

DO WE NEED MORE MISSALETTES?

Yet another person asked me this question today. It seems there are never enough to go around! But for me, the answer is “No,” and that is for a couple of reasons.

The first reason is that we would have easily double the number of missalettes if some people didn't choose to assume that they were there for personal use and the taking. They are not. The missalettes' primary purpose is for folks who come to daily Mass during the week. Secondly, insofar as they are still around, people who come to Sunday Mass and who need to, can use them (until they run out) as guides for the readings. But no one should ever forget that while an individual attends one weekend Mass, there are two other Masses at Our Savior every weekend, and the folks at those Masses have the right to the same opportunity to use a missalette. Taking one home, in a context like ours, is an example of selfishness instead of sense of community.

Beyond this, once Advent (1 December) comes upon us, officially beginning the new liturgical year, we will have replaced all our disposable *Breaking Bread* hymnals with more permanent ones: *Journeysongs*, 2nd edition. These will include the readings for Sunday Masses, eliminating the need for metaphorical (and literal?) fist-fighting over missalettes (which will then be reserved strictly for weekday Mass participants).

For those folks for whom this arrangement is not sufficient, we will make available for purchase again personal 2008 missals. A reminder: we publish the Scripture readings for the week in our bulletin, so if you have a Bible you can always keep up with the daily readings in that way, too. Or you can find the same information (with the texts printed out for you) by going to our parish's web-site, clicking on “Links,” then on “US Bishops,” and following their leads to the readings for the week.

We hope this will ultimately keep everyone on the same page, in terms of worship and praise of our Lord.