

Thank you for hearing the Lord's call to be a church greeter!
OUR GOAL - is to help people take their next step toward Jesus.

The **Greeters Ministry** is part of hospitality while on our stewardship journey. Our greeters are essential in the life of our church. They become the face of our ministry, and often the first faces our guests and parishioners encounter when visiting St. Lawrence. Greeters are the front door to our church. They are the first smile, the first handshake, the first impression that tells someone, *"You're welcome here. You're safe here. You belong here."*

This isn't just waving at guests; this is ministry. It's creating a space where people let their guard down, open their heart, and are more ready to engage with God. Let's create an environment that feels safe, familiar, intentional, and remove barriers that keep people from hearing what they came to hear.

First impressions shape future decisions. Guests make up their minds about our church before the Mass begins. And they often decide whether they'll return based on how they were treated, not what they were taught. If we create a welcoming space, we will build trust, and trust opens the door to truth.

Helpful Greeter Tips:

- Pray in advance for your ministry; prepare yourself spiritually.
- Wear appropriate clothing.
- Arrive on time for your scheduled Mass. Greeters arrive 20-30 minutes before their scheduled Mass.
- Greeters greet; they say hi and shake hands. If you know someone's name, greet them by name. An authentic welcome is important. Be positive and friendly to all who enter.
- Show honor and dignity to our visitors and guests. Pay attention to body language and to what needs our visitors and guests might have. Look for uncertainty and offer clarity. Understand cultural differences. What feels "friendly" to one person may feel intrusive to another.
- It's helpful to be spiritually sensitive. A great church greeter is more than a welcomer. They're sensitive to the spiritual needs of the people they meet. Greeters aren't expected to know all the answers, but it's helpful to refer people to the right source. Familiarize yourself and be aware of the programs/ministries we offer and direct guests to get in touch with the appropriate staff person. Recommend that they take a bulletin and call the parish office during the week for more assistance. There is a short directory in the bulletin with parish staff contact information for various departments.
- Know where guests can find the following: rest rooms, Bethlehem room for families with children, ministry meetings on campus, entrances/exits, brochures, the church calendar, bulletins, Matthew 25 ministry, etc. There is a parish calendar that can be accessed from our website that might be helpful to go over at the beginning of a shift. Traditionally on Sundays there's Bible Study, YFF, and Matthew 25.

It's not about opening doors... it's about opening hearts!

Greeters Ministry Schedule

MONTH: _____

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