

Important Mass Announcement - January 21, 2021

To better accommodate families who are unable to find space for their children in the main body of Church, the pastoral council decided to allow those on the left side of Church to use the vacant pews when necessary at the **4pm, 9am, and 11am Masses**. We still encourage all parishioners to do their best to maintain social distancing. On the right side of Church, we ask that parishioners continue to respect the policy of keeping every other pew vacant.

Effective January 24th, 2021 at the 7:30am Mass: To better accommodate parishioners who have expressed a desire for stricter observance of precautions, the 7:30am Mass will strictly observe covid protocol. If you consider yourself exempted from the mask mandate, we kindly ask that you select a different weekend Mass. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. At the 7:30am Mass, we will also maintain the policy of keeping every other pew vacant on both sides of Church. We hope this decision will encourage parishioners to return to Mass in Kewaskum who have not felt comfortable doing so in recent months.

Finally, please remember that the dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass was lifted last fall. All Catholics in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee are currently required to attend Sunday Mass, unless justifiable circumstances, such as advanced age or serious pre-existing medical conditions, prohibit them from doing so. Also, please keep in mind the following Archdiocesan guideline: "Face coverings must be worn in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order or other municipal orders. Priests, Deacons and Eucharistic Ministers should wear face coverings when distributing communion." Please note that there are exemptions from said orders and that it is not our prerogative to demand justification for why an individual might not wear a face covering.

Approved by the HT & SM Joint Parish Pastoral Council, January 2021