



Holy Cross Parish
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Mandates from the COVID-19 Task Force and Bishop Walker Nickless

Nov. 12, 2020

- The Bishop and COVID Task Force (T.F.) MANDATE, due to the risk of heightened spread of COVID-19, that effective on Friday 11-20-2020 all-school program activity involving music/singing is to be done virtually with no live audience until further notice.
- As there is no clear line of authority to make a definitive decision as it applies to school sports the Bishop & T.F. highly RECOMMEND that all audiences for school sports events be virtual in nature until further notice.

There will be no change to the current attendance and scheduling protocols for the following:

- Weekend/Weekday Masses
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Weddings
- Funerals
- Adoration
- All Sacraments

MANDATE: All in-person parish group meetings/events (regardless of size) must go virtual effective 11-20-2020 until further notice.

Includes:

- Religious Education Programs
- Board & Leadership Meetings
- Meetings in General
- KC Meetings @ Parish Facilities
- Women's Guild
- Bible Study
- Adult Education
- RCIA
- Marriage Prep
- Baptism Prep
- Youth Groups
- Parish Facilities are closed to outside group meetings... Scouts, etc.

With distancing and masks, the following live events are approved

- Private Meetings with one or two people
- Drive Through Fund Raisers – Dinners, Sold Products, etc.
- No Funeral Dinners
- No Receptions or Parties
- No Facility Rentals
- ETC.
- **Exception for when schools use parish facilities for lunches, education venues, and more due to COVID Protocols

Mandate on Singing / Music during Liturgies: Effective 11-20-2020 until further notice

- The use of cantors is prohibited with the exception of Liturgies on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

- No Singing of Mass Parts
- Recorded Music is not allowed during liturgies
- No Congregational Singing
- Instrumental Music is allowed during Liturgies

Mandate: Effective 11-20-2020 until further notice

- All parish and Central Catholic Office staff are to wear their masks when they leave their personal work area and are to constantly wear their masks when working in a common workspace with other co-workers.

Important reminder:

Liturgy duration should not exceed 30 minutes when at all possible