

## Gift Bearers

The ministry of Gift Bearer enacts an important ritual action, presenting the gifts of bread and wine during the Offertory for the preparation of the Eucharistic table.

Gift Bearers are chosen from among the faithful to represent the entire congregation at Mass by presenting the gifts on behalf of all. Here at St. Luke, we have started asking new parishioners to the Parish to serve in this vital ministry.

Volunteering to present the gifts at Mass can be done any time, by anyone, but we are focusing on new ways to include new members of our parish.

It is also a great way to honor God in thanksgiving for anniversaries, birthdays and other special occasions. Serving in this capacity does not require special skills or training. Individuals or families who would like to bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar during the Eucharistic liturgy are encouraged to sign up for this ministry by contacting our Gift Bearer coordinator, Sue Juriss.

- The family or group should arrive at Mass 10-15 minutes ahead of the scheduled start and report to the *Gift Bearer Captain*.
- They should then take their seat.
- If they have not reported prior to 5 minutes before the Mass is to begin, the Captain will select a different family.
- The Gift Bearers will be instructed by the Captain as to when to collect the gifts.
- To participate in this important ministry, contact Sue Juriss at 317-844-8601 or email her at [suzjuriss@att.net](mailto:suzjuriss@att.net).