

Our Lady of the Black Hills

Modified Mass Attendance Plan during COVID19

1. The faithful remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sunday. Please prudently discern your own attendance.
 - a. If you feel unsafe, you should feel no guilt or shame in staying home.
 - b. You should feel a freedom to permit others who are comfortable attending to do so.
 - c. All who enter the church are expected to follow six foot minimum social distancing practices and personal hygiene practices.
 - i. Social Distancing will be maintained upon entering, exiting, while in Mass, and during the Communion procession.
 - ii. All parishioners will be seated by an usher as individuals or by household with social distancing guidelines in all directions.
 - d. Those in high risk for contracting COVID19 are encouraged to remain sheltered and safe.
 - e. If you are living with someone sick, you are asked to remain at home.
2. Mass Times
 - a. Masses will accommodate 50 individuals at each Mass based on square footage guidelines recommended by the CDC and the Diocese of Rapid City.
 - b. You must attend Mass at the parish you were attending prior to the COVID19 suspension of public Masses.
 - c. Those not on the list of attendees (by 2:30 PM the day prior, or by 2:30 PM on Friday for Saturday and Sunday Masses) will not be permitted to attend Mass and will be asked to schedule a different time to attend Mass.
 - d. Monday-Friday 8 & 6 PM
 - e. Saturday 8 & 5 PM
 - f. Sunday 8 & 11 AM
3. Mass will be recorded and live streamed every Saturday during the 5 PM Mass
4. Adoration
 - a. Wednesday 8:30-5:30 PM
 - b. Sunday Noon-6 PM
5. Reconciliation
 - a. Wednesday 4:30-5:30 PM
 - b. Sunday 1:30-3 PM
6. Face Masks
 - a. To fall into compliance with CDC recommendations please bring a mask or one will be issued to you.
 - b. Gloves may be brought and worn if you desire.
7. A list of all attendees will be recorded and checked. These records of attendance will be maintained.
8. A regular collection will not be taken. The collection basket will be placed at and remain at the rear of the Church near the baptismal font.
9. Priest
 - a. The priest will wear a face mask during the distribution of Communion.
 - b. The priest will sanitize his hands immediately prior to and immediately following the distribution of Communion.
10. Ushers
 - a. Ushers will check that attendees are signed up on the list.
 - b. Ushers will walk each individual/family individually to their assigned seat.

- c. Ushers will turn in the list to the office at the end of Mass or once check in is finalized.
- d. Ushers will keep a secure eye on the door to ensure no one enters Mass late that is not on the list; please plan for extra time at the beginning of Mass to allow for proper seating.
- e. Ushers will ensure social distancing guidelines are being followed before, during, and after Mass as well as during the Communion procession.

11. Lectors

- a. One lector per Mass
- b. Lectors will read both readings and the Psalm.

12. Altar Server

- a. There will be one Altar Server per Mass.

13. Sanitization

- a. Individuals will be assigned to each Mass to sanitize the pews following each and every Mass.
- b. Disposable Worship Aids will be provided for each Mass.
- c. Sanitizer Stations:
 - i. Inside the main entrance hall
 - ii. On either side of the Baptismal font
 - iii. Outside of the bathroom
 - iv. In the confessional (library for social distancing purposes)
- d. Sanitizing cloths will be available for each person to sanitize their space to their comfort level prior to and following Mass.
- e. All pews will be sanitized following each Mass using Sani tab water. Rags and gloves will be disposed of post sanitization.

14. These guidelines are subject to change based on the course of the pandemic, hospitalization rates, the CDC, and the Diocese of Rapid City.

