



Diocese of Peoria

# Saint John Paul II Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to update you more changes. Please be aware that we have reopened the Church for Mass and need to strictly follow the guidelines that have been given to us by the Diocese of Peoria. Please be sure that you have registered for a weekend Mass by calling the Parish Office between 9am and 1 pm. Please have your mask on before you enter the Church. If you have a subscription to the Magnificat, please bring your copy to Mass. This is a great personal spiritual resource. If you do not have a subscription, now is a great time to order by calling (970) 416-6670 or online at [www.magnificat.com](http://www.magnificat.com). Also, we have an electronic bulletin available on our website.

We have a group of trained volunteers who are Greeting, by opening the doors so no one touches them as you enter and leave the building. Please use the hand sanitizer, located on the walls as you enter the Church. Ushers will seat you in the marked pews, (every other pew is intentionally left open.)

You will be guided to go up for Communion, please follow the taped markers on the floor and keep six feet distance between you and the next person in line. We have hand sanitizer stations at the head of the main aisle, when you get up to the front, use the hand sanitizer and extend your arms out all the way out to receive Holy Communion. This will ensure the six feet distance between you and Fr. John or the Eucharistic Minister. Keep your mask on until you have received the Eucharist in your hand, step to the side, use your free hand to lower your mask, put the Eucharist in your mouth, raise your mask and return to your seats.

During this time we will not take up a collection, there are white boxes at the exits. We will not bring up the gifts, or participate in the traditional Sign of Peace, but you may wave to one another. We will not distribute the Precious Blood.

We are still accepting your weekly contribution envelopes in the mail, or you may continue to drop them off at the Parish Center if you are not comfortable returning to the Church building for Mass. Fr. John is still live stream the 9:00 a.m. Mass and will continue to distribute Holy Communion to the faithful who would rather watch Mass at home. Please be sure that you watch either Fr. John's Mass or Mass on EWTN before you receive drive up Communion. Fr. John will only distribute until 10:30 a.m.

We have a lot of new rules to abide by, but it was wonderful to be back in our beautiful Church with our fellow believers, celebrating Mass together. We are doing our best to keep everyone safe, please help us by following the rules given to us.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Johndamaseni A. Zilimu  
Pastor