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Dear Lectors:

Thank you for your service to St. Andrew. We very much appreciate all those who lector for the weekend liturgies. Attached you will find the summer lector schedule. **Beginning JUNE 7-8**, there will be some changes to lector roles. I know this letter will be longer than normal, but please read it carefully. Fr. Brian's articles in the bulletin in February explained the reason behind the change. In case you missed that article, I have provided an abbreviated version. Please give special attention to the items I have placed in bold.

The Ministerial Roles Proper to the Deacon at Mass. Recently our parish leadership met to discuss a few things that I have wanted to address for some time. According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (parr. 94): "At Mass the Deacon has his own part in proclaiming the Gospel, from time to time in preaching God's Word, in announcing the intentions of the Universal Prayer" Beginning with the next lector schedule, our Deacons will assume the roles at Mass of announcing the intentions (the Prayers of the Faithful) and distributing the Precious Blood. This will certainly be an adjustment for all of us. Also, ***because the Deacon will now be proclaiming the Prayers of the Faithful, we will no longer have a separate ministry of Reader. The first Lector will be prepared to read the Prayers of the Faithful if the Deacon is not present, and the second Lector will now read the welcome at Mass.*** I am very grateful for the great dedication and the prayerful preparation of all our liturgical ministers here at St. Andrew! If you have any questions, please contact me, Fr. Joe, or Nikki.

As Father Brian mentioned, this change will be an adjustment for all of us. I know the 5:00pm Sunday lectors rarely see a deacon, which means lector 1 will need to be prepared to read the prayers of the faithful. This summer with the addition of Deacon Jim, it is more likely than not that a Deacon will be present at Mass, but there's still no guarantee that someone will be at 5:00pm on Sunday. To make for a smoother transition of these roles, there will be **two binders** now. One binder will contain the welcome and the other binder will have the prayers of the faithful. **If there is no deacon**, lector 1 should have the binder with the prayers at their pew and be prepared when it is time to read them.

Also, to be more consistent with our movements, when you approach the Ambo to lector, please ensure that you make a simple bow to the Altar out of respect for the sacrifice of Christ on the Altar. Genuflecting is a sign of reverence to the presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle, so one bows to the Altar and genuflects to the Tabernacle.

We welcome Patti Jo Wilson as a lector at 10am. We have some people who will be off for the summer and Shirley Gofrank has stepped down to care for her husband. Please keep them in your prayers.

As a reminder, please be sure to check the position of the microphone when you are at the Ambo, project your voice forward, and be purposeful in your movement when **putting the lectionary on the counter in the Sacristy** after the second reading.

I would like to thank Anne Albertus for her work on the schedule and for training the new lectors. As a reminder, if you cannot lector on a given date, please find a substitute and let the parish office know that you are making a change. Should something come up last minute, for example, you wake up and are not feeling well, please contact the other lector from your Mass to let them know so that someone can cover and send an email to Nikki as she checks email over the weekend for such events.

In Peace,

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