

## Catholic Church and School

August 26, 2010

Dear Parent:

This note regards all children who would like to start or to continue serving Mass at the altar. As you know this is an essential ministry in the parish and a wonderful way for our children to better understand the Mass, to serve the community, and to get to know the priest.

Children in 4th Grade can begin serving as shadow servers at parish school Masses only. Children in 5th Grade can begin serving at all Masses if they haven't already. All servers must go through training as I have changed the way in which Mass has been served in the past. I will be training all the servers myself.

**For those children who are in our parish grade school**, I will be training them during school time at the discretion of Mr. Barwick.

**For those children who are not in our parish grade school**, I will be training them after the 11:00 Mass on a Sunday this Fall. I will announce the date at Mass and in the bulletin.

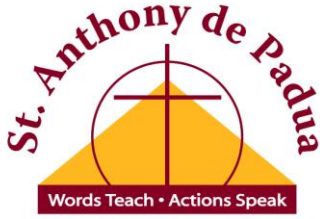
I must ask all parents to make sure that their child is here before their scheduled Mass time, at least **10 minutes** prior to Mass. It makes the start of Mass very difficult and hectic for the priest if the servers come only a minute before Mass is to start.

I must also ask all parents and students to try to arrange substitutes if they are unable to serve when scheduled. Servers are an integral part of the liturgy and it can be very difficult to scramble and pull in servers from the congregation at the last minute.

Please fill out the back side of this note and turn it in to the Parish Office or the School Office by **Friday, September 10**.

Thank you and God bless.

Rev. Mark A. Gurtner  
Pastor



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*Please return this form to the Parish Office or School Office by **Friday, September 10.***

Server(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mass Preference(s): (please check all that apply)**

Saturday 4:30pm \_\_\_\_\_ Funerals (Gr. 6-8 only) \_\_\_\_\_  
Sunday 7:00am \_\_\_\_\_  
Sunday 9:00am \_\_\_\_\_ Weddings (Gr. 6-8 only) \_\_\_\_\_  
Sunday 11:00am \_\_\_\_\_

Weekday school Masses only \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Authorization**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize my child to serve as an altar server at Mass, and I agree to have my child at church **at least 10 minutes** before the Mass for which they are scheduled to serve.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_