

Liturgical Ministry Descriptions

Saint Margaret Mary Parish

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Ministry Title:	Visitation Ministry
Purpose:	To bring the Word and Holy Communion to those unable to attend mass; to those homebound, at hospice locations, in retirement homes, and in hospitals. Visitation ministers are a constant reminder to those unable to attend mass that they are still part of our St. Margaret Mary parish family.
Responsibilities:	Visitation ministers are responsible for bringing the precious Body of Christ to sick, elderly and dying. The Body of Christ is either given to the minister at the conclusion of Mass, or retrieved directly from the tabernacle between Masses. Ministers conduct a Scripture / Communion service and visit with those they are serving. Ministers must advise a priest or the office staff if the homebound individual requires a visit from a priest for anointing or Viaticum.
Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ability to share the Word of God with reverence and compassion• Desire to serve sick, elderly, and dying• Willingness to listen with heartfelt respect and dignity• Being a current or past Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is recommended, but not required; training will be provided
Time Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homebound ministers serve upon weekly or upon request• Retirement home ministers serve once a month• Hospice ministers serve upon request• Hospital ministers are currently on a 6 week rotation
Training:	All new ministers are offered training and the opportunity to shadow experienced ministers
Responsible To:	Deacon Don Miller
Benefits:	This ministry truly embodies the verse, <i>it is through giving that we receive</i> . Sharing the Word and Body of Christ touches the hearts of all those who participate. This is how God works; in us and through us, but only if we allow him.