

St. Anthony/St. Rose Catholic Parish
Wellington, KS

Weekend/Sunday Mass for our Parish will resume beginning Saturday, May 16th. We will keep our normal schedule of Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

When Bishop announced that the Diocese would be allowed to resume public Masses with restrictions, he also stated that, "Pastors may choose to start at a later date if they require more time for preparation." These preparations include marking the pews for where people may sit, training ushers to seat people in such a way as to maintain social distancing, acquiring the difficult to find supplies needed (like disinfectant), informing people of the new guidelines, and building the schedule of altar servers, lectors, musicians, etc..

Be aware that these guidelines will change as the situation changes. Changes will be posted on the website and made available in all forms of the bulletin. The quickest way to be made aware of these changes is to respond to the invitation to join Realm when it comes to your email. Realm is the new Parish database software. Information about Realm has been in the bulletin.

Still in effect:

- ❖ Dispensation of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect. In particular, **people who are sick, who are elderly, or who have risk factors are requested to use the dispensation and refrain from attending Mass.**
- ❖ No Sign of Peace exchanged.
- ❖ No Precious Blood offered.
- ❖ Parish gatherings should remain discontinued, including adult faith formation, Bible Study, Altar Society, PSR, etc.
- ❖ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume since there are so few people involved.

Changes in order to resume (must include social distancing and hygiene practices):

- ❖ People must stay 6 feet apart. Pews and main aisle will be marked.
- ❖ Worshipers are **strongly encouraged** to wear masks the entire time they are in the building (put it on before entering and remove after exiting) except for receiving Communion.
- ❖ Church doors will remain open before, during, and after the Mass to prevent everyone from touching the handles/surfaces.
- ❖ Ushers at each Mass will monitor the number of people present and guide people to proper seating locations. There will be limited seating capacity. If you arrive after capacity is reached, you will be asked to attend at a later time.
- ❖ Do NOT sit on the tape in the pew. The tape represents 6 foot spacing that must be maintained between persons. If there is a couple or family in a nearby pew, ushers may ask you to leave an empty pew between you and them. A family group may contain no more than 10 people per guidelines from the Bishop.
- ❖ People will be seated from the front of the church to the back to avoid passing by people who are already seated.

- ❖ At the end of Mass, people will exit from the back of the church first, again to avoid passing by people who are seated.
- ❖ Hand sanitizer will continue to be available in the vestibule.
- ❖ There will be other changes to various ministries. Ministry members will be made aware of their specific instructions.
- ❖ A container will be on a table in the main aisle near the back for parishioners to place their contribution.
- ❖ Gifts will not be brought up at Offertory.
- ❖ Father and Eucharistic Minister must use hand sanitizer before and after distributing Holy Communion. Father and Eucharistic Minister will wear a mask while distributing Holy Communion.
- ❖ Communion will be in the hand.
- ❖ Communicants will come forward single file lined up at 6-foot intervals in the center of the main aisle at Communion time and still go to either Father or the EHMC in order to keep things moving. (Father and EMHC will stand 6 feet apart.) Ushers will direct the Communion line until everyone learns the new procedure.
- ❖ Before people leave, we ask that each individual or family wipe down where they were sitting. Disinfectant spray will be available in each pew for this purpose. A waste container will be in the vestibule to discard used towels.
- ❖ Bulletins will be distributed by the ushers.
- ❖ Missalettes are removed from the pews to prevent multiple people from touching the same surface.
- ❖ Pews, cry room, restrooms, etc. need to be disinfected after each Mass.

Confession will resume at the normal time on Saturday from 4-4:30p.m. (and after the 5:00 p.m. Mass if requested). However, the location will change. Confession will be offered in the Parish Hall. This will allow ample space between Father and parishioners. Parishioners will wait in the hallway maintaining 6 feet between those waiting. Signs will be posted regarding where to wait, enter, and exit. Father will be in the dining room. A screen will be present so that you may choose to go anonymously or face-to-face.

Of course, Confession is still available by appointment any time.