



Holy Spirit Parish
Liturgical Ministry Guidelines

Cross Bearer

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Please arrive 10 minutes early. Highlight your name on the liturgical minister sign-in sheet in the Narthex.

Five minutes before the liturgy begins get the cross from the stand by the ambo and bring it to the narthex where you will begin/lead the opening procession.

Check how many verses there are to the opening song.

Process slowly and take a path that will lead you through a good portion of the assembly. As the last verse of the opening song begins, lead the procession to the altar, circling around it so that the people in procession behind you can gather around the altar. After the presider has made a bow at the altar, place the cross in its stand and take your place in the assembly. You do not bow to the altar.

You may sit anywhere in the assembly.

After the first verse of the closing song, walk up to the cross and take it out of its holder. Stand there until the presider moves to the altar. Move with him, standing slightly behind him as he again reverences (makes a bow) the altar. Then lead the procession out of the church. Always walk to the right side of the altar. Remember to lower the cross as you enter or leave at the church doors.

Return the cross to its stand after the closing song ends.

*If you are unavailable on your scheduled week, please find a substitute from the cross bearer roster.
Notify [Lori Forstie](#) or [Mary Margaret Yaeger](#) in the church office with any substitutions.*

