

Arts and Environments play an important role in all liturgies by designing and creating decorations and enhancements for the church in keeping with the liturgical calendar. Specific talents such as floral arranging and sewing are very helpful although not essential. These ministers are also responsible for maintaining order in the working Sacristy.

As a new member, an experienced minister will share their knowledge in arranging flowers, colors, fabrics, and technique. As new member, you will pickup the organizational skills in managing and working with the ministry team on a project. You will learn about seasons of the church, colors used, and church decorating rules.

Ministers work as a team particularly on special church events. Volunteering not only brings fun and fulfillment to your life, you become friends with caring members of your church.

**PRAYER FOR A GENEROUS SPIRIT**

“Dearest Lord,  
teach me to be generous.  
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;  
to give, and not to count the cost;  
to fight, and not to heed the wounds;  
to labor, and not to seek rest;  
to give of myself and not to ask for reward,  
except the reward of knowing  
that I am doing your will.  
Amen.”

St. Ignatius, 1491-1556

**COORDINATORS**

*February to July*

Lynn Crothers..... 221-0887

*August to January*

Toni Ellis..... 276-1872

**MEMBERS**

Rosemary Carter..... 223-8931

Lynne Costello..... 621-7766

Helen Mattingly..... 224-9662

Maneewan Tamsorn..... 967-8613

Bobbie Vereeke..... 294-8585

**SCHEDULES AND SACRISTY ENVIRONMENT**

The ministers prepare the altar flower arrangement according to their scheduled weekend. New minister can request to partner with an experienced minister. Trading weekend is accommodated with sufficient notice. The minister also is responsible for cleaning the Sacristy room after a flower preparation. At least once a year the ministers plan a cleanup day and to organize their supplies in the Sacristy space. This involves organizing and cleaning the room, identifying materials needed or replacement, and removal of excess items.



## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

*The ministers meet with Fr. Nick to plan for church events usually in the fall and early spring. Sharing of ideas to plan and prepare for coming church events in adherence to church rules and expectation. The coordinators usually schedule the date.*

*The following photos were the work of the ministers from this year and past events.*

### **Thanksgiving**



*The ministers worked together for this event. Large baskets are available for people to donate cans and packages of food for Catholic Action Center and distribution to families.*

### **Advent**



*Advent arrangement follows church colors and insurance rules (fire prevention). The ministers worked together for this event.*

### **Christmas**



*The ministers work together to set up arrangement based on earlier discussions with the pastor. Order for the poinsettias and delivery are arranged early before the event.*

*The fruit of this ministry's work is that each member's talent and gifts are magnified as members work and learn from each other. Lots of socializing take place working as a team.*

### **Easter**



*Early orders for flowers and delivery are arranged in advance. Again, the members work together to implement the plan as discussed with the pastor.*

**GIFTS OF LOVE**