

Public Masses with Social Distancing

Everyone should know



Bishop DeGrood has dispensed the Sunday Mass obligation due to pandemic conditions. The diocese's live streamed Masses will continue for those at risk and unable to attend in person.

- Pastors, with guidance, may begin to offer Masses starting **May 15 or later** with social distance measures in place. Masses at St. Ann and St. Patrick will begin May 16 and May 17. We will add a 7pm Mass.

This week Masses will be: Saturday 5pmP and 7pm A Sunday 8:30am P and 10:30am A

At St. Ann's: pews are taped off with a number on each line of tape.

Look for an area that meets your family number, stay within the taped area.

At St. Patrick: each pew not taped off...two units of either 4 & 1 or 2 & 3 (each use one end of the pew)

OR a family greater than 5 can use the entire pew.

Who should stay home?

- ◆ Those at risk due to age or other conditions that weaken you.
- ◆ Those who care for those at risk.
- ◆ Those still uncomfortable in public settings with others.
- ◆ Those with fever or coughs similar to COVID-19 symptoms.
- ◆ Those living with people with fever, coughs or other symptoms.
- ◆ Uncertain about public places.

If I come to a Mass, how should I prepare?

- ◆ Continue social distancing by keeping six feet between families/other persons.
- ◆ Sanitize hands before and after Mass.
- ◆ Mask protect others as much as they do you. Feel welcome to wear one.
- ◆ Be patient and kind. We're all new at this. Follow your pastor's instructions.
- ◆ Be prepared for hiccups, especially in seating, which will be limited. Be alert to changing conditions.

Guidelines for St. Ann and St. Patrick Parishes

For those who are at risk and ought not to attend Mass

- ◆ I encourage families who have loved ones who ought not to attend to make arrangements with me to have a family member delegated by me to take Holy Communion to the loved one.

Sanitizer

- ◆ Each church will be sanitized prior to each weekend Mass. When you come, sanitizer will be available at the entrance. Any other times you feel a need, come prepared with your own. For the time being, books will be removed from the racks.

Masks

- ◆ Feel welcomed to wear a mask when you come to celebrate. The Church asks that when you approach to receive Holy Communion that you remove the mask just for that time. Eucharistic ministers will wear a mask as they distribute Holy Communion; that is for your protection.

Liturgical Ministers

- ◆ Limited ministries will be in effect: (Soloist, pianist, a lector) and Eucharistic ministers will be needed. There will be no: Gift bearers...Mass servers...baskets will be at the doors for the collection.

For receiving Holy Communion

- ◆ With the health risks, there may be some who are uncomfortable about receiving. We respect that. If you wish to receive...only the priest will receive the precious Blood of Christ. All others will receive **by hand** of the precious Body of Christ. For your protection, Holy Communion will be distributed just prior to leaving Mass. That is recommended because then the priest can wear a mask during that time of distribution. After receiving I ask that you either return to your pew for prayer or leave reverently (quietly) and make your way to your cars.

Finally

- ◆ Let us keep each other and everyone in our prayers.
- ◆ Let us pray for all those affected by COVID-19 and those laboring for them.
 - ◆ We may be physically separated but we are spiritually united.

