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Name Badge Displays in the Diocese of Olympia

The following is a brief survey of the ways churches in the Diocese of Olympia have chosen to display the name badges or name tags for their members, in the words of church communicators or administrators.

Holy Cross, Redmond

Our name badge system at Holy Cross is low-tech: we have name tags with magnetic backs and a whiteboard by the main door, so most people stick their name tags on the board when they leave and then it's hard to miss when coming back in. For newcomers or anyone who needs a replacement, there's a clipboard in the fellowship hall on the table with other sign-ups (and directories and things like that... stuff we want people to interact with). The office manager checks it periodically, makes the name tag, and adds it to the whiteboard. – Heather Irwin

Holy Cross has a giant two-sided magnetic white board. The badges have magnets, on the clips I think, so all the badges stick to the board and are visible at the same time. (I don't think there is any organization to it other than that!) – Beth Bishop

As a parishioner at Holy Cross Redmond, I can also add that they have clip name tags like pic below. They have a free-standing rack that stands outside sanctuary doors, where they rest alphabetically when not being used. Anyone can request a name tag to the office and it magically appears. – Kim Eichner



St. Aidan's, Camano Island

Name badges are stored on racks in the fellowship hall. Blank badges and a marking pen are available for visitors so that they, too, may wear name badges. We also provide sticky-back paper name tags and pens in the pews. We have a note in our bulletin about why we wear name tags. A sign-up sheet is posted in the fellowship hall by the name badge racks for folks who start attending regularly and wish to have their own badge. We have three styles of name badges to choose from when they sign up: pin back, magnet back, and lanyard. We order our name badges through a company called Mickey's Trophy Shop (details below).

Details about Mickey's Trophy Shop:

Mickey's Trophy Shop

444 Front Street

Laurel MS 39440

Main: 601-649-1263

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Website: <https://www.mickeys.net/>

Notes about Mickey's Trophy Shop:

Mickey's was chosen by the person responsible for name badges before me. I know that she did research before choosing Mickey's but that is all I know. I have continued to use Mickey's so that we have a uniform look to our name badges and so that I don't "reinvent the wheel" by doing additional research. I have found my contact at Mickey's to be a delight to work with. They have great customer service and a good turn-around time. The only caveat is that they will not bill us. Instead, they require a credit card to be on file with them. Their billing department charges the credit card when the shipment is ready. – Lenore Challenger

St. David of Wales, Shelton

This is the end result of my reorganizing our Name Badge Wall that used to be clipped to long purple ribbons on a smaller wall. While somewhat alphabetically organized, it never stayed that way and any members searching for their badge always was a challenge. I chose a new wall with a little more room and added a 4'x6' Magnetic White Dry Erase Board. Each badge is in a clear pocket that has a small magnet stuck on the back side and has a slot for a clip or a lanyard to be attached. I have found that the women tend to prefer the lanyard and the men a clip to attach to their clothing. Before a piece of 3' string was used and a nightmare to stuff back in the pocket. It is easy to remove the lanyard and hang it on the hook until next visit.

I have added the badges of the members that pretty consistently attend each Sunday and remaining Member badges are in a small box with alphabet divider letters for sections to easily find their badge. They can add the lanyard and return it to the board when leave. Trying to return

them alphabetically would be a nightmare so they just have to return it to the correct letter group when they leave. There will be blank nametags for visitors or newcomers and I can always make them a badge later once needed. Our parish is so much smaller than we I grew up at St. David's and we are very much 'senior oriented.' I have sent out an explanation of how it works to everyone, and I will be there helping them. Already I am receiving responses from members that are working at the church getting things ready for reopening are delighted. – Cheri D. Ratay



St. John's, Snohomish

St. John's Snohomish has a name tag system using lanyard like image below. They have a hook rack along the wall in the foyer, alphabetized, where they hang when not used. Usually, the parish administrator creates new name tags upon request (whether from rector, parishioner, etc.). – Kim Eichner

