

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH ALTAR SOCIETY - 2024

To all Holy Family Parishioners,

Holy Family Altar Society is appealing to all parishioners to consider supporting us with your time and service to care for our church. We are in need of help to do light cleaning and other necessary chores during the year. Annual dues are \$10.00 per person. We meet quarterly on the third Tuesday of the month and as needed for special occasions. A memorial Mass for all members is offered once a month during the year and is posted in the parish bulletin.

Our main purpose is to keep the church clean and decorated throughout the year, polishing altar vessels, maintaining items used for the Masses, furnishing certain cleaning supplies and many items required for the altar, the clergy and altar server apparel.

A major duty is to see that our altar is always properly decorated for every weekend service and for the liturgical seasons of the year. Flower arrangements are the traditional way to decorate the altar, except during Lent and Advent. Your financial donation will go toward assisting this effort.

This year we are launching a new procedure for anyone wanting to furnish flowers for a particular date. There will be a calendar notebook in the Alpha room for anyone that wants to donate flowers. You will fill in your name beside the appropriate date and placement of the arrangement. YOU will be responsible for ordering your own flowers from whatever florist you desire and pay the florist. Donors may pick up their arrangement after the Masses on Sunday, or it can be left in the church and is usually put in the day chapel for daily Masses. Please contact Mrs. Lockley for more information (979-533-4081). The local florists we have used in the past are listed below , but you are welcome to use any florist in or out of town. Flowers It Is – Lacy Border (979-533-3449) and The Flower Shoppe – Karen Machann (979-532-8620) When you sign up for a weekend, YOU are responsible for ordering and instructing the florist where to place the arrangement in the church. Payment will be made directly to the florist.

Some of our Mass items need replacement throughout the year due to age and normal wear. Anyone wishing to donate toward the purchase of a special item may do so by calling Mrs. Lockley (979-533-4081) or any of the officers listed below.

The cleaning of the church is done by volunteer teams of 3 or 4 persons. Each team is scheduled for one month of the year to come in once a week, on a day they choose, to perform their duties that usually take only about an hour or so to complete. These duties include: dusting pews, vacuuming altar/day chapel/cry room carpets, dust mopping floor, washing holy water fonts and refilling, cleaning choir loft and discarding flower arrangements. Scheduling for these weekly (for one month) cleaning teams will begin in February. **We are in desperate need of volunteers. Men and women or groups** are welcome and encouraged to volunteer for this committee. We also need help washing and ironing the small purificators and corporals that are used at each Mass. Because of the shortage of volunteers, many of the usual cleaners have to work more than one month out of the year. There will be someone to instruct any new volunteer in whatever area they wish to help. Please contact Pat Abbott (979-532-5844) or any officer listed below to sign up for a month or answer any questions you may have about this committee.

We are sincerely grateful for all the volunteer services and generous donations given during 2023 that made it possible for us to decorate and maintain Holy Family Church.

Sincerely,
Altar Society Officers

Altar Society Officers for 2024 are:

President – Bitsy Lockley, 533-4081
Vice President – Lorna Kaiser, 533-3318
Secretary – Linda Buenger, 532-5586
Treasurer – Kay Kunkel, 533-3555

Committee Chairs:

Flower Scheduling – Bitsy Lockley
Christmas/Easter decorating – Lorna Kaiser & Linda Buenger
Cleaning Teams – Pat Abbott, 979-532-5844
Blessed Mother Vigil Candle Scheduling – Kay Kunkel

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Please return form and dues and/or donations to: Kay Kunkel 2839 Turtle Creek Drive Wharton, TX 77488
(May be dropped in collection basket or taken to church office.)

Printed Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Member: ___ Yes ___ No Membership Dues: \$ _____ (\$10.00 annual) Donating Money: \$ _____

Total Money Enclosed: \$ _____

PLEASE NOTE: If you are interested in one of the service areas listed below, please complete this form and return to Kay Kunkel or place in collection basket, or take to the church office. You may call one of the officers to get more details about the area you are interested in.

___ Candle upkeep ___ Cleaning Church ___ Flower Scheduling ___ BVM Candle Scheduling
___ Decorating Church ___ Maintaining Altar Linens & Vestments ___ Polishing Altar Vessels

Comments: _____