



“RE-OPENING” CHURCH & MASSES TO OUR PARISHIONERS

The Lord is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!!!

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

The church is open for private prayer from 8:30a-5p Monday to Saturday (typically).

- Please enter by the east entrance by the parish office building.
- Wearing a **mask is REQUIRED** by state order.
- 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 **blue tape** on floor). You are responsible for cleaning any pews you touch using the parish provided spray. Mist lightly and let air dry.

Masses with parishioners have resumed.

- 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 are strongly encouraged to STAY HOME. This is the population that is most vulnerable to the Coronavirus. Of course, those who are asymptomatic 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 approximately **125** in our main sanctuary per Mass.
- Parishioners are encouraged to attend weekly. It need not be a weekend Mass.
- Balcony or Cry Room are closed. No one will be permitted to sit there, until further notice.



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 STAY HOME and not attend Mass in person for their own safety.**
- Wash your hands.
- **Masks and face coverings are REQUIRED** by state order on campus & during Mass.
- **Bring your own hand sanitizer** to use before receiving Holy Communion.

MASS ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

- **Only the Daisy Lane Entrance will be used for entry.** (Please, park accordingly.)
- **Masks and face coverings are REQUIRED** by state order on campus & during Mass. **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.**
- Arrive early (5-15 minutes) before Mass
- Ushers (from the Parish Staff and Liturgy Committee) will seat your household. **You must wait to be seated.**
- The church will be seated to fill the open pews from front to back.
- Every other pew will be closed and marked by **blue tape** on the floor. **(See Blue, use another pew!)**
- You may be sharing a pew with other household(s), 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 REQUIRED** by state order 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 enter and/or exit the church. We strongly encourage online giving:
<https://membership.faithdirect.net/IN585>



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.

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 and week.
- 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.



OTHER SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Confessions will be offered at normal times. Tuesday evening from 5:30-5:50p, Saturday from 8:30-9a and 4-4:45p and Sunday from 5-5:45p.

- Please enter by the Daisy Lane entrance.
- **Masks and face coverings are REQUIRED** by state order on campus & in church
- Upon entry and exit, please utilize the hand sanitizer.
- 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.
- Please use the hand rail at the wall for assistance with steps or feel free use to the ramp that leads to the sacristy accessibility to the sanctuary level.

Baptisms of Infants: Please contact Fr Gries or Theresa Shaw in the parish office to schedule the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Please limit participants to family not to exceed 25. Masks are required for all but parents, godparents, and child to be baptized. 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 as requested.

Funerals: Graveside services with immediate families are recommended. Small funeral services at the Funeral Home with immediate family are permissible. Funeral Mass in the church, which is limited to immediate family not to exceed 125 and no Comfort Meal, are now be permitted.

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office has reopened with limited hours starting on Monday, June 15. Office Hours will be Monday to Thursday from 8:30a – 12:30p. Office is open for important parish business only that cannot be accomplished via email or phone only. Parish Staff will rotate days, so call ahead to see if the person you need will be present. Masks are required of all visitors or parishioners. Staff will continue to work from home as possible during other hours of the week. Please call or email if you need something and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.