

OLHC WORSHIP GUIDELINES DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

effective 5.27.2020 until further notice

These guidelines have been developed by the parish staff and parish council in consultation with Diocese of Cleveland, the State of Ohio guidelines, medical professionals, and the Medina County Health Commissioner. The guidelines reflect the parish leadership's best effort to take every reasonable step to provide the safest environment possible during this time of pandemic. As the guidelines from the diocese, state, and county change, so too will the parish guidelines. While total and absolute prevention of contracting the coronavirus is not a realistic expectation in social settings, the goal of these guidelines is to minimize the risk of spreading the virus given the confines of our worship sites.

General Mass/Worship Information

- **Maintain Social Distancing.** Please maintain a distance of approximately 6 feet between members of your household and those of another household. Blue tape will be on the floor to help guide a safe distance between you and others.
- **Chairs.**
 - Chairs at all sites will be socially distanced apart; ***please do not move the preconfigured chairs.***
 - Chairs will be grouped in configurations of 2s and 3s, if you need another chair for your household you may add chairs as necessary.
- **No chairs/seating in gathering area.** To maintain proper social distancing, we ask no one sit in the gathering area at any site unless asked to do so by an usher, greeter, or staff member.
- **Occupancy.** Max occupancy at each site will be 50% of normal capacity.
- **Liturgical Ministries**
 - **Mass Coordinators.** Volunteer only, contact Sandy Lynn if you can help.
 - **Eucharistic Ministers.** Schedules are suspended until further notice. If any EMHC is needed, the priest or Sandy will ask individuals in attendance at that particular Mass.
 - **Altar Servers.** Schedule suspended until further notice.
 - **Readers.** Volunteer only, contact Sandy Lynn if you can help.
 - **Ushers & Greeters.** Volunteer only, contact Sandy Lynn if you can help.
 - **Musicians.** Limited to 1 or 2 instrumentalists and 1 or 2 singers.
 - **Bread Bakers.** Ministry suspended until further notice.
- **Socials.** All parish socials are cancelled until further notice. We will revisit this every month or so.
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word.** Suspended until further notice.
- **Bulletin.** The bulletin will be available online and small quantity will be available at each site.



Preparing for Mass

Before coming to Mass, all parishioners are asked to prepare by taking the following steps.

- **Take your temperature.** Any parishioner that has a temperature of 100.4F or above is asked to refrain from attending Mass
- **Masks.** For the time being, all parishioners are to wear a mask or facial covering. The mask should be secure as possible, covering your nose and mouth. If you do not have one, masks will be provided at the entrance of each site. All parishioners should bring their own mask if possible. The priest, deacon, reader, and musicians have the option to remove their mask when necessary to perform ministerial functions.
- **Wash your hands.** Please wash your hands and use hand sanitizer as needed. Hand sanitizer will be provided at each entrance of every site.
- **Mass Coordinators.** Mass Coordinators will wear gloves and are the only ones who are to set-up for Mass.

During Mass

What to expect and do during Mass.

- **Hymnals.** Hymnals will not be in use until further notice. However, we will provide printed copies of the Readings and Hymns for each Mass. Recycling bins will be available for used worship aids.
- **Holy Water Fonts.** Holy Water fonts will not be available until further notice.
- **Eucharistic Bread.** Homemade Eucharistic bread will not be used until further notice.
- **Precious Blood.** The Precious Blood will not be distributed until further notice.
- **Mask/Face Covering.** Please keep face covering on except to receive the Eucharist.
- **Offertory.** There will be no offertory collection or procession. A basket in the worship area will be provided for your contributions.
- **Sign of Peace.** Please use an alternative gesture, no physical shaking of hands outside your own household.
- **Communion.**
 - Communion will only be distributed under the species of the Body of Christ.
 - The Communion procession line will be single file only.
 - Maintain Social Distancing when coming up for Communion.
 - The Precious Blood will not be offered until further notice.

Sanitizing

Every site will be sanitized after each Mass by doing the following:

- **Chairs.** All chairs will be wiped down with disinfectant
- **Touch points.** All touch points, i.e. door handles, faucets, kitchen counters, bathrooms, etc. will be sprayed and wiped with disinfectant.
- **Trash.** Trash will be removed from every site after every Mass.

