

*Christ the King*  
*Holy Family*  
*St. John Baptist de la Salle*

June 15, 2020

Dear Holy Family, Christ the King and St. John Baptist de la Salle Parishioners,

Blessings!

We are pleased to share that we are preparing to open our churches again for public Masses on Saturday, June 20 and Sunday, June 21. With the plan for reopening, we have procedures in place as required by the Diocese of Winona-Rochester and the health officials. We will begin with Saturday Masses at St. John Baptist de la Salle and Sunday Masses at Holy Family and Christ the King. There will be no daily Masses at this time. Parishioners must attend Mass at their parish of membership in order to remain in their own community and help prevent the spread of the virus.

One of the requirements for having Masses again in our churches is that we have volunteers in place to help with sanitizing the churches following Sunday Mass. We are in need of 4 volunteers at each church, each Sunday after Mass. Please contact the parish office if you are able to volunteer for a short time after Mass. If you are unable to help weekly, that is ok. We will work with the dates that you are available.

We are also in great need of ushers. This is a wonderful opportunity for Confirmation students to obtain service hours. The responsibilities of the ushers are a little different than in the past as there is not a collection during Mass. Ushers will help with the flow of traffic in and out of the church with social distancing in place. Please let us know in the office if you are able to help usher.

Most importantly, if you are feeling ill, please stay home. Those considered to be vulnerable; age 65 years and older, the elderly and people with underlying medical conditions are highly encouraged to continue to participate in televised Mass or online.

Bishop John Quinn's dispensation of all Catholics from the obligation to participate in the Mass on Sundays is in effect indefinitely.

**Upon returning to Mass, you can expect to see:**

- Exterior doors propped open to limit touching of door handles.
- Pews marked off for safe social distance seating.
- Hymnals removed from the pews.
- Two separate lines for entering the church building to provide safe social distancing.
- A sign in sheet for all attending Mass (one family member sign-in each family member in attendance).
- Hand sanitizers available upon entering.
- A limited number of face masks if you have forgotten yours.

***\*\*Please plan to arrive a few minutes early in order to sign-in and be seated before Mass begins.***

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## **Guidelines for Mass Attendees:**

- Please wash your hands before leaving home.
- Please use hand sanitizer and put your mask on before exiting your vehicle.
- Everyone is required to bring and wear a mask.
- Follow directional arrows and X's on the floor in the church building.
- Sign-in (one family member per family will sign in all family members in attendance).
- Go directly into the church after signing in and an usher will direct you to your seat.
- Place contribution envelopes in the locked receptacle located near the baptismal font when being seated.
- Maintain social distancing protocols of 6-ft separation when entering, sitting and exiting the church.
- Seating will be limited for proper social distancing measures (6-ft apart in all directions). Families and those living in the same household may sit together.
- There will be NO congregating before or after Mass in the Gathering Space, church or parking lot at any time.

## **During Mass:**

- Maintain social distancing protocols of 6-ft separation, even when it is time to come forward to receive Holy Communion. The one species will be distributed.
- Cough into your arm/elbow.
- There will not be a handshake for the Sign of Peace.
- There will not be a contribution collection during Mass. Collection receptacle is located near the baptismal font.
- The distribution of Holy Communion will take place at the end of Mass.
- Ushers will direct parishioners to the line to receive Holy Communion and exit the church building.
- Gloves may not be worn to receive Holy Communion.
- Remove masks only to put host into your mouth immediately after receiving Holy Communion. Instructions will be given at Mass.
- Exit the church building immediately after receiving Holy Communion. Do NOT congregate in the parking lot after Mass.

## **Mass Times:**

- Saturdays: 5:00 PM St. John Baptist de la Salle
- Sundays: 8:30 AM Holy Family, 10:30 AM Christ the King

Peace,

The Staff of Christ the King, Holy Family and St. John Baptist de la Salle

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