

## “Altar Servers” by Sara Tenerowicz, published on January 23, 2019

One ministry available to students at St. Charles Borromeo School is altar serving. It’s a popular choice! There are currently around fifty altar servers. Altar servers provide service by assisting the priest at Mass. Anyone in grades five and up can serve at Mass. Students who are interested in being an altar server simply fill out a form and sign up. Altar servers are then provided with training and receive a schedule. It is never too late to sign up to be an altar server, so if you didn’t sign up in fifth grade, you can still participate! Altar servers serve Mass at 7am and 7pm on weekdays, 8:30am on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday, at 4pm on Saturday and 8am, 10am, or 12pm on Sunday.



When asked about what it’s like to be an altar server, Father Lou said, “90 percent of being a good server is standing where the priest needs you, being attentive, holding the Sacramentary, placing the sacred vessels on the altar, and then removing them when done.” Seventh grade altar server Frances Popik said what she liked about being an altar server is “being able to help during Mass and it is fun to see the Mass from a different point of view.” Frances decided to join “because I always wanted to be up on the altar to help and serve God.” She would tell kids who are thinking about joining that “it is fun and you serve God. You can choose what duties you want to do during Mass, and both girls and boys can join.” Father Lou said that one of the benefits of being an altar server is “to participate in Mass in more of a meaningful way.” Students interested in becoming altar servers can contact their homeroom teachers for more information and to get started. What an awesome opportunity! Thanks to Frances Popik and Father Lou for providing information for this story.