

**St. John Paul II, Carroll**  
**Annunciation Parish, Coon Rapids**  
**St. Joseph Parish, Dedham**  
**St. Mary Parish, Willey**

June 2020

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I hope and pray that these summer days are filled with some peace and relaxation for you. We are living in unusual times, and we are ready to return to some sense of the normal again. In this letter, I provide you with the details for the re-opening of our parishes. Of course, all of this is contingent on the metrics for COVID-19 continuing to decline. Please watch and listen for any updates (i.e., news reports, web pages, Facebook, parish bulletins by email, etc) that would bring a change to these plans.

I am happy to announce the following:

- Beginning on June 27-28, we will have the regular schedule of weekend masses! We are very grateful to be able to celebrate the Eucharistic liturgies with you once again. However, we must keep in mind the following protocols:
  - The obligation to attend Sunday mass is still dispensed for everyone. In particular, the elderly (age 65 and older) and more vulnerable/high risk parishioners are encouraged to remain at home.
  - People will only be allowed to sit in every third pew (other pews are marked off), and to maintain social distancing within each pew.
  - EVERYONE is required to wear a mask. If you do not have one, some will be available in the entrance of the church.
  - Hand sanitizer will be available at each entrance and should be used by each person as they enter the church.
  - Please do not gather and socialize, inside or outside, before or after the celebration of mass
  - There will be no missalettes, hymnals, worship aids, bulletins, or other papers handed out before or after mass.
  - Churches will not be unlocked until 30 minutes before mass.
  - There will be no celebration of confessions / reconciliation before mass. (This sacrament continues to be available by appointment.)
  - There will be no processional, presentation of gifts at offertory, nor recessional.
  - The collection will not be taken up during mass. Instead there will be baskets at each of the entrances.
  - There will be no altar servers.
  - There will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word.
  - Music will be kept to a minimum.
  - Communion will be distributed AFTER mass. People are strongly encouraged to receive in the hand. Once a person receives communion, they are to reverently leave the church.