

## RESTRICTIONS FOR MASSES TO CONTINUE

The Church will be open beginning Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. We welcome everyone back to Mass and please ask anyone who attends to please follow the following restrictions. The faithful are still dispensed from Sunday Obligation until further notice.

For now, Mass will be as follows:

Saturday at 4:00 pm - St. Mary's – Shelby; Saturday at 6:00 pm St. Elizabeth;

Sunday at 8:30 am at IC and Sunday at 10:30 am at St. Elizabeth.

Weekday Masses will continue to be livestream only.

### Those who are sick or symptomatic should stay home!

- Those who are vulnerable individuals (65 and older or with underlying health conditions) should continue to shelter in place.
- Parents with infants, toddlers and small children should consider their vulnerability and consider not bringing them to Mass.
- Wash hands at home and use hand sanitizer upon entering the church (it is provided at the door).
- **Face masks are MANDATED** for all assembly members over the age of two. If you do not comply to wear a face mask, you will be asked to leave.
- You may enter the church ONLY through the front (center door) and either side of the front doors. The doors by the Mary and St. Joseph altars will be closed. This is to get everyone in and out of the same doors.
- Every other pew will be roped off so as to allow social distancing and ask that you not crowd into the pews. Please allow 6 feet of space between your family and another family.
- All hymnals and missalettes (and any other items) will be removed from the pews for the duration of the pandemic. The current missals will be available on tables at the sidewalks for you to take. You can bring it back and forth each week as your family's personal missal. Anything left in the pews will be thrown away after Mass (missals included).
- Exchanging the sign of peace should not involve physical contact and could include a bow, a wave, or a verbal greeting of peace.
- Ushers will be instructed NOT to shake hands.
- Distribution of the Precious Blood continues to be suspended.
- Distribution of Holy Communion will be in the hand only by the Priest. Distribution on the tongue is suspended.
- There will be NO Eucharistic Ministers until further notice.
- There will be NO altar servers needed until further notice.
- Only one proclaimer will be needed. (Proclaimers will receive an amended schedule.)
- Choir and Ensemble singing and practices are suspended until further notice.
- Everyone is asked not to stand and visit inside the church after Mass. Please be considerate of others coming and going.
- The ENTIRE church must be cleaned and disinfected immediately following every Mass. We will be asking people to help with this process.

**All of these measures are in place to protect everyone. We are following instructions from the Diocese and ask for your full cooperation until further notice.**

This pandemic (along with all the guidelines and restrictions) is difficult for everyone. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call the church office 662-624-5001.