

St. Dominic's Lector Schedule

June, July, August & September 2018

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| June 2-3 | 5:30 p.m. 8 a.m. 11 a.m. | Mike Klein Rod Kloeckner Phillip Moss |
| June 9-10 | 5:30 p.m. 8 a.m. 11 a.m. | Steve Aubuchon Joanie Becker Calista Becker |
| June 16-17 | 4:30 p.m. 8 a.m. 11 a.m. | Marg Beckmann Gary Niemeyer Laurie Klostermann |
| June 23-24 | 5:30 p.m. 8 a.m. 11 a.m. | Jim Darr Marla Mensing Abigail Krebs |
| June 30-July 1 | 5:30 p.m. 8 a.m. 11 a.m. | Kristi Aubuchon Paul Klostermann Raymond Moylan |
| July 7-8 | 5:30 p.m. 8 a.m. 11 a.m. | Dorothy Voss Jan Deiters Joan Meredith |
| July 14-15 | 5:30 p.m. 8 a.m. 11 a.m. | Tim Moylan Kathleen Heinzmann Shelly Toennies |
| July 21-22 | 5:30 p.m. 8 a.m. 11 a.m. | Bobbi Deiters Mike Nettekemeier Dave Toennies |
| July 28-29 | 5:30 p.m. 8 a.m. 11 a.m. | Lisa Albers Melissa Becker Calista Becker |
| August 4-5 | 5:30 p.m. 8 a.m. 11 a.m. | Rich Carlton Deb Antonacci Abigail Krebs |
| August 11-12 | 5:30 p.m. 8 a.m. 11 a.m. | Mike Klein Rod Kloeckner Megan Holthaus |
| August 14 (Assumption) | 8 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 7 p.m. | ASA Student ASA Student Steve Aubuchon |
| August 18-19 | 5:30 p.m. 8 a.m. 11 a.m. | Marg Beckmann Joanie Becker Callista Becker |
| August 25-26 | 5:30 p.m. 8 a.m. 11 a.m. | Jim Darr Gary Niemeyer Kara Ratermann |

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| Sept. 1-2 | 5:30 p.m. | Kristi Aubuchon |
| | 8 a.m. | Marla Mensing |
| | 11 a.m. | Laurie Klostermann |
| Sept. 8-9 | 5:30 p.m. | Dorothy Voss |
| | 8 a.m. | Jan Deiters |
| | 11 a.m. | Phillip Moss |
| Sept. 15-16 | 5:30 p.m. | Raymond Moylan |
| | 8 a.m. | Paul Klostermann |
| | 11 a.m. | Dave Toennies |
| Sept. 22-23 | 5:30 p.m. | Tim Moylan |
| | 8 a.m. | Mike Nettekmeier |
| | 11 a.m. | Joan Meredith |
| Sept. 29-30 | 5:30 p.m. | Lisa Albers |
| | 8 a.m. | Kathleen Heinzmann |
| | 11 a.m. | Shelly Toennies |

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, prepare for it, and help the parish's Scripture reading become the living Word of God.

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. Recently, 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, 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 for lectors at St. Dominic:

- 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. Thank you for your time and dedication to this very important ministry.

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May God bless all, Rod Kloeckner