our work. We are invited to meet Him halfway. He is inviting us now.

Have a blessed, joyful, and prayerful week ahead!