

WARNING ABOUT RISK ASSUMED BY PARISHIONERS:

While our parish staffs will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners and guests should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 anytime they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.

Instructions to our parishioners as we get back to public Masses:

In his letter of May 29th, Bishop Jenky has given his permission for public Mass to resume in our parishes beginning the weekend of June 6th provided that each church is certified, and the congregation is limited to 25% of the church's capacity, according to the guidance given by the State of Illinois. (St. Anthony, 100, Sacred Heart 88).

While this welcome news has been long awaited, there are some things that we must be aware of:

- When we reopen for public Mass, every effort must be made to protect our parishioner's health.
- Although we have enhanced our health and safety measures, the faithful should be aware that there is still some risk of infection. The faithful continue to be dispensed from the obligation of attending Mass, and those in the at-risk population should choose to **NOT** return immediately.
- If you have a fever or flu-like symptoms, recently traveled out of the country or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should stay home.

For those attending, there are several protocols that we must observe as dictated by our certification from the Diocese.

- All attendees must wear a face mask, or face covering, and keep proper distancing from each other.
- St. Anthony attendees must enter only through the middle front doors or the handicapped entrance. Sacred Heart attendees may enter through all of the three main entrances. We ask that you arrive early because of the new safety protocol.
- Everyone will be met at the door by an usher who will direct them to their seats and remain there until dismissed by an usher after Mass ends in order to keep the required spacing. This is a firm requirement necessary for us to keep our certification for Public Mass from the Diocese.

You will also notice some other changes made for safe practices:

- Collection baskets will not be passed during the offertory. Your contributions can be left in the places indicated.
- There will be no gift procession during the offertory.
- There will be no sign of peace before the Lamb of God.
- You will remain at your place as communion is brought to you by the ministers.
- The Precious Blood will not be distributed.

- The faithful are encouraged to receive Communion in the hand and to carefully avoid any physical contact with the minister's hand when receiving. (If incidental hand contact occurs, the minister is to use sanitizer before proceeding).
- Those who do not wish to receive Communion are encouraged to cross their arms for a blessing and to make an Act of Spiritual Communion.
- For the present, parishes should avoid using choirs in order to keep proper distancing. Rather, it is recommended that a musician provide instrumental music, who may be assisted by a cantor who sings solos. For now there will be no congregational singing. Missalettes & Hymnals have been removed so there are fewer things to be handled by multiple persons and therefore become a possible source of contagion.

It is likely that some of these safe practices will be moved modified or discontinued altogether in the future. But until then, we will begin with small steps as we work gradually to resume our regular Mass routines over time, and we ask for your cooperation by following the instructions given to you at Mass so that we can provided the safest environment possible for our parishioners.

We rejoice that we now can come together as members of Christ's Body to worship and help each other get to heaven. It has been too long since we were able to do that. May God continue to Bless our parishes and all the faithful of St. Anthony and Sacred Heart Parishes.

- Father Engelbrecht

Mass Intentions:

The Most Holy Trinity

Saturday, June 6

4:00 pm @ SA - For the Parishioners by Fr. Engelbrecht

Sunday, June 7

8:00 am @ SH + Donovan Kleckner by Vernon Blackert Family

9:30 am @ SA + Craig Smith by Ted & Norma Stamm

2:00 pm @ SM Hoopole + Naomi Specht

Corpus Christi

Saturday, June 13

4:00 pm @ SA + Reuben DeSmith by The Family

Sunday, June 14

8:00 am @ SH + Leonard Wolf by Eileen Wolf

9:30 am @ SA – For the Parishioners by Fr. Engelbrecht