

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (EMC)

Saint Mary Parish, Norway

Weekends & Holy Days of Obligation

Before Mass:

Arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass.

Go to Sacristy and prepare the vessels and gifts for the Mass.

Place Sacred Vessels on the credence table.

Place Tabernacle Key in the Tabernacle.

Place Bread and Wine on gift table in the front of the Church (by the American Flag)

(I will put Communion hosts in the Ciborium and Wine in the Cruets. In my absence one of the EMC's may do it.)

Please sit near the Sanctuary.

At the time of distribution of Holy Communion:

As the Celebrant receives Communion you may come together, make a bow to the Altar and approach the Altar (Two on the left side of the Celebrant, Precious Body and Communion Cup) and one on the right side of the Celebrant (Communion Cup).

Celebrant will give Precious Body to all EMC's, and he will give Precious Blood to the minister of Precious Blood and they in turn distribute the Precious Blood to the altar servers and the faithful. You **may** consume the remaining Precious Blood at the end of Communion (if you are not able to, bring it back to the Celebrant).

To those who come forward with their hands crossed just say "Receive Jesus in your heart".

Following the distribution of Holy Communion, you may place the Communion Cups and Ciborium on the Altar. You may remain in the Sanctuary until the Blessed Sacrament is placed in the Tabernacle and make a bow as the pastor genuflects the Blessed Sacrament. Then you may return to your seat.

After Mass:

After the Mass, please take the Sacred Vessels to the sacristy to be washed. Since they have already been purified, all water used in the cleaning process can go down the regular sink. The Sacred Vessels are to be completely dried, made ready for the next Mass and placed back into the cupboards.

Following the conclusion of the Mass, the EMC's will take the offertory collection, place its contents in the taper resistant bags and sign them (2 signatures are required). Please place the sealed bag inside the door leading into the rectory/offices for Father to bring to the office.

It is very important that EMC's always come to Mass prepared to serve if needed. Appropriate attire is expected of those who are commissioned for the purpose. Please, always set a good example in terms of attire for all our parishioners when attending Mass.

If you are not available on your scheduled day, please find a substitute.

*Thank you so much for being an Extraordinary Minister of Communion.
May God Bless You.*