

**Please read before coming to a Public Mass at
Immaculate Conception in St. Clair
or All Saints in Madison Lake.**

We are entering a new phase in life with Covid-19.

Public Masses will again be offered in Catholic Churches in Minnesota,

Friday 8:00 AM in Madison Lake, 9:00 AM in St. Clair,

Saturday 5:00 PM in Madison Lake,

Sunday 8:30 AM in St. Clair and 10:00 AM in Madison Lake.

Because the virus is still present, **there will be no obligation to attend Mass.** We would like to do everything possible to reduce the likelihood of the transmission of the virus in church.

1. Please **do not attend Mass** if you have been **exposed to the virus or have a cough.** Please think twice about attending if you are at risk because of age or an underlying health condition or if you are a caregiver. If possible please consider using online giving or mailing in your contribution if not attending a public Mass.

2. While we are not going to require a mask, please consider using one, as the virus spreads when we breathe, more when we talk, even more when we sing, and especially when we cough. A mask can keep **others safer**, especially if we have the virus and don't know it.

3. We will try to keep everyone at least six feet apart from people we don't live with. To that end we will only be using 1/3 of our pews. We also know that the virus cannot live on any surface more than 5 days. The pews will be marked with colors, red, white and blue. This will allow us to have a funeral or wedding, a Saturday and a Sunday Mass with any one pew only used once a week. So when you enter church, look at the sign to see which color pews we are using for that Mass. You may sit together if you live together; otherwise stay six feet away from anyone else in the same pew. Also do not sit close to the aisle. And when you walk in the aisle, stay as far as possible away from the pews.

4. Communion is the place of greatest risk for our public Masses.

Simply breathing as you come close to the communion minister could infect all the hosts.

a. So we will **require a mask** if you want to receive communion.

b. To minimize risk, we are asking that only one person from a family, come to receive communion asking for the number of hosts needed for the whole family by showing the number of fingers.

c. To help maintain distance in the communion line we will distribute communion to one side of the church at a time. We will have someone in the rear of the church also. Please stay as far away from the pews as possible when you come to communion and stay 6 feet away from the person in front of you.

d. Should all the pews be taken, the Mass will be available on a TV in the basement. Please take a chair and place it at least 6 feet away from anyone else. When Mass is over, please put the chair back. Someone will bring communion to the basement.

5. You can place your contribution in the collection container at the exit as you leave Mass.

Blessings to all as we navigate gathering for public Mass in the midst of a pandemic!