

**St. Mark's  
Catholic Church**



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### COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently issued guidance announcing COVID-19 vaccines are effective and vaccinated persons no longer need to wear masks or engage in social distancing. The CDC continues to encourage those not vaccinated to wear masks and exercise social distancing. Many health departments, municipalities, school districts, and private organizations in our region have lifted their mask mandates and/or allowed their health restrictions to expire. We continue to see infection rates decrease. However, risk due to COVID-19 remains, particularly for unvaccinated children.

St. Mark Catholic Church will *not require* that masks be worn or require that social distancing occur during summer camps and activities at the St. Mark Catholic Church this summer. Considering recent data and current trends, St. Mark Catholic Church leaves to parents the decision whether their child should wear a mask. Those who believe their children should continue to wear a mask are encouraged to direct their children to do so, but please understand we will not be able to compel particular children to wear masks.

By signing below, you acknowledge health risks continue due to the COVID-19 virus and acknowledge St. Mark Catholic Church will not require that masks be worn during camps and other summer activities occurring at the St. Mark Catholic Church. St. Mark Catholic Church will continue to require that families report positive COVID-19 infections and follow established COVID-19 quarantine protocols. This policy is subject to change based on reported cases in our region. Any change to this policy will occur at the discretion of the school /parish. Enrollment refunds will not be considered due to an adjustment of this policy.

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Print Child's Name

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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