

The Greeter, or Minister of Hospitality, is part of a unique liturgical ministry. Yours is a ministry of welcome -- of truly caring enough about other people in your parish community to do more than just perform tasks for them. It is your role to give of yourself -- to enhance the assembly -- to enable others, through their encounter with Christ in you, to celebrate the liturgy more fully.

1. Arrive **15 minutes** before the start of Mass. Decide among yourselves where each of you will be standing. People will be arriving through the main front door, and also up the stairs from the Lower Level. Those with special needs may be taking the elevator from the Lower Level.
2. Say a prayer - reflect on what it is that you are about to do - then station yourself in the Gathering Space. When the weather permits, several of you may be standing outside the main entrance, under the portico.
3. Greet people warmly, in a relaxed and friendly way. Remember – Christ is present in the people. We all are the Body of Christ.
4. Be especially attentive to newcomers and strangers. Also, please be attentive to anyone with special needs.
5. Go into the worship space a few minutes before Mass is to begin, before the Entrance Procession.
6. After Mass, return to the Gathering Space to “send people off.” You may assist the ushers in distributing bulletins, direct people to activities which are going on that day, and also to materials, brochures, etc. that will be available in the Gathering Space.
7. Please be willing to assist the ushers with the collection, if necessary on occasion.

**If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact Pat Berring at the parish office
(330-492-3119 ext. 22) or pat@stmichaelcanton.org.**

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