

# St. Dominic's Lector Schedule

## October, November, December & January 2018-19

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| October 6-7                         | 5:30 p.m.<br>8 a.m.<br>11 a.m.                      | Rich Carlton<br>Melissa Becker<br>Deb Antonaci                   |
| October 13-14                       | 5:30 p.m.<br>8 a.m.<br>11 a.m.                      | Mike Klein<br>Rod Kloeckner<br>Megan Holthaus                    |
| October 20-21                       | 5:30 p.m.<br>8 a.m.<br>11 a.m.                      | Steve Aubuchon<br>Joanie Becker<br>Kara Ratermann                |
| October 27-28                       | 5:30 p.m.<br>8 a.m.<br>11 a.m.                      | Marg Beckmann<br>Gary Niemeyer<br>Kristi Aubuchon                |
| <b>November 1 (All Saints Day)</b>  | <b>8 a.m.</b><br><b>12:10 p.m.</b><br><b>7 p.m.</b> | <b>ASA Student</b><br><b>ASA Student</b><br><b>Marla Mensing</b> |
| <b>November 2 (All Souls Day)</b>   | <b>7 p.m.</b>                                       | <b>Bobbi Deiters</b>   |
| November 3-4                        | 5:30 p.m.<br>8 a.m.<br>11 a.m.                      | Jim Darr<br>Jan Deiters<br>Laurie Klostermann                    |
| November 10-11                      | 5:30 p.m.<br>8 a.m.<br>11 a.m.                      | Tim Moylan<br>Paul Klostermann<br>Phillip Moss                   |
| <b>November 12 (Veteran's Mass)</b> | <b>8 a.m.</b>                                       | <b>TBA</b>   |
| November 17-18                      | 5:30 p.m.<br>8 a.m.<br>11 a.m.                      | Lisa Albers<br>Mike Nettemeier<br>Dave Toennies                  |
| <b>November 22 (Thanksgiving)</b>   | <b>9 a.m.</b>                                       | <b>Joan Meredith</b>   |
| November 24-25                      | 5:30 p.m.<br>8 a.m.<br>11 a.m.                      | Rich Carlton<br>Kathleen Heinzmann<br>Shelly Toennies            |
| December 1-2                        | 5:30 p.m.<br>8 a.m.<br>11 a.m.                      | Mike Klein<br>Melissa Becker<br>Deb Antonacci                    |
| <b>December 7 (Immaculate Con.)</b> | <b>7 p.m.</b>                                       | <b>Steve Aubuchon</b>  |
| <b>December 8 (Immaculate Con.)</b> | <b>8 a.m.</b><br><b>12:10 p.m.</b>                  | <b>ASA Student</b><br><b>ASA Student</b>                         |
| December 8-9                        | 5:30 p.m.<br>8 a.m.<br>11 a.m.                      | Marg Beckmann<br>Joanie Becker<br>Megan Holthaus                 |
| December 15-16                      | 5:30 p.m.<br>8 a.m.<br>11 a.m.                      | Jim Darr<br>Gary Niemeyer<br>Kara Ratermann                      |

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| December 22-23                      | 5:30 p.m.<br>8 a.m.<br>11 a.m.        | Bobbi Deiters<br>Marla Mensing<br>Laurie Klostermann    |
| <b>December 24 (Christmas Eve)</b>  | <b>5:30 p.m.</b><br><b>10:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Tim Moylan</b><br><b>Rod Kloeckner</b>               |
| <b>December 25 (Christmas Day)</b>  | <b>9 a.m.</b>                         | <b>Kristi Aubuchon</b>                                  |
| December 29-30                      | 5:30 p.m.<br>8 a.m.<br>11 a.m.        | Lisa Albers<br>Jan Deiters<br>Phillip Moss              |
| <b>December 31 (New Year's Eve)</b> | 5:30 p.m.                             | Rich Carlton  |
| <b>January 1 (New Year's Day)</b>   | 8 a.m.<br>11 a.m.                     | Paul Klostermann<br>Dave Toennies                       |
| January 5-6                         | 5:30 p.m.<br>8 a.m.<br>11 a.m.        | Mike Klein<br>Mike Nettekmeier<br>Joan Meredith         |
| January 12-13                       | 5:30 p.m.<br>8 a.m.<br>11 a.m.        | Steve Aubuchon<br>Kathleen Heinzmann<br>Shelly Toennies |
| January 19-20                       | 5:30 p.m.<br>8 a.m.<br>11 a.m.        | Marg Beckmann<br>Melissa Becker<br>Deb Antonacci        |
| January 26-27                       | 5:30 p.m.<br>8 a.m.<br>11 a.m.        | Jim Darr<br>Rod Kloeckner<br>Megan Holthaus             |

