Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)

A comprehensive list of trained and qualified EMHC’s must be submitted to the Bishop, for his approval, every 3 years. Our list to him is due now. Once approved by the Bishop, they will be mandated for a three-year term (April 9, 2020-April 6, 2023).

According to the Guidelines and Norms for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, EMHC should receive on a regular basis ongoing theological and spiritual formation. Yearly formation and training is highly encouraged.

If you have ever considered this ministry, now is an excellent time to attend one of the two upcoming trainings. We can always use more help! If you are a current EMCH it is required that you attend. Please be sure to sign in at which ever meeting you can attend. If you cannot make either of these meetings, please call or email the church office, 754-2480 stbarb@ctwest.net to make other arrangements. Meetings will be held in the church on THURSDAY, MARCH 12th, 6:30 PM or TUESDAY, MARCH 17th, 6:30 PM.

We are also hoping to develop a more thorough ministry to those who are ill in the hospital, or homebound, as well as those new mothers who are not yet able to attend Mass. This ministry is very important, and is a gift and blessing to both those who are receiving the Eucharist as well as the minister who goes out to serve them. Anyone who takes Holy Communion to shut-ins, nursing homes, hospitals, hospice, etc. need to have a completed and approved background check which includes driving approval and safe environment training. An important element for this ministry is you! If you know of someone who is in the hospital, or unable to attend Mass, please ask them if they would like to have someone bring them the Eucharist, then let Fr. Phil know, and he will make sure someone attends them. If you have any questions about this, please call Leslie at the Parish Office.

Thank you all for your service to the Parish. May God continue to bless you through this ministry.

Fr. Phillip