

Mass at St. Joseph and what to expect:

This is a new situation. We are trying to figure out the best way to serve and minister joyfully to our parish family. Please be patient with everyone as we try this plan this week. Realize that we will learn from it and things may be different next week.

The Church will seat 125 people (25% capacity).

All doors, pews and bathrooms will be disinfected prior to and after each Mass.

Please enter ONLY via main entrance of the Church (on 23rd Street). Please exit ONLY via side doors.

If you need assistance you may enter church via the side door, an usher will be available.

Everyone over the age of 2 yrs. is expected to wear a mask. Please don't forget your mask. We will have a limited number of masks available.

Please fill in pews from the outside-in. To maximize seating, please sit at the ends of the large pews. Do not start in the middle of the pews.

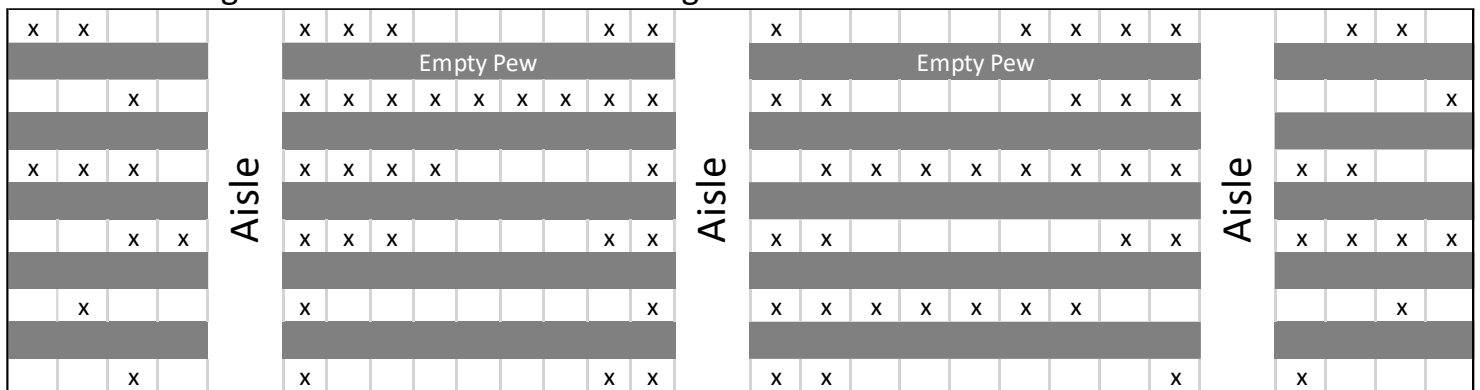
Seating in the Church is every other row:

Short pews - up to 4 people from the same household or a single person

Long pews – a) one large household per pew,

b) two small households at each end; no more than 5 people total

* The following is an EXAMPLE of how seating could look in the church:



We will not be using hymnals or the new missals. Bulletin and worship aid will be available as you enter the church – please recycle at the end of Mass.

Collection baskets will be in the front vestibule before Mass or ushers will have them as you exit. No collection will take place during Mass.

We are trying a couple of ways for Communion to see which works best: 1) you will stay kneeling & praying in your pew, Father will come in front of you to give Communion, or 2) Father will be in the center and give Communion to Mary's side then Joseph's side. In that second case, everyone in-line with your row (center and side) will enter the center aisle to

receive Communion as we normally do, then return to their pew via the side aisle. Be prepared for either. Father will give instructions.

You may receive either on the tongue or in the hand. We are taking precautions in this matter.

Ushers will release people by row to make physical distancing easier as we exit. Note that pews will be cleaned after each Mass, therefore, please exit the church as quickly as possible via the side vestibules.

Our Overflow Mass in the St. Joseph School Cafeteria:

The capacity of the cafeteria is 100 people. The cafeteria has been set up with 100 chairs, mostly in 1,2,3, or 4 groupings. Feel free to scoot chairs as needed to accommodate your family, keep in mind physical distancing.

Enter the cafeteria via the gymnasium doors, go into the cafeteria and find a seat!

All doors, chairs and bathrooms will be disinfected prior to and after each Mass.

Bulletins will be available as you exit the cafeteria.

We will have collection baskets as you enter the cafeteria and as you exit the cafeteria using both doors in the cafeteria. There will not be a collection taken during Mass.

Mass begins....

If you are a trained reader, please check in with Father to see if you are needed as a reader for the Mass. You would have to do the Psalm reading as well.

For Communion – Father will come to each person where they sit. Please stand as he approaches you.

Mass ends....

Please exit using the cafeteria doors (the ramp or the stairs).

Thank you for your help keeping everyone safe and secure in this difficult time. May God bless you.