

PARISH REOPENING EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Public weekend Masses are scheduled to resume the weekend of 13-14 June 2020; we will look into resuming daily Mass at a later date
- Anyone with a cough of any sort, and anyone feeling sick, should not come to church for any reason
- The Diocese of Rockford encourages those who are 65 years old or older, as well as those who have underlying health conditions, to remain at home during this time
- Bishop Malloy has continued the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass; with this dispensation, there is no sin for not fulfilling the obligation to attend Sunday Mass
- The number of people who can attend each particular Mass is limited (initially 10 people, but then more will be permitted)
- All those who attend Mass who are 2 years old or older are required to wear a face mask
- While at the church, social distancing of 6 feet must be maintained at all times by those who are not from the same immediate family

Before Mass

- Those who wish to attend Mass must sign up beforehand online
- Walk-ins are not permitted at this time
- You can sign up for Masses at this website: www.stmarypecatonica.org/mass-signup
- Do not congregate outside before Mass
- Please enter the building through the bell tower door (only those who need the elevator should enter through the elevator door)
- Elevator capacity is limited to 2 persons, unless a single family group is using it
- Please arrive 10-15 minutes prior to Mass
- Come up to the narthex, and a volunteer will meet you, check your names off the signup list, and then direct you to your seats (all seating is assigned by the volunteers)
- There can be no congregating of people within the church building

During Mass

- No altar servers will be used during Mass
- No Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be used during Mass; Father will be the only one distributing Communion
- At the Offertory, there will be no procession with the gifts of bread and wine
- There will be no collection taken up, but there will be a wooden collection box attached to the back pew on the left-hand side as you enter the church; as you enter the church, please deposit any offerings in this locked collection box
- At the Our Father, there is to be no holding of hands
- The Sign of Peace will be omitted
- One side of the church will come up for Communion at a time
- While coming up for Communion, social distancing must be maintained in the line (tape marks indicate where to stand)
- The Diocese has directed that Communion can only be received in the hand at this time

- Gloves cannot be worn when receiving Communion
- Take off your mask before receiving Communion
- When you are given Communion, step to the side, consume the Host, and then put your mask back on and return to your seat
- Wait for the communicant in front of you to move away before moving forward yourself
- If there is inadvertent contact between Father's hand and a communicant's hand, Father will stop distributing Communion, sanitize his hands, and then resume distributing
- Mass will conclude in the usual way, except that there will be no exit procession; Father will return directly to the sacristy

After Mass

- Father will not be able to greet people after Mass as he normally does
- Stay in your pew until the volunteers direct you to leave so as to maintain social distancing
- The volunteers will direct you to exit through the sanctuary, through the server sacristy, and out the back door of the church
- There can be no congregating after Mass, and please do not congregate outside after Mass
- Paper bulletins cannot be distributed at this time
- After each Mass, volunteers will sanitize the building

Confessions

- Confessions will be heard in the parish hall on Saturdays from 4:45-5:15 p.m. (Tuesday morning confessions will not be available at this time)
- The restrooms will be unavailable during confessions
- A mask must be worn for confession
- When it is your turn, enter the parish hall and close the door to the hall behind you
- Speak in a low voice or whisper so as to not be overheard
- After going to confession, you cannot go to the church to do your penance unless you have signed up for the 5:30 p.m. Mass; if you have not signed up for Mass, you must exit the building and do your penance at home
- When waiting for confessions, there are places marked in the anteroom to the parish hall for you to wait while maintaining social distancing of 6 feet
- When a penitent finishes confession and leaves, please wait while the penitent's chair is sanitized (this must be done after every penitent); once the chair has been sanitized, the next person in line for confessions may enter

Restrooms

- Restrooms will be available for use, as normal, except during the time allotted for hearing confessions (Saturday afternoons from 4:45-5:15 p.m.)
- Access to both the men's and women's restrooms is through the parish hall
- Restrooms are limited to 1 person at a time, unless it is a parent and child
- For those waiting, the floor in the parish hall is marked with 6-foot intervals in order to maintain social distancing; only use a chair if you absolutely need to sit while waiting