## **Greeter Ministry**

This ministry involves meeting and greeting people at the door before Weekend Masses. We do this joyfully, welcoming everyone in the Spirit of Christ before they enter the worship space and assisting with special needs where we can.

Greeters are the first official contact with a member of St. Bridget Catholic Community. It is our desire that all who have taken the time to join us – members of St. Bridget, visitors and those seeking to join or return after being away – to feel equally welcome. A simple gesture of a smile, handshake, or simply holding the door can accomplish this.

## Why Greeters are so important.

This ministry can engage all who enter before Mass begins. A friendly face can release tension, the stress of getting little ones ready, a reluctant teen to join you, or the feeling of loneliness, or anxiety caused by health issues or finances. You become the face of Christ extending His welcome to all.

## How do we do this.

- + Prepare before mass with a simple prayer asking the Holy Spirit to guide you in this important ministry.
- + Arrive about 15 to 20 minutes before Mass and grab a Greeter pin.
- + Take your place by either the North or West entrance.
- + Greet everyone who enters, it is nice to visit with friends, but be careful not to miss others.
- + Introduce yourself if the situation allows.
- Notice if people seem tentative and gently direct them to the worship space.
- + Remain at the door until the start of Mass.
- + Be joyful.

Thank you for becoming part of this important ministry.