

Hello everyone! My name is Rachel Phillips. I am the Apostolate leader for the greeters at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. I am reaching out to you today as you indicated on your 2018 stewardship commitment that you would be interested in serving as a greeter. To all those who have been doing this for years, thank you for your service!! To any new volunteers, welcome!!

The greeter Apostolate is vital to the parish as we help form everyone's first impression of our church community. We truly want ALL people to have a positive experience when entering the church. One of the great things about being a greeter is that the whole family can get involved, and I encourage you to have your spouses and children participate. This is an excellent (and easy) opportunity to show our children how we live our faith through stewardship, and I think that visitors enjoy seeing the little ones opening doors and welcoming everyone!!

I'm going to take a minute to outline the responsibilities of the greeters. If you have been doing this for a while, please still take a moment to review – I promise it's not that lengthy!!

-The church office does the scheduling for the greeters. You will receive an email reminder the week that you are scheduled to serve. You can also find your scheduled commitments on the MSP (My Scheduler Pro) App. I believe the church office can help you to set this up if you are having any trouble. And, as always, those scheduled to serve at the next week's mass will be posted in the current bulletin. This is part of your stewardship commitment, so please do make every effort to attend on your scheduled days.

-Greeters are expected to arrive approximately thirty minutes prior to their scheduled mass time. There is a sign-in sheet located in the parish library. Please sign yourself in. The "Greeter" nametags are located on the sign-in table; please feel free to put one on!

-When you are notified of being scheduled, you will also be notified of which door you have been assigned to. We would like to have a minimum of one greeter at each assigned door.

-The only thing you really are expected to do is be friendly! Open the doors with a smile on your face, say hello, shake hands if the spirit moves you.

-Please remain at your post until mass starts and all parishioners have come in. The ushers have been asked to reserve a row in the back of the church for greeters so that nobody has to worry about having a place to sit.

-Father Matt has asked that greeters are at their post again at the end of mass to hold the door as parishioners leave. This is fairly new for this year, and I would really like everyone to make an effort to do this.

-If you are not going to be able to fulfill your scheduled duties, please let the church office know at your earliest convenience so that a sub can be found.

Thanks so much for volunteering as a greeter in the upcoming year! I know our smiling faces make a big difference to people who are coming in for Mass. And thank you for offering your time in stewardship to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I can be reached by phone at 316-992-1949, or by email at rs.phillips@hotmail.com. I look forward to working with everyone in the upcoming year!!

Sincerely,
Rachel Phillips