

**HOLY FAMILY
ALTAR LINENS SCHEDULE 2016**

Marcia Howe	January	
Bernadette Dixon	February	August
Julie Eckenrod	March	September
Mary Wegner	April	October
Kathy Bouska	May	November
Diane Quinn	June	December
Edna Shinstine	July 1 & 2 nd Weekend	
Alice Conlon	July 3 & 4 th Weekend	

Thank you for laundering the altar linens for our celebration of the Eucharist. You are doing a great service, as the linens are so carefully prepared. Your dedication and time is greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to exchange weeks or months with another person.

If you need a sub, please call @ Marcia Howe @ the Pastoral Office, 394-2105.

Altar Linen Procedures – Holy Family

The linens used at the altar come into contact with the precious body and blood of Christ. Therefore, it is appropriate to use the greatest care and reverence when cleaning these items. Allow this to be a prayerful time. Please pick up the linens after mass on the last weekend of each month. You may return them before mass the following weekend. If you have a conflict during your month, you may be able to rearrange the weekend or trade months with someone.

The items to be washed:

- Purificator - the cloth used to wipe the chalice.
- Corporal – the cloth laid on top of the altar cloth where the bread is consecrated.
- Hand towel – used by the priest after the washing of the hands.
- Dish cloth/towel – used by the sacristans to wash and dry the sacred vessels.
- Altar cloths- tablecloths used for altar, credence table, and other smaller tables.

Special procedures:

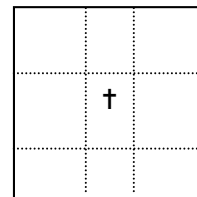
Because the purificators and the corporals come in direct contact with the body and blood of Christ they require a preliminary step before washing.

- In a basin, dishpan, or pail, soak the purificators and corporals in cool water. Any breadcrumbs or pieces of host can be put directly into the water. This helps to loosen any wine stains and collects any of the precious body and blood.
- The water from this soaking should be either dumped directly outside on the ground or used to water plants as to return it to the earth. It should not be poured down the drain into the sewer.
- After soaking, pre-treat any stains. Then wash as usual.
- Do not starch the altar linens. Starch makes them too crisp, which can scratch the cups.
- It works best when you iron the linens when they are damp.

Folding Corporal

The corporal is square.

- Place it face up so that the embroidered cross is on the top.
- Fold the top 1/3 toward you.
- Fold the bottom 1/3 away from you
- Fold the left 1/3 to the center.
- Fold the right 1/3 to the center.
- It should be a square with the cross on the inside of the bottom.

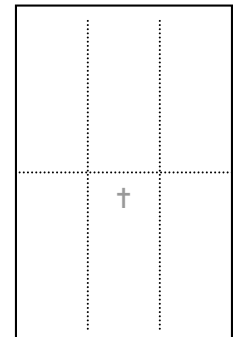


The reason that the corporal is folded this way is so that any crumbs dropped during the consecration will be folded inside the corporal and protected for proper disposal.

Folding the Purificator

The purificator is rectangular.

- Place the purificator face down so that you see the backside of the embroidered cross.
- Fold the left 1/3 over the center.
- Fold the right 1/3 over the center.
- Fold in half from top to bottom.
- It should be a rectangle with the embroidered cross on the outside.



Washing the hand and dishtowels.

The towels hanging on the rack above the sink also need to be washed. Please take them with you. May be washed in hot water and dried as usual.

Altar Cloths Occasionally one of the smaller altar cloths is included in the laundry. Wash in warm on a gentle cycle. Press with a warm iron if needed.