

A Servant's Heart

"Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives."

1. Door Greeters:

"Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here...' " - Luke 9:33

The main role of the door greeter is to create a welcoming atmosphere by sharing a smile and a friendly handshake as the faithful arrive for Mass. These volunteers are positioned outside the main entrance. They offer a greeting to everyone as they enter the church and help the elderly being dropped off by the door.

2. Meet and Greet

"And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me." Matthew 18:5

The meet and greet volunteers phone new members of the parish with an invitation for coffee and donuts after Mass (or another convenient time). During the visit the volunteer does their best to get to know the new member while looking for ways to help them settle into parish life, make new acquaintances by introducing them to another parish family, and help them feel a sense of belonging.

3. Breaking Bread

"...and they devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and prayer." Acts 2:42

The goal of this ministry is to form new relationships and get to know members of the church by coming together in small groups to "break bread" and share fellowship.

Parishioners come together in groups of four to five families. A family may consist of one person, a couple or many members. The groups meet once a month to share a meal. The host family provides the main dish and the other group members provide the appetizer, bread and wine, salad or vegetable, and dessert. Families take turns hosting. After three months new groups are formed. By the end of the year, each family has met 12 new families.

4. Meal Assistance

"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?" Matthew 25:37

This ministry is designed to provide meals to families going through difficult life experiences. We support the family with prayer and outreach so that they can experience God's loving care. This is a great ministry for busy people who want to help, but are not able to volunteer on a regular basis. It's also a wonderful opportunity for children to be involved in ministry. Even young children can help prepare a meal, make a card, say a prayer and help deliver the meal. Children love to help.