### **PLEASE SEE! Important reminders for all lectors in St. Dominic's Parish:**

The ministry of lector is one of the most visible roles of service at liturgy. St. Dominic's Parish appreciates your willingness to take that ministry seriously. We feel we have one of the most talented stable of lectors in the Diocese, but it is always helpful to review some tips and procedures. Earlier this year, our Parish Council asked me to stress some of these procedures, paramount among them the need to pump the brakes on how quickly we read.

Following are a few helpful tips recommended by Denise Thompson, who developed a lector training and development manual in 2007. Thompson is a nationally acclaimed expert in the field and trains lectors throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago.

- 1. Slow down!** What do you think are the two biggest complaints about lectors' performance? You probably guessed at least one of them if not both. One is rate and the other is volume, i.e. "They read too fast" and "I can't hear them."  
Rate refers to how quickly or slowly one speaks. (It does not mean how much time one takes between thoughts or phrases; that's pausing.) The best rate for a particular passage depends on

the content of the reading but as a general rule, lectors should proclaim at one-half their normal speaking voice. That's right, one-half.

Slowing down accomplishes several things. First of all, people do not listen as fast as you may speak. People need time to digest what you are saying to them. Unless you slow down, they may not be able to keep up and will simply tune out. At that point, you've lost them and all that practice and preparation would have been for naught.

Secondly, slowing down helps achieve clearer pronunciation and enunciation. Very importantly, slowing down brings an added dimension of power to the reading. Try it and see the difference for yourself.

**2. Volume.** The other of the two most common criticisms that listeners have of lectors is they cannot be heard. (The other one is reading too fast.) Sometimes, the problem is equipment-related but more often than not, it has to do with the lector's ability to project, voice quality and/or their use of the microphone.

Microphones do not mean that we need to speak softer or softly. We should read above normal in volume and let the microphones amplify even that. We have a good microphone. Do not stand too close to the microphone or else you'll "pop your p's". Adjust the angle of the microphone as well. There is no point in being a lector if we are not reading clearly, slowly and loudly enough so that people can understand the reading.

**3. Watch the end of sentences and phrases.** It is very easy to both drop the voice and to speed up near the end of a sentence or phrase, thus making the words difficult for the people to understand. Within the reading itself, do not rush through. It is not a race, and no one gets a medal for finishing as quickly as possible. After the reading, a meaningful pause of at least three to five seconds should be sustained before saying "The Word of the Lord."

**4. Prepare!** It is so much richer and expressive if we have prepared well, looked up pronunciation of words and names, don't stumble over sentences, have taken time to really study the reading so that it makes some sense to us. All of us mess up occasionally -- that is inevitable. But when the reason is our lack of preparation -- that is wrong. Practice aloud. Readings are available online at [www.usccb.org/nab](http://www.usccb.org/nab), or you can use the practice book in the breezeway.

**5. Please try to get to Mass early.** It keeps you from rushing in and you get a chance to look over the reading in the Lectionary we use.

**6. Dress appropriately.** It adds to everyone's experience of prayer and praise if the lector dresses well. It is distracting when you do not.

#### **Other important reminders:**

- Just a reminder...The only time we *bow* as lectors is before and after the Scripture Readings. We *do not bow* in the Entrance procession and we *do not bow* before and after the Intercessions. These are guidelines for all lectors in all parishes in our diocese and in all parishes in the U.S.
- Please mark your calendars so you do not miss your appointed time to lector. Failure to show up puts Fr. Pat or Deacon Linus in a difficult position, and the lector who comes forward does not have time to prepare.
- Please make sure to call or e-mail me if you are unable to read at your scheduled time so I can make a switch or find a replacement. Any other questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 830-5369 or [rod222@gmail.com](mailto:rod222@gmail.com). Thank you for your time and dedication to this very important ministry.

May God bless all, Rod Kloeckner