

To Our Greeter/Gift Bearer Volunteers:

Thank you for being an active part of Blessed Sacrament parish by volunteering to help at the weekend masses as greeters and gift bearers. By accepting this request, you have the pleasure of serving our Lord in a very special way.

Included as separate attachments you will find the new schedule for greeters and gift bearers, as well as a list of volunteers with contact information. **If possible, please find your own substitutes if you are unable to keep your assigned date and time. Feel free to swap with another parishioner or family if you are both agreeable to doing so.**

You can now also find the schedule on our Parish website at www.blessedsacramentlincoln.com. Just click on the PARISH tab and look under the CALENDAR & SCHEDULES page.

We appreciate your willingness to serve the Lord and the Blessed Sacrament parish family.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sam Bethune at (402) 217-1071 or by email at: sam-i-am@neb.rr.com.

Thank you and God bless!

REMINDERS & SUGGESTIONS FOR GREETERS

- SMILE, SMILE, SMILE!
- Because you are representing Blessed Sacrament, please set a proper example and dress appropriately for Mass.
- Arrive 20 minutes before Mass begins.
- Pick up a greeter badge from the bride's room (in plastic drawer on counter). Return them after Mass for the next greeters.
- Be friendly and make a special effort to greet those you don't know or who you can tell are new to the parish.
- While it is always welcoming to shake hands, some people may find it uncomfortable. Use your best judgment.
- Be careful not to spend too much time with the people you already know.
- When the procession reaches the back doors of the church, your greeting duties are concluded and you may take a seat.

REMINDERS & SUGGESTIONS FOR GIFT BEARERS

- Since you are representing Blessed Sacrament, please set a proper example and dress appropriately for Mass.
- Let ushers know before Mass that you plan to bring up the gifts.
- When ushers begin to take up the collection, you and your family or group should go to the back of the church. Each member of your group that is old enough may carry one of the gifts. If you do not have enough members, the ushers will carry the remaining gifts. Gift bearers will typically carry the cruets of water and wine and the ciboria containing the hosts and if there are enough members of your family, the offering basket as well. The persons carrying the cruets and ciboria will lead, followed by whoever is carrying the offering basket.
- The ushers will put the collection in a basket for you to take up as well. If there are not enough members in your family, one of the ushers will carry the basket.
- Move reverently to the altar where the priest will receive the gifts.
- Genuflect at the altar and return to your pew.
- Thank you for your willingness to offer gifts on behalf of the whole parish family to the altar of God.