

Criteria to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for St. Pius X:

- Possess a profound faith in Eucharist as being truly the precious Body and Blood of Jesus Christ;
- Be a practicing Catholic;
- If married, current marriage must have been blessed by the Catholic Church;
- If unmarried, personal relationships must be blessed by the Catholic Church;
- Must be a registered member of St. Pius X, or if not registered, live in the geographic boundaries and attend St. Pius as your parish;
- Be willing to serve at a Mass where there is a need (i.e. a shortage) for ministers; people are scheduled about every five or six weeks; therefore, you would need to serve at your assigned Mass only when scheduled, and be free to attend a Mass of your choice during weeks when not scheduled;
- Be willing to undergo special training;
- Be willing to faithfully serve when scheduled; find a replacement, or notify the Mass Sacristan should a conflict develop and you not be able to serve; three unexcused absences will result in you being removed from the assignment roster and no longer scheduled;
- To ensure a spiritual and smooth formation, when scheduled to serve, arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass begins;
- Dress appropriately for serving at the Lord's Table and distributing Holy Communion to parishioners. For weekend Masses, coat and tie for men and similar appropriate Sunday dress for women is required. For other Masses, such as weekday and youth Masses, appropriate causal attire is acceptable.

Special Ministers of the Eucharist have potential for ministry far beyond serving at weekend Masses. These ministries include serving family and friends in special circumstances such as illness or accidents; serving special need people such as those in prison, or in hospitals or nursing homes, and other situations.

If interested, and if you meet the above criteria, call Larry Brisiel, Coordinator of Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist at 210-490-2027 or 210-391-0636 or e-mail him at lbrisp@yaho.com.