

Volunteer Identification Sheet

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: (Home) _____

(Mobile) _____

I am interested in (check those that apply):

- _____ Cemetery Cleanup
- _____ Church Garden Weeding/Trimming
- _____ Cleaning Altar Cloths
- _____ Decorating Altar Area
- _____ Dusting Church
- _____ Filling Holy Water Fonts
- _____ Programming Church Bells
- _____ Spring/Fall Cleanup
- _____ Votive Candles/Candle Wax Removal
- _____ Watering Plants

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Parish



**“Whatever your work is, put your whole heart into it as done
for the Lord
and not for human beings, knowing that the Lord
will repay you by making you his heirs.
You are serving the Lord Christ.”**

~Colossians 3:23-24

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

When we come to church for Mass or a liturgical gathering, we usually see a decorated altar, a clean church, perhaps some flowers, filled holy water fonts and generally, a church interior that is in order and ready for worship.

This happens because a few good volunteers have made it so. In order that we have inspiring liturgies and good order inside church, we need people to set this in motion before the Mass ever begins. Your willingness to help **does not** bind you to keep doing so

Keeping up the church usually does not involve much time. Cleaning altar cloths, for example, can be done with your own laundry. But if these small but essential tasks are not done, it soon leads to things being out of order and unrecognizable.

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Cemetery Cleanup

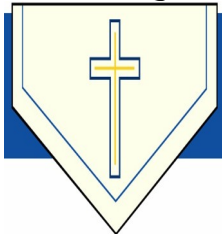


Outside of wintertime, our cemetery grounds collect debris and sticks. These need to be picked up, as needed, usually once or twice, between Memorial and Labor Days. The fence line also needs trimming, and the frequency of trimming depends upon rainfall, usually needed once or twice a month.



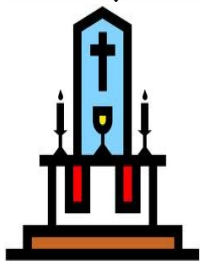
Church Garden Weeding/Trimming

Outside of winter, our tiered gardens in front and on the side of church need periodic weeding. The hedges in front need trimming. Weeding, from around Memorial Day to Labor Day, is done as needed. Trimming is twice a season. Once done, it becomes quicker next time, and the flowers and shrubs look so much nicer.



Cleaning Altar Cloths

The vessels for Mass each have a folded and pressed white cloth (purificator). Vestments and altar paraments go to the cleaners, but the altar cloths and purificators need laundering, starch and ironing, twice a month.



Decorating Altar Area

Christmas and Easter are two major times for this, but other times (Pentecost, Advent and Lent, e.g.) may also call for decoration. Sundays may also allow for an altar tableau, relating to the Gospel. This is done with symbols and fabric, on an as needed basis, within the liturgical season.



Dusting the Church

There are many corners and small openings inside the church—perfect spots for cobwebs or dust to accumulate. Dusting is needed, about twice a month, to keep these two at bay. Our staff will take care of vacuuming, but dusting is an ongoing need.

Filling Holy Water Fonts

Most Catholic Churches have holy water fonts as you enter church, and these need to be filled with holy water. This is done on an as needed basis, usually about once a month.



Programming Church Bells

Our parish is graced with a bell tower that can play hymns and songs digitally. There is a small monitor used to choose the hymns, according to the liturgical season. These songs can be programmed in advance. This can be done once a month.



Spring/Fall Cleanup

Twice a year, we ask a small group of volunteers to bring work gloves and rakes and help us spruce up the parish grounds before and after the winter.



Votive Candles/Candle Wax Removal

After Mass, our four altar candles often need to have the dripped wax removed. If this is attended to regularly, it can be done about three times a month. At the same time, any votive candles that have burned out need replacement. This can be checked weekly.



Watering Plants

We have green plants throughout the church interior. In order that they do not turn brown and die, they need periodic watering. This is on an as needed basis.

