

## **Student Lectors-** by Constance Rosa published on April 30, 2019

Being a student lector at Saint Charles is an amazing opportunity for the eighth grade students. The current student lectors are: Emma Gerity, Lauren Bentley, Isabella Munoz, Christopher Vance, Cassidy Cook, Kathleen Grundel, and Zachary Cuglewski. At the beginning of every week, these students get their assigned reading so that they will have some time to prepare. On Friday morning at Mass, they walk out with the priest and altar servers. Once it is time, the lectors present their readings. Once they are finished reading, they sit with their class in the pews. Mr. Ungvarsky coordinates the readers, prepares their readings, and practices with lectors so they are well-prepared and confident on the day they read.

There are lots of great reasons to decide to be a student lector! Emma Gerity said that she chose to be a lector because she thinks of it as leading other students in growing their faith. Growing in our faith and encouraging others to grow as well is an important aspect of our Catholic education. Lauren Bentley said that she enjoys being a lector because it gives her exposure to talking in front of a large group of people. This is a skill that is preparing us for high school and for life! Cassidy Cook said that she would encourage other students to do it because "It helped me to grow in my faith by spreading God's word with others." Being a student lector also prepares us for being active adults in our parish. Isabella Munoz said that she chose to do it because she enjoys learning more about Jesus, and that she wants to be more involved in Church. Some benefits of being a lector are that if students are planning on going to a Catholic high school, they will already have some experience with this, and they can continue to do it through their high school career. Another benefit is that these students are more active in the Church. Student lectors gain valuable experiences and make an important contribution to our parish community. Being a student lector is another reason to look forward to junior high at Saint Charles! Thanks to Mr. Ungvarsky for coordinating this student ministry.