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Annunciation Parish

Guidance for safe and reverent liturgy

Public Masses have resumed in the Diocese of Evansville and the dispensation from the Sunday obligation will continue until August 15, 2020.

Schedule and location

Beginning the weekend of June 6 & 7 all Masses will be held in church. Our schedule is as follows:

4:00 PM Saturday	Holy Spirit Church
7:30 AM Sunday	Christ the King Church
9:00 AM Sunday	Holy Spirit Church
11:00 AM Sunday	Christ the King Church

Purpose

This document is intended to help our parish transition back to communal liturgical celebrations while minimizing health risks and keeping our focus on Christ. Our adherence to these guidelines as a community is a way for us to take seriously the situation we are living in and respect our fellow parishioners. **There may be guidelines you do not like or that may inconvenience you**, but they are for the sake of our entire community, especially those most at risk. **Your adherence to these guidelines is an act of charity.**

Who should stay home

- Those who are over 65
- Those who have a pre-existing condition that makes them particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 including, but not limited to: high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, severe obesity, asthma, those whose immune system is compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer and other conditions requiring such therapy.
- Those who are sick or who have symptoms of or have tested positive for COVID-19
- Those who have been in contact with someone infected with COVID-19 in the past 14 days

What we will continue NOT doing

- Using holy water at the entrances
- The sign of peace
- Communion from the chalice

What to expect when coming to church

- Restrooms should be used **only in case of emergencies** and will not be sanitized after each use.
- Water fountains will not be available for use.
- At Annunciation Parish, **all people** are **asked** to wear a face mask. Children **five** years and younger are exempt. For those who do not have a mask, there will be some available at the entrances. Masks should only be removed to receive Communion.
- **Arrive earlier than usual** as the process of being seated may take longer than normal. **It also allows us to get an accurate count of the hosts we need for Mass.**
- All people should **enter through the main door** to church. Other doors will be locked from the inside but will remain unlocked as exits. Those who have trouble walking can be dropped off at the main door of the church for easier access.
- **Everyone** should **use the hand sanitizer** located at the entrance to the church as they enter.
- Ushers will be available in the back of church to give you directions on seating.
- We will respect social distancing guidelines of **6 feet between each person** or between a family group and others.
- The collection will **not** be taken up in the normal manner. Baskets will be available in church for your offering.
- During Communion, **the right side of the church will come up first in a single file line in the center aisle, then the left side of the church will follow in like manner. Please maintain a distance of two pews between you and the person in front of you.** The priest and all Eucharistic Ministers will wear a mask and sanitize their hands prior to distribution.
- Please note that if you do not yet feel comfortable receiving Communion you may remain in your seat.
- For Communion, it is **very strongly recommended for your safety** and the safety of the priest to receive on the hand and not on the tongue. **Please do not grab for the host** so as to avoid contact with the minister.
- At the conclusion of Mass, **the congregation will be dismissed row-by-row** by the ushers to maintain proper distancing.
- Parishioners are urged **not to congregate** either in the narthex area or outside of church. If you wish to speak to others, **please do so outside** and respect proper distancing.

Liturgical Ministers

- According to diocesan guidelines, **no one over the age of 65 may serve in a liturgical ministry.**
- We will be using a reduced number of ministers during this time.

- No lector will be used at Mass
- One cantor (or family of cantors) and one instrumentalist will provide music
- Servers will NOT be used at this time
- Ushers will be needed and should ensure they are showing no symptoms of illness. A training document will be sent out to all ushers.
- Sacristans will wear face masks and gloves when setting up for Mass