



ST. ANTHONY
—DE PADUA—
CATHOLIC PARISH

August 15, 2019
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dear Parents,

Altar Serving is a wonderful way for your child to serve our parish, the school and the Mass. This commitment is not only to the altar but should be looked at as an honor and a genuine Holy Service because servers assist the priest and also Jesus Christ, the eternal High Priest. Serving at Mass is open to all boys and girls in grades 5-12 who are Catholic and who attend St. Anthony de Padua Parish: school, public school, or home school.

There are four basic expectations for St. Anthony de Padua altar servers: (1) arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass, (2) wear appropriate clothing and dark-colored dress shoes, (3) actively participate in the liturgy, and (4) find a substitute server if for any reason you cannot make your assigned time. Servers are scheduled via [Ministry Scheduler Pro \(MSP\)](#) for scheduling periods of 9-12 weeks. This system makes it easier to keep track of the serving schedule and to request a substitute with a click. Parents/guardians of servers are given login information to setup an account.

Altar servers are scheduled for Saturday morning 8:15 am and all weekend Masses (Saturday at 4:15 pm and Sunday at 8:15 am and 10:30 am). In addition, altar servers may be asked to serve at funerals and weddings. They may also volunteer to be servers for the 8:15 am or 5:30 pm Masses during the week. Training is required prior to serving and will be conducted in groups with the pastor during the school day.

I invite you to talk with your child about serving our parish and school in this special, holy way, and if your child is interested in serving, please return the form attached to this letter by August 25. Nurturing a spirit of service in children early helps them develop a heart for service throughout their lives. If you have any questions, please call Tina Masterson at 574-232-2308 or email church@stasb.org. Thank you again and please do not hesitate to reach out to the parish if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Robert Garrow
Pastor



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St. Anthony de Padua Altar Serving Form

Please complete this form **by August 25, 2019** and turn it into the school office or parish office.

Student Name: _____

Grade _____ **School** _____

Address:

Home Phone #: _____ **Parents Cell Phone #:** _____

Parent Contact Name:

Parent Email (please print carefully):

Please Indicate All the Mass Times you are willing to serve.

_____ 4:15 PM Saturday Vigil Mass

_____ 8:15 AM Sunday Mass

_____ 10:30 Sunday Mass

_____ Weddings/Funeral

_____ 8:15 AM Saturday Morning

_____ Only Schedule for School Masses (I attend Mass at another Parish)

Comments: