2025 St. Bonaventure Altar Server Ministry

On behalf of all the members of St. Bonaventure Catholic Church, thank you for your interest and support, as well as for the service your child is willing to offer to our parish community.

Altar servers form a very important part of the Church and the parish is enriched by their dedication and service. Being an altar server is a very important responsibility and requires a sincere commitment by both the server and his or her family.

Requirements:

- Must have a desire to serve the Lord and His people
- Must be a baptized Catholic and have received First Holy Communion
- Must be a student in grades 4-12
- Must be a parishioner of St. Bonaventure
- Must be willing and able to attend training sessions

Training for New Servers:

- New servers must come to at least one full training session before being scheduled
- New servers will be scheduled to serve with experienced servers for their first year.

Please bring your completed application to the Parish Center or to the first training you attend.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns:

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ST. BONAVENTURE PARISH
ALTAR SERVER APPLICATION FORM

Child's Last Name:_____ First Name_____

DOB (mm/dd/yy)_____

Grade in 2025-6 School Year _____ Name of School _____

Parents' Last Name_____

Parents' First Names_____

E Mail address to mail schedule and information to:_____

Phone: Home:_____ Cell:_____

Street Address:_____

City:_____ State: _____ Zip_____

Please indicate any special circumstances, such as custody arrangements, that we need to take into account for scheduling:

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Mass Time Preferences:						
First Choice:	**5:00pm (Sat)**	**7:30am**	**9:00am**	**10:30am**	**12 noon**	**5:00pm**
Second Choice:	**5:00pm (Sat)**	**7:30am**	**9:00am**	**10:30am**	**12 noon**	**5:00pm**

To assist with scheduling, are there other family members who have Sunday Mass ministry responsibilities such as other Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Choir Members and the like? Efforts will be made to schedule families together.

Family Member's Names, Ministries, and Preferred Times:

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Altar Server Agreement

We understand the commitment to be an altar server means serving at a variety of liturgical celebrations. This includes Sunday Mass as indicated previously, along with potentially:

- 8:30 am Mass For SBS Students on SBS School Days
- 8:00 am Mass on Saturdays for all servers (~once every 3 months) (*not in 2025-6*)
- 8:30 am daily Mass and 8 am Saturday Mass during Christmas, Easter, and Summer Vacations. (*not in 2025-6*)
- 6 pm Fridays during Lent for Stations of the Cross
- Holy Day of Obligation Masses as announced
- Special Masses or services as announced (Confirmation, Christmas, Easter, Holy Thursday, Good Friday)

We also understand that there will be training sessions scheduled during the course of the Altar Server year and that depending on our experience level we will be required to attend one or more of these sessions.

We understand that if we are unable to serve at a scheduled mass that it is our responsibility to find a substitute.

We commit to this ministry freely. We understand its impact on our family schedule. We promise to help our Altar Server follow the guidelines and expectations as given in the training packet, and meet his/her obligations responsibly.

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Altar Server Signature (Agree) Parent/Guardian Signature (Agree)

Altar Server Dress Code Agreement

Boys

Shoes: Black Dress Shoes with socks. No flip-flops, tennis shoes, sandals or other casual shoes.
Pants: Khaki, navy or black dress or casual long pants. No jeans of any color, no shorts.
Shirts: Collared shirts only. (e.g. polo shirts, button down shirts.) No T-shirts.
Hair: Color should not be shocking or attention getting. If you wear your hair long it needs to be tied back off of your face to ensure safety while carrying candles.

Girls

Shoes: Dressy shoes, black or another dark colored is preferred (ballet type flats are fine). No platform shoes, flip-flops, tennis shoes, clog type shoes or high heels are to be worn.
Pants: Casual or dress pants, knee length or longer skirt or dress. Blue jeans and shorts are not to be worn.
Shirts: casual top/blouse. No tank tops, bare midriffs, or bare shoulders.
Hair: Color should not be shocking or attention getting. Long hair must be tied back to ensure safety while carrying candles. Hair that is shorter than shoulder length should be held back with a hairband.
Make-up, accessories and nails: No excessive jewelry or make-up. Nail polish may not be dark or bright colors.

We understand that attire and appearance are important when serving. We have read the guidelines above and will follow them.

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Parents Helping Hands

It takes a team of parents to keep this ministry running smoothly. Can you be part of our "Parents Helping Hands" team?

Please indicate where you can help:

_____**Training**: We need parents and older servers to help at Altar Server Training by keeping attendance, maintaining order and other tasks.

_____**Alb Cleaning**: Altar Server albs need to washed during the month. You will be given guidelines on how and when if you choose this ministry.

_____**Festival Game Booth:** The Altar Server Ministry staffs this booth with Altar Servers during the Parish Festival in October. You will help schedule servers for this.

_____**Altar Server Board:** Do you have great ideas on training, scheduling or communication to improve this ministry? Consider joining the Altar Server Board.