**Pastoral Care Ministry to the Homebound**

* Bringing the Eucharistic Meal, from the faith community to people at home and join them in prayer.
* Nurturing the spirit and keeping it healthy during this time together.
* Sharing with and relating how the faith community has them in their thoughts with discussion.
* Pastoral Care is the ministry of spiritual care. The main focus is on the nurturing of each person’s spirit.

The pastoral care homebound minister will be assigned one day during the week to bring Holy Communion to the people at home.

The minister will retrieve the consecrated hosts from the tabernacle. The pyx is used to transport the hosts. The pyx should be in the burse and put around the neck to transport it to the people at home. Jesus is being brought from your heart to the people who you serve.

A weekly report should be sent to the Pastoral Care Homebound Coordinator. If you cannot serve on your assigned day, you need to keep the coordinator advised in a timely fashion.

Pastoral Care Ministers should dress properly such that your appearance is not a distraction. It simply means that clothing is neat, clean and modest.

Before visiting people at their home, the minister should pray the following:

*“God of compassion, fill me with the power of your word and the love of your Holy Spirit as I visit your sons and daughters. Help me so that I may worthily and gracefully share your sacred presence with those who await your coming to them.”*