

Availability Sheet- for the Month of JUNE '08

Name: _____ Ministry(ies) _____

Please don't forget your name.

Month of June 2008 If you do not make a check mark we assume that you are available.

June 7th/8th Available ___ Not Available ___ **Festival Weekend** other Masses as usual

June 14th/15th Available ___ Not Available ___

June 21st/22nd Available ___ Not Available ___ Father's Day

June 28th/29th Available ___ Not Available ___

Please return by May 10th

Dear Liturgical Ministers: **Please Read Respectful Dress Article
From Fr. Korte Below !**

April 19th, 2008

Enclosed is the schedule for May 2008. The schedule begins with April 30th/May 1st, the Ascension of the Lord and ends with May 31st/June 1st. The schedule is also available at the St. Patrick's Church web site at www.stpatsfremont.org. It is in a PDF format so anyone can view it. Click on the right side at resources (green background). Then scroll down on the left side (white background) and click on links. Continue to scroll down to the Liturgy Schedule. You will be able to view and/or print the schedule. Extra schedules are also available in the sacristy.

Please look the schedule over carefully for your assigned Mass times. If you cannot keep your scheduled time **it is your responsibility to find a substitute**. Your role as a minister is crucial to our weekend liturgies. I do understand that emergencies can come up so please give me a call at **721-8996** so arrangements can be made to cover your assignment. Do not call the coordinators; they have their own responsibilities.

I appreciate your help in letting me know when you will be gone and not able to serve. You may drop the form (separate sheet) in the collection basket at Mass or turn it in or mail it to the church office or e-mail me at mflies402@msn.com. With Marie co-chairing the festival, I am asking that you e-mail me this month. You may also call the church office at 721-6611 and leave a message. **The deadline is May 10th. Returning the "form" helps avoid scheduling you at times that are not convenient for you.**

Just a reminder that all ministers should be checking in. If you are subbing for someone, please indicate this on the schedule. You can cross their name off and pencil yours in and this indicates that they found a sub to cover their time.

Also with warmer weather upon us, I need to include a **reminder about the dress code**. Remember that we are in church and celebrating our most sacred ritual as Catholics, the Sacrifice of the Mass. This is not a movie, picnic or casual summer gathering. We need to dress accordingly. **Please see the reverse side of this letter and the guidelines established by Fr. Korte.** Ministers, even if you are not scheduled that is not an excuse to dress down. You could be called on to serve at any time.

The **teaching moment** for the month is a reminder to the **EMHC's**. For now, at the masses, EMHC's are instructed to only bring the Precious Body to the back of church near the east doors—the cups of Precious Blood are to remain in the front and not taken beyond the front sanctuary.

Blessings!

Mary Flies

Respectful Dress

Fr. Korte, Pastor

The Eucharist is central to the worship of the Church. As ministers at the Eucharist we have to show this centrality and importance in how we dress. Therefore, I would like to have you consider the following guidelines when you come to minister as a Lector, Greeter, Usher, Server, Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion or Music Minister. (Cantor, Choir member, etc.)

- 1) **You should dress properly for the Banquet of the Lord. It is not a laid-back affair like a picnic. No matter what the weather is, your dress should speak of your respect for what you are doing in the presence of the Lord and the People of God. Casual is not what is called for at Mass.**
- 2) Unfortunately in order to convey the seriousness of this issue I have to give a number of caveats (don't do this) and some recommendations. We should not aim at casual as our base line but rather modest, neat and dressy.
 - a) **Shorts** for men or women, boys and girls, dress-like or not, **are not to be worn.** Men, women, boys and girls, **jeans are not to be worn.** The upper external article of clothing must not be a T-shirt.
 - b) Length of dresses is an issue. They must be at the knee, at least. No low cut dresses and **no sleeveless dresses.** Be aware that tight fitting outfits can bring unnecessary attention to you and should be avoided. The midriff is to be clothed and should not show if you raise your arms. Clothing neckline for women should be modest.
 - c) Men are encouraged and asked to wear ties when they minister at the Liturgy. Although this is not mandatory, what is mandatory is a buttoned collared type shirt. T-shirts, colored or not, with writing or not, are not allowed. Wouldn't it be nice to see the men looking as good as a tie makes them look? It tells us this (the Eucharist) is important.
 - d) In the wintertime—I encourage men to wear a sport coat or suit coat or nice sweater.
 - e) Sandals for men are not allowed. Sandals for women are discouraged. No flip-flops please.
 - f) Wash your hands before you come to church. Make sure they are clean. Or wash them in the bathroom before you come to the sacristy. Extra purifying is asked of those who give communion right before distribution.