

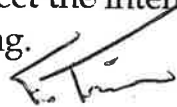
BOONE COUNTY CATHOLIC PARISHES

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May 18th, 2021

Staff, Parishioners and Visitors,

As of Monday evening, May 17th, Bishop Nickless sent the following update pertaining to the Coronavirus restrictions/guidelines. Our parishes in Boone Country will implement his directions immediately. In this regard, we desire to safeguard and respect the intentions of anyone taking precautions to for their health and wellbeing.



Diocese of Sioux City Updated Covid-19 Liturgical Protocols

With the new CDC recommendations (released 13 May 2021) and consultation with the diocesan task force forming the guiding principles, Bishop Nickless is promulgating the following liturgical protocols to be effective immediately. Pastors may implement these protocols as soon as they are able with the understanding that the necessary preparations may take several weeks.

Mass Obligation

Bishop Nickless is currently drafting a decree to reinstate the obligation to attend Mass on June 5-6, 2021, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

Facemasks are no longer required to be worn at liturgies, parish events, and in parish offices by those who have been fully vaccinated. Those who have been fully vaccinated and wish to continue wearing facemasks as a precaution may continue to do so.

Those who have not been fully vaccinated (age 2 and above) are strongly recommended to continue wearing a facemask at liturgies.

Staff who have been fully vaccinated are no longer required to wear facemasks in the office. However, it is strongly recommended that the general non-staff public and office receptionists both wear facemasks when greeting one another.