

Virus Precaution at St. Elizabeth Parish

Frequently Asked Questions

What about Masses?

On May 18, 2020, the Diocese of Lansing permitted the restoration of public Masses with guidelines that can be found [here](#) on their website. Fr. Dan held the first public Mass at St. Elizabeth Church since the beginning of the suspension on Wednesday, May 20, which was limited to 20 persons and required an RSVP. Starting with another Mass on May 31, at 10:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Church, more and more Masses will be made available under the following guidelines:

- Please arrive early;
- Enter St. Elizabeth Church from the front doors or the side entrance by the Marian garden;
- Please bring and plan on wearing a mask during Mass (this is required by the Diocese of Lansing);
- Before entering the church prior to Mass, we will be taking everyone's temperature prior to being seated by an usher;
- We are able to seat 125 parishioners in St. Elizabeth Church, some of the overflow will be in the Parish Center;
- The ushers will guide everyone through communion;
- The users will be dismissing everyone out of the church as Mass ends;
- We will be social distancing and maintaining a 6ft distance in the church and on the property.

For those of you who are at serious risk or who are not comfortable returning to Mass, we encourage you to continue participating in virtual Mass. Please follow our [website](#) for various opportunities. During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we encourage you to make an [Act of Spiritual Communion](#).

What about receiving the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?

Anointing of the Sick will be strictly for those in danger of death. Please call the Parish Office (517) 423-2447.

What about First Communion and Confirmation?

Please contact Heather Marsh for more information (517) 423-2447 ext 7.

What about baptisms?

Baptisms are still possible based on **pastoral urgency**.

What about funerals?

Please call the Parish Office. Currently, per our Diocese guidelines, funerals may be held, but with only immediate family present. Memorial Masses and luncheons for extended family, friends and parishioners may be planned at a later date when gathering restrictions are lifted.

What about weddings?

Please call the Parish Office for all planning of weddings.

What about ministry to the sick and homebound?

To protect our homebound, and those living in nursing homes, St. Elizabeth has currently suspended all home visits. Homebound visits will resume when restrictions are lifted.

How can I continue to support our parish offertory if all our Masses are being cancelled?

May God bless you for your generous planning! You have two options to continue your offertory. Option #1: Mail in or drop off your weekly offertory to St. Elizabeth Parish, 506 N. Union St. Tecumseh, MI 49286. Option #2: Make donations online [here](#), select either St. Elizabeth, or St. Dominic. Please call the Parish Office if you need assistance. Thank you for your continued support of our Parish, it is through your continued support we are able to provide our many ministries to our parishioners.

Is the Church open for private prayer?

Yes, the Church is open daily 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, and is a quiet and peaceful place to be with our Lord present in the tabernacle. Please use the first 3 pews in the center isle and remain 6 feet from others and follow all the health guidelines. The Church will be cleaned multiple times during the day.

Is the Church Office Open?

The parish office is closed to the public for normal business such as arranging Mass Intentions, etc. Please call if you need paperwork or need to drop something off during normal business hours. We will be available to assist you remotely via email at steliz50@aol.com or phone (517) 423-2447.