

# *St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church*

## *Cross-Bearer Guidelines*

1. Arrive **15 minutes before Mass** and check in on the ministry binder on the counter in the Church by the front entrance.
2. Please dress nicely to show the importance of this ministry. **No shorts, jeans, or flip flops.**
3. Go to the supply Sacristy **10 minutes before Mass** starts to get the processional Cross. **BE CAREFUL WITH THE CROSS** and move slowly.
4. Go to the front Church entrance, center aisle to wait for Mass to begin.
5. Line up. **You will be first in line.** The order is: Cross bearer, Lector, Altar Servers, and Priest.
6. When Father tells you to start walking, **walk slowly** and follow the crack down the center aisle to stay straight. Once you get to the steps, **do not stop**; keep walking up the steps and put the cross away where you found it before Mass.
7. After you put the cross away, go back to the bottom of the steps and stand in line with the priest, altar servers, and lector, then **bow with everyone at the same time.**
8. After you bow, you will go sit with your family.
9. **When we begin singing the closing hymn**, move up next to the front pew. Wait until the priest goes to the altar and kisses it. At that point, go back and get the cross from the supply Sacristy.
10. Bring the cross out and stand at the bottom of the steps next to the priest and the altar servers, facing the altar. Wait with everyone there until the priest bows to the altar and again, **bow with everyone at the same time.**
11. Once everyone has bowed, you will turn around and walk down the center aisle making sure to not go too slow, or too fast. **You will lead** everyone again.

### Note:

- Please dress nicely to help show the importance of this ministry. **Shorts, jeans, or flip flops are not appropriate.**

Make your Ministry as a Cross Bearer a genuine prayer,  
a special gift you offer to God at Mass.