

St. John Parishioners:

Worship at Mass will begin on Monday, May 25. Our parish will offer one public Mass per day. Here is the schedule:

Monday-Friday 8:30am in the Church

Saturday 5:00pm in the Church

Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am in the Church

Please remember that **the faithful have been dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass**. Thus, those who wish to participate in Mass and receive Holy Communion can do so by attending a Mass any day of the week. Those who are at risk or fearful that they or their family might become sick are encouraged to join us for a Mass that is live-streamed online each day.

Appropriate social distancing and the regulations put forth by public health authorities must be observed. Here are the guidelines for St. John:

- Masks are required on campus.
- We are limited to a maximum of 500 people in the Church
- Entry doors will be open for you to have a touch-free entry into church and the Nave.
- Hand sanitizer will be available as you enter. Please use it.
- We are asking that everyone who is able, please wear a mask. This is for the protection of everyone around you.
- Use all available (every other row will be marked for usage) space in the Nave, including the back two sections behind Fr. Don and the Ambo. Families who live together may sit together. All others must be spaced at least 6 feet apart (front-back-side).
- No physical contact at the Our Father or Sign of Peace.
- No Holy Communion from the chalice by the faithful. Communion will be done by sections, please wait for guidance before coming forward. You will stay 6 feet apart from every individual as you approach for Communion, following the floor tape as a guide. (A family with small children can approach together, keeping 6 feet from other parishioners.) There will be two properly spaced Eucharistic ministers per section. Eucharistic ministers will do their best to drop the host into your hand without touching. Please be attentive so this can happen easily. Eucharistic ministers will be wearing masks and will sanitize their hands prior to distribution of communion.
- You will notice that we will not be using choirs. We may use a musician or cantor at Mass, but not groups that sing together.
- Fr. Don will be presiding Mass without a server.
- A disposable Mass program will be used on Saturday and Sunday, as always. These programs will be handed out individually by an usher who is wearing a mask and has

sanitized his/her hands. Following Mass, the programs will immediately be placed into recycle bins. The bins will be available as you exit the Nave.

- In order to have only one person using the ambo microphone (Fr. Don uses his own microphone, but does stand at the ambo), one reader will lector the first and second readings and the petitions. Fr. Don will be handling our announcements.
- Our nursery/cry room will not be available during any Mass.
- There will be no passed collection baskets during Mass. As you enter or exit Mass, there will be a collection basket in the Gathering Space. Please make use of that. We appreciate your gifts so much during this difficult time!
- Designated ushers will be handing out bulletins after Mass. They will wear masks and will have sanitized their hands. Bulletins are also available online.
- The church will be sanitized every day so that it is clean and ready for the next Mass.

If you are a Sacristan, Hospitality Minister, Eucharistic Minister or Lector, please email Scott at ssteinke@stjohnwc.org to volunteer to assist in these positions. We need 1 Sacristan and 1 Lector for every Mass (7 days per week). We need 4-6 Hospitality Ministers and 7 Eucharistic Ministers per Mass on Saturdays and Sundays.

Remember, the responsibility to keep others healthy is one that we all share. If you are sick or have been exposed to someone who is sick, please do not join us for Mass. Please wear a mask and use hand sanitizer. This is for the protection of those around you. Most importantly, always be kind and patient. We are in a confusing and sometimes overwhelming situation. Your parish is doing its absolute best to help you, protect you and share our love for Christ with you. Please show your love of Christ by being Christ to others!

Questions? Please contact Fr. Don, Scott Steinke or Joan Seibenick at 513-777-6433 or dwest@stjohnwc.org, ssteinke@stjohnwc.org or jseibenick@stjohnwc.org.