

POLICY: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE POLICY (2005)

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The Diocese of Eau Claire takes a neutral position on the serving of alcoholic beverages on Church property or at Church related functions. If alcoholic beverages are to be served the following guidelines are to serve as a matter of Christian responsibility and stewardship.

1. Alcohol is to be served in accordance with all State and local laws.
2. When alcoholic beverages are to be served an equivalent variety and volume of non-alcoholic beverages must also be provided in an equally attractive manner.
3. A responsible adult must be in charge of the serving of alcoholic beverages. No person who appears intoxicated can be served alcohol.
4. All beverages or food that contains alcohol must be clearly marked at the serving area.
5. The priest-in-charge, or if there is no priest in residence, the senior warden must approve serving of any food or beverage that contains alcohol. They will be responsible for determining if the serving of alcohol is appropriate and also the proper type and volume of beverages to be available.
6. There must be a scheduled start and end time at functions where alcohol is served. The availability of alcoholic beverages must end no later than 30 minutes before the scheduled conclusion of the event.
7. Responsible consumption should be the underlying philosophy any time alcoholic beverages are served.
8. Food must be offered when alcoholic beverages are served. The food does not have to consist of a full meal; finger snacks or hors d'oeuvres are adequate.
9. Any questions arising from the above procedure should be submitted to the Bishop's office for clarification prior to the start of the event.