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Dear Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion -

Recently the Office of Divine Worship for the Archdiocese has been offering training for our ministry and some of us who have attended are wondering what kind of changes are happening at St. Henry. Father Charles has reviewed the guide book and will meet with all of us in the coming months. He wants to wait until our parochial vicar (Fr. Crispine Otieno) arrives on staff and the two of them have an opportunity to go over schedules and liturgical practices.

You will notice that the schedules for the Sat. 5:00 pm Mass and the Sunday 11:00 am Mass look a little different this time. At those two masses we have cut back the number of precious blood ministers. This is in part because we have had a number of people either move or retire but it is also a response to fewer numbers of parishioners receiving both species at communion. It has not been decided if this reduction in ministers will become the norm and we are hoping to recruit more parishioners to join us in this sacred honor of distributing Jesus to our brothers and sisters at Mass. If you have any recommendations, please pass them on to me.

As requested by the Archdiocese, I have submitted your names and addresses to the Office of Divine Worship. You will be receiving a certificate of commissioning in the near future. Fr. Charles commissions all ministers each year on the First Sunday of Advent. Thank you for your prayerful participation at St. Henry.

Peace,

Sara Wise