

# St. Michael Catholic Church

## Eucharistic Minister Guidelines

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Always arrive at the Church prepared to serve. Please dress appropriately.  
Arrive 15 minutes before Mass, get a medallion, and check off your name with the sacristan.

### **At the Sign of Peace**

Share the sign of peace and promptly go to the Narthex doors and line up as follows:  
Breads 1 & 2, Cups 2 & 4, Cup 6 and the remaining cup ministers.

**During the Lamb of God music**, process to the front pew following the sacristan, with hands folded.  
When the priest comes down the steps, receive the consecrated bread there.  
Then walk up to the altar and receive the cup from the deacon (or sacristan).  
Bread ministers then go around the deacon and pick up a bowl from the altar.

All ministers proceed right away to your position. Do not wait.  
Cup 2 and Cup 4 follow the priest to serve the handicapped; then go to their stations.  
Bread 2 serves choir first, standing near the corner of the credence table. Then move to your station.  
(Serve pianist first on Sunday evening.)  
Cup 6 serves the choir first, standing near the drums. Then move to your station.  
(Serve pianist first on Sunday evening.)

### **Serving Communion**

When serving a side aisle, look to see if there are any handicapped. Go and serve them first.  
Please be reverent, yet friendly.  
Say: "The Body of Christ," or "The Blood of Christ." Make eye contact.  
Bless the children with a light touch saying: "The Blessing of Christ." Be welcoming.  
When a married couple approaches you as a couple, then serve them as a couple.  
When someone presents an open pyx, put a host in it saying, "The Body of Christ."

Cup Ministers: Be sure to wipe both inside and outside of cup after each serving.  
Turn cup ¼ turn, and use a different part of the linen purificator each time.

### **After Communion**

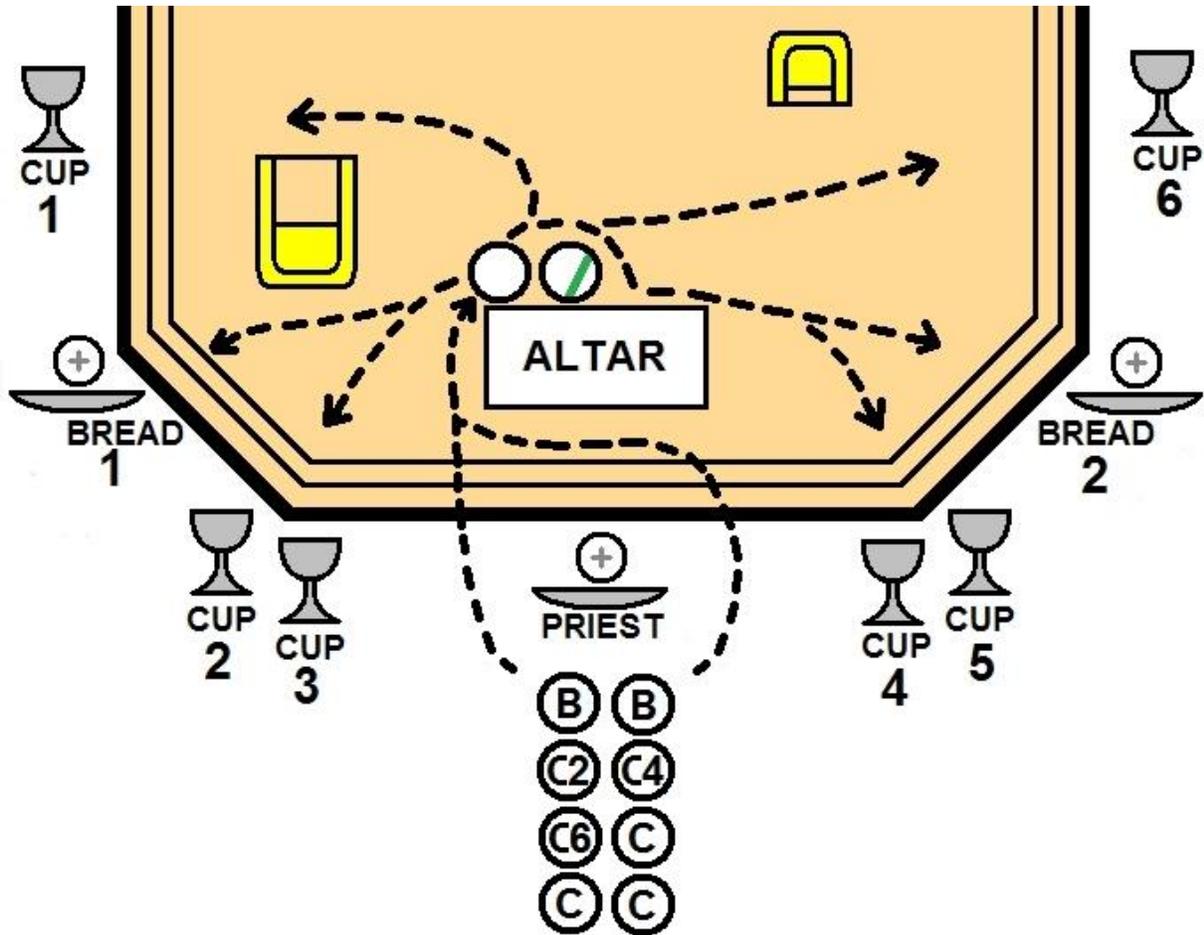
When you complete your section, you may help serve in one of the other areas as needed.

Cup ministers return to the Baptistry area. Consume any remaining consecrated wine.  
Place your cup on the tray and place your purificator on the tray. (Not in cups)  
Then bow to the altar and return to your pew.

Bread Ministers return to the altar and place your bowl upon the altar.  
Then bow to the altar and return to your pew.

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Purell is available in the Narthex on the shelf to the left of the doors.

Should you drop a consecrated host, pick it up and consume it.

Should a host fall from someone's mouth, pick it up and put it in your hand under the bowl.

After Mass this host should be buried.

Should any consecrated wine be spilled, place your purificator over it. After Mass, pat the spot, rinse the purificator in the small sink in the sacristy and repeat until the area is clean.