



“RE-OPENING” CHURCH & MASSES TO OUR PARISHIONERS

The Lord is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!!!

On 08 May 2020, Archbishop Thompson, granted the following phased permissions.

Starting Wednesday 13 May 2020, the church will be open for private prayer from 8:30a-5p.

- Please enter by the east entrance by the parish office building.
- Wearing a mask is recommended.
- Upon entry and exit wash your hands in the bathroom there.
- Occupants not to exceed 25 persons and social distancing to be maintained.
- Sit only in pews permitted for Sunday Mass (see tape on floor). You are responsible for cleaning any pews you touch (so please bring non-chlorine disinfectant wipes).

Starting Tuesday 19 May 2020, the Masses with parishioners will resume.

- Daily Masses: Tuesday @ 6p; Wednesday to Saturday @ 8a
- Weekend Masses: Saturday @ 5p; Sunday @ 8a, 10:30a, and 6p
- The 8a Sunday Mass will continue to be Live Streamed on Holy Family Facebook

For the Parish Reopening we have many additional PROTOCOLS that all parishioners must follow in order to attend Mass. These procedures will be reevaluated weekly. If you would like to attend Mass, please read through the details below. Thank you for your patience and compliance.

Please realize that while we are excited to be returning to public liturgy, COVID19 is still with us. As such, attending Mass will bring with it certain risks. We will try to moderate those risks by safety protocols. **However, Archbishop Thompson has maintained the dispensation from attending Sunday Mass (in person) through 15 August 2020, and live streaming of weekend Masses will continue. Furthermore, those who are 65 and over or those with high-risk health conditions SHOULD REMAIN AT HOME. This is the population that is most vulnerable to the Coronavirus. Of course, those who are asymptotic or have tested positive for COVID19 should not enter a church until released to do so by their health care professional.**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

ATTENDANCE CAPACITY & SEATING

- For now, Masses will be limited to **30%** capacity across the Archdiocese. For Holy Family, this equates to **125** in our main sanctuary per Mass.
- Please only attend Holy Family if you are currently a registered member of our parish.
- Because it is not possible to accommodate all our parishioners for Sunday Masses each weekend, we are asking parishioners to attend only every other week by Last Name.
A-J to attend on First & Third (& Fifth) Sundays – First Possible weekend is May 30-31
K-Z to attend on Second & Fourth Sundays – First Possible weekend is May 23-24
- Balcony or Cry Room are closed. No one will be permitted to sit there, until further notice.



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BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

- **The Archbishop is strongly recommending those considered “at risk” by the CDC (65-years and over and those with high-risk health conditions) SHOULD REMAIN AT HOME and not attend Mass in person for their own safety.**
- Wash your hands.
- **Masks and face coverings are recommended** on campus & during Mass.
- **Bring your own hand sanitizer** to use before receiving Holy Communion. Holy Family does not have a current supply to provide for all congregants. Please do not bring items that contain bleach into the sanctuary as this will damage the pews.

MASS ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

- **Only the Daisy Lane Entrance will be used for entry.** (Please, park accordingly.)
- Masks and face coverings are recommended on campus & during Mass.
- Arrive 20-30 minutes before Mass begins to stand in line, while observing social distancing.
- The Daisy Lane Entrance doors of the church will open 15 minutes prior to Mass start.
- Ushers (from the Parish Staff and Liturgy Committee) will seat your household.
You must wait to be escorted.
- The church will be seated to fill the open pews from front to back.
- Every other pew will be closed and marked by tape on the floor.
- You may be sharing a pew with another household, but 6 feet social distance is required between the households.
- There will be no seating in the choir loft or cry rooms.
- Bathrooms by the cafeteria will be off limits (use single use bathroom by east entrance).
- The holy water fonts remain empty.
- **If we reach 30% Capacity for a given Mass, NO MORE congregants will be granted entry or seats. No one wants to ‘deny’ you access to the Mass; however, this is to accommodate the CDC, Indiana State, and Archdiocesan guidelines for public assembly. Please remain respectful with those tasked with ushering.**

MASS PROCEDURES

- Masses will be conducted as you have seen on the Live Stream with reduced volunteer lay ministers. There will be no altar servers, choirs, lay sacristans, or extraordinary ministers.
- Pre-Identified Scheduled Persons will serve as ushers until further notice.
- No entrance or exit Procession, Presentation of Gifts, or Offertory will take place
- Masks and face coverings are recommended on campus & during Mass.
- Please refrain from all physical contact between households.
- No holding hands during the *Lord’s Prayer*
- No *Sign of Peace*
- Baskets will not be used during the offertory. You will be able to place your weekly gift in a basket as you exit the church. We strongly encourage online giving:
<https://membership.faithdirect.net/IN585>



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HOLY COMMUNION & MASS DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

- Holy Communion will be distributed after the final Mass blessing.
- Holy Communion will be distributed by Fr Gries only.
- Holy Communion will be distributed only by the Host – the Body of Christ.

