

Guidelines for Resuming Masses in the Marion Catholic Community

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The following is an abbreviated version of the five page document received from the Ohio Conference of Catholic Bishops adapted for our parishes. It is our hope that following these guidelines we can keep everyone safe, do what we need to do for now, and not be the cause of unnecessary sickness and death in our community.

PLEASE HELP US BY KEEPING IN MIND AND OBSERVING THE FOLLOWING:

- The obligation to attend Sunday masses remains **SUSPENDED** until at least the end of August 2020, so parishioners who are 65 and older, those who have underlying health conditions, or are vulnerable in any way, are encouraged to stay at home and participate in the live-streamed Masses.
- Parishioners may also choose to attend a weekday Mass instead of a weekend Mass, which will likely have more people. (There will be Live Stream Masses)
- Please follow 6 foot social distance entering church, during Mass and exiting church.
- All who are attending Mass are required to wear a mask unless you are medically unable.
- As medical professionals are still discovering the side effects this virus has on children, it is advised that parents not bring children under 6 years of age to Mass, for their health and safety,
- There will be crosses on the sidewalks leading to the entrances at Precious Blood and St. John indicating the proper social distancing that we would like you to maintain.
- The doors will be propped open prior to the Mass, and when Mass is full the doors will be closed.
- Please arrive early so ushers can help us keep the distancing standards and give direction for where to sit.
- When the maximum allowable capacity is reached, **no further admission will be permitted.**
- Please consider using hand sanitizer available at the entrances of the church. You may also bring your own.
- Collection baskets will be at each entrance for all weekday and weekend Masses, because there will **NOT** be collection taken up during the Mass.
- There will be no physical contact during the Our Father or sign of peace.
- Holy Communion will be received in the hand only; there will be no distribution of Communion from the cup.
- For the distribution of communion, please remain in your pew. The Eucharistic minister will walk between open pews. (Instructions will be given)
- After Mass, wait for the ushers will release you by row to exit thru the door nearest you.
- During this interim period, there will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word or babysitting offered.
- Bulletins will be available after Mass for you pick up as you leave.
- Please limit trips to the restroom as much as possible.