



Lector Ministry

As a lector, your ministry is to proclaim the word of God. Or rather, it is your ministry to allow God to speak His word through you to the Eucharistic assembly. When you proclaim the word of God, it comes alive and it is your role to let the word of God come alive in you so that it may come alive for the entire congregation. As a lector, you become the means by which God's word touches the hearts of those gathered together for precisely this purpose. If you feel so called to proclaim God's word at St. Michael, please email Priscilla Stim @ pstim67@gmail.com.

Qualifications: A Lector -

- is a registered and practicing member of St. Michael Catholic Church
- is a fully instituted Catholic - has received both First Holy Communion and Confirmation
- should not be in a state of grave sin
- is comfortable as a public speaker and has a clear reading voice
- is open to continually developing one's capabilities through regular training and study
- is called to more deeply explore one's relationship with God through His word in Scripture
- is reverent and reliable

Responsibilities: Lectors are -

- willing to participate in training and formation meetings. This would include an initial training and refresher training at least every 3 years. Optional lector meetings throughout the year are available where one receives spiritual, theological, scriptural, and practical preparation.
- to have an email account and respond to requests and emails from the lector coordinator
- willing to serve at least once a month
- willing to prepare the readings through prayer, study, checking pronunciations, and practice
- to dress appropriately which should not distract but should express the dignity of the Word and the importance of this service
- to find your own substitute if unable to meet your obligation
- to approach the ambo with reverence and read in a deliberate, appropriately paced, and clear voice
- to arrive 15 minutes before mass; sign in; check the lectionary and sound system; meet with the other lector; and if capable, join in the procession
- be prepared to lead the Psalms and/or intercessory prayers in the absence of a Cantor