

## New Guidelines in Reopening our Parish

Effective, June 11, 2021, we are shifting operations under Restore Illinois Phase 5 Guidelines. At this time, Mass schedules will remain the same. Additional guidance specific to school-related activities is forthcoming, which will include some exceptions to what is noted below.

### Capacity

- All capacity restrictions are lifted.
- Masses, liturgies, sacramental celebrations, parish/school events and all offices may resume 100% capacity.

### Physical Distancing

- Physical distancing is NOT required for vaccinated persons.
- Physical distancing **is recommended** by public health authorities, when possible, for unvaccinated persons if conditions allow up to 6 ft. of separation.

### Masks

- Masks are NOT required for vaccinated persons.
- Masks are recommended by public health authorities for unvaccinated indoors, particularly in crowded venues.

### Hand Sanitizing

- Hand sanitizer will remain prominently available.

### Masses and Liturgies

- All forms of sacramental and liturgical ministry may resume normal practice with a few minor exceptions noted below.
- Registration is no longer required.
- Proof of vaccination is not required for attendance at any liturgies or services.
- Holy Water fonts may be filled and used.
- Choirs, congregational signing, oral responses, use of worship aids, envelopes and bulletins may be fully resumed.
- The Sign of Peace may be restored, allowing people the option to exchange in whatever way they feel comfortable
- Reception of Holy Communion:
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  - Receiving Holy Communion in the hand no longer requires extra hand sanitizing on the part of the Communicant. However, the priest and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should continue to sanitize their hands prior to distributing Communion.
  - Receiving Holy Communion on the tongue may resume; however, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion must have hand sanitizer nearby and use it immediately in the event of contact with saliva (which is good practice in all circumstances).
  - Distributing/receiving Holy Communion from the cup remains suspended at this time. The Archdiocese will communicate once sharing of the cup may resume.

