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Dear Parishioners,

I hope this letter finds you well. Thank you so much for your continued faithfulness through your prayers, community outreach, participation in our online Masses and activities, and your financial support during this time. I am happy to announce that our parish will be able to celebrate Mass together this weekend, May 9th and 10th, for the first time since mid-March.

Keep in mind that we will respectfully follow the diocesan and county guidelines. In order to meet these dual guidelines regarding sanitizing and social distance, we will be meeting downstairs instead of upstairs. We must also follow these additional guidelines below.

- Parishioners must wear a mask. It may be pulled down briefly for communion. Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand only.
- Social distancing will be practiced upon entrance, with seating and communion, and upon dismissal. Please note signage and floor markings for special directions.
- Families are to maintain six-foot distancing between their family and other families or individuals throughout the celebration of Mass
- Baskets will be placed conveniently to receive your donations.
- There will be no hymnals or songbooks.
- Bulletins will be available online and in the bookrack at the entrance to the Eucharistic Chapel.
- All attendees are asked to check their temperature at home before coming to church.
- Those who are symptomatic or who have been exposed to another with the virus within 14 days are not permitted to enter the church, in accordance with national, state and local health directives.
- The dispensation from the Sunday obligation to attend Mass is still in effect. Those who are at risk because of an underlying health issue or who are 60 or older are strongly encouraged, for their own health, to not attend.
- Masses will still be live-streamed for those choosing not to attend.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact the parish office. Additionally, we can also send you the directives from the Bishop's Office.

I am looking forward to this re-opening with both excitement and caution. Let us move forward in patience and grace, as we come together in service and worship.

Sincerely,

Fr. Joe Bathke, CPPS