



Usher Application Form

St. John Fisher Church

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First Name

Last Name

Application Date

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Home Phone

Work Phone

Cell Phone

Email Address

Number of Years at St. John Fisher

Which Mass do you regularly attend?

☐ Sat 5:00 PM ☐ Sun 7:30 AM ☐ Sun 9:00 AM ☐ Sun 11:00 AM ☐ Sun 5:00 PM

Are you available for Funerals? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you available for Confirmation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Thank you for your interest in Liturgical Ministry!

Please return this form to the Parish Office.
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Duties:

- Prior to the beginning of Mass, ushers should be in the Narthex, greeting everyone as they enter the Church and welcoming them to St. John Fisher.
- Over time, ushers will learn who are the regular attendees at their assigned Mass and pay special attention to first-time visitors by offering to show them where to sit, inquiring where they are from, and thanking them for coming to St. John Fisher.
- As Mass begins, ushers should direct congregants toward the side doors, leaving the center aisle free for the celebrant, altar servers, and lectors to process in.
- Ushers assigned to each section of the Church should be aware of how people are seated so they know where space exists for late arrivals. Ushers stationed at the main doors should direct late arrivals to these ushers for seating without undue disruption to all attending the Mass.
- At the offertory, ushers should go down each aisle and pass the baskets as quickly and quietly as decorum allows so as not to break the atmosphere created in this crucial part of Mass and not unduly delay the offering of the gifts.
- At Communion, ushers should quietly direct congregants down the aisles while others are stationed at the main doors to remind people that Mass is not over yet, but quietly allow those who insist on leaving Mass early to leave.
- At the end of Mass, ushers should gather in the Narthex to hand out bulletins, thank everyone for attending Mass, and wish them a wonderful day.
- At all times, ushers should be aware of those seated in their assigned part of the Church, ready to offer assistance such as to direct the parents of an unruly child to the quiet room or those needing assistance to attend Communion or enter and leave the building.

Minimum Requirements: A person who wants to be an usher should be someone who enjoys and cares about people and possesses the heart of a good host to ensure that all are welcome. The usher ministry is a visible sign of the St. John Fisher mission to Love God, Love all People, and Make Disciples. Ideally, ten ushers should be present at each Mass to ensure adequate coverage without overwhelming any one usher.