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Dear Lectors:

Thank you for your patience and resilience during this pandemic period. We very much appreciate all those who have been a lector since the beginning of the pandemic and continue to lector. There have been many changes along the way and you have graciously adapted to them. Welcome back to those who are returning for the first time. As Anne points out on the top of the schedule, we have had several people who have decided it was time to give up the ministry and some who are still waiting for health reasons. In particular the Noon Mass is light on lectors. If you know anyone who might be interested in becoming a lector please invite them to consider this ministry. As we know, personal invitation is often the best method of engagement. For those who are 10:00am lectors, please welcome Judith Heck, who will be joining the ministry.

Attached you will find the lector schedule for the period from September 4 through December 5, 2021. This schedule lists only those who are active this fall. Please be sure to notify Anne when you are ready to return to the lector ministry. We will be very happy to have you!

We are returning to the 3 person schedule. Lectors 1 & 2 will join the entrance procession. Lector 2 will carry the Gospel book and place it on the Altar if there is no deacon. As most of you know we have returned to the use of the Lectionary. Following the second reading it should be placed on the lower shelf of the table on the side. The parish will still be streaming the 5:00pm Saturday Mass, so the Reader will be reading the prayer for spiritual communion. The lectors will process out, but the Gospel book remains on the Ambo. The information that precedes the schedule provides Anne's contact information for requests for the winter schedule.

I would like to thank Anne Albertus for her dedication throughout the pandemic to working on the schedule with all the changes and adaptations that have been made. Additionally I know there were many hours of follow up with lectors to determine who to schedule and who to keep on hold.

Currently, because of the rise in Covid cases, masks are recommended, by the Archdiocese of Detroit for all Mass-goers regardless of vaccine status. The lectors and their family are encouraged to sit near the front toward the organ side. This fall we will bring back Altar servers, so please leave the front pew available for the servers.

Thank you all for your support during this very difficult time. We are blessed to have you either reading and/or praying for the St. Andrew community and for everyone impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In Peace,

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