The Precious Blood will **not** be offered to the congregation.

As Catholics, we believe that Christ is fully present Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity even when we only receive either the Body or Blood of Christ at Mass. You should be in the State of Grace to receive Holy Communion. And you are also not required to receive each time you attend Mass. You may continue with ‘Spiritual Communion’ if you prefer.

- **Archbishop Thompson recommends Holy Communion be received in the hands and not on the tongue (for the time being).**
- Use of personal hand sanitizer before Holy Communion is strongly encouraged. (Please, bring your own).
- There will be a single Holy Communion line in the center main aisle. Ushers will dismiss each pew.
- No blessing of non-Communicants will be offered by directive of the Archdiocese (for now).

HOLY COMMUNION & MASS PROCESSION

- After the final Mass blessing, parishioners must remain in their pew.
- Pews will be dismissed in an orderly fashion starting in the front of the church and then moving back.
- You must exit your pew when prompted. Private prayer will not be available after Sunday Masses to allow the church to be reset for the next Mass.
- There will be a single Holy Communion-dismissal line in the center main aisle. Ushers will dismiss each pew.
- After receiving Holy Communion, proceed to either the east or west side exits of the church.
- You can drop your weekly offertory in the basket by the exit as you depart.
- Fr Gries will not shake hands or greet parishioners after Mass (for now).
- No contact should occur between households. Please do not congregate outside but head directly to your vehicle to allow the next Mass to start on time.

CHURCH CLEANING PROCEDURES

- Holy Family will continue to implement cleanliness and sanitization practices, including cleaning pews in between every Mass.
- Disinfecting bathrooms, door handles, and other frequently touched surfaces occur throughout the day.
- Parish staff and Ushers will be required to wear face masks, wash hands, and will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms.

You are reminded to follow CDC recommendations regarding your own health. The Archbishop is strongly recommending those considered “at risk” by the CDC (65-years and over or those with high-risk health conditions) not attend Mass in person for their own safety. If you fall into an “at risk” category, please stay home and join us by Live Stream.

If you test positive with COVID-19 within 14 days of Mass attendance, please notify the parish immediately.

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OTHER SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: From 13 May until 30 May 2020 (except May 22), I will offer confessions on Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 1p in the main church sanctuary (or if weather permits outside at the east entry way to the church). “Normal” pre-COVID confession weekly times will be suspended for now. After this initial “catch-up” period, I will reevaluate times moving forward and communicate.

- Please enter by the east entrance by the parish office building.
- Wearing a mask is recommended
- Upon entry and exit, wash your hands in the bathroom there.
- Please maintain social distance (6 feet) apart when waiting in line in center aisle (markers will be on the floor).
- Confessions will take place in the main sanctuary, as they might at a Communal Penance Service. Set-up will allow your confession to be private while maintaining social distance.
- For prayer, please sit only in pews permitted for Sunday Mass (see tape on floor). You are responsible for cleaning any pews you touch (so please bring non-chlorine disinfectant wipes).
- Please do not stay longer than 30 minutes after your confession to allow other parishioners to enter the sanctuary.

Baptisms of Infants: Starting 19 May 2020, *Holy Family* will begin scheduling the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Please limit participants to family not to exceed 25. Of course, if there is danger of death, contact Fr Gries immediately.

Anointing of the Sick: Holy Communion for the Sick and viaticum for the dying will only be distributed by priests. Priests will continue to minister to the sick where they are permitted.

First Holy Communion: By May 18, leadership will make a decision for First Holy Communion. Protocols for a Sunday Mass will likely be in effect. Please keep the two tentative re-schedule dates available (20 June 2020 or 15 August 2020). Families will be notified.

Funerals: Graveside services with immediate families are recommended. Small funeral services at the Funeral Home with immediate family are permissible. Starting May 25, a Funeral Mass in the church, which is limited to immediate family not to exceed 25 and no Comfort Meal, will be permitted.

PARISH OFFICE

The office will continue to remain closed until further notice. Staff will continue to work from home as possible with some limited entry into the office as needed. Please call or email if you need something and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

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