



Wedding Ushers

Ushers should be in the Narthex waiting for guest to arrive.

As soon as people sign the guest book, step forward and offer your right arm to the lady. Ask her "Friend of the Bride or Groom?" Please note: not all brides have a guest book.

The groom's side is on the right and the bride's side is on the left. The man will follow as you go down the aisle. If there is more than one woman, escort the oldest woman of the party.

When you get to the seat, turn and release the lady's arm while allowing the other guests to be seated. Don't rush, take your time. Go back to the Narthex and seat the other guests who have arrived.

Once the bridal party begins to line up direct any late guest to sit in the Narthex until the bride is at the altar.

Seating

The front row middle seats are reserved for the parent and grandparents. Second row should be reserved for immediate family and special family friends only. Seat all people except the parents of the bride and groom.

When you get the signal that everyone is ready, seat the groom's parents on the front right. Then seat the mother of the bride on the front left.

At this point no one else should be allowed to be seated until after the bride is at the altar. If people insist ask them to be quiet and nonobtrusive by going in on the side.

After the Ceremony

After all the wedding party has exited (the priest will be last), two ushers should walk together up to the front, and stop immediately in front of where the parents of the bride and groom are seated. They should both turn toward the outside of the building and face toward the back.

The wedding party will return to take photos in the church. We ask that family members remain in the church who are taking photos with the bride and groom.

Ushers should escort guests to the Narthex to wait for the wedding party. After guests are in the Narthex ushers should take care of any candles, personal items, or equipment that belongs to the bridal party.

