



We Are a Church of Mercy
ST. JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Guidelines for attending Mass During the Pandemic Period

To prepare to attend:

- Bring a face covering cloth or mask; masks are required while in church
- You may wish to bring your own hand sanitizer to use before receiving Holy Communion.
- Maintain social distancing as much as possible between households.
- Livestreaming will be located at: www.sjcpenfield.com/video

When you arrive:

- Please see a staff member or hospitality member if you need assistance.
- Please sanitize your hands at a hand sanitizing station at the entrance.
- Rest rooms are located in both rooms to the left and right of the main entrance.
- Your guests will be assisted to a seat in church
- Programs will be placed in your pews
- We can pews reserved in front for your family- typically 3 pews or as many as you need.

During Mass:

- Generally, there will be no congregational singing; masks must always be worn.
- Those doing the readings will use the lectern to the right of the altar area/cantor podium
- Hospitality ministry will assist you at communion time
- After the priest says, 'The Body of Christ' and you say, 'Amen,' approach the priest, stopping an arm's length from him at the line shown with blue tape on floor. Once you have received Communion in your hand, walk away from the priest, lower your mask to receive the host, and return to your pew via the side aisle. The Eucharist will be offered in the form of the Body of Christ only. Please receive in your hand.
- You are not obligated to receive communion at Mass if you are not comfortable doing so. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, you can come forward in the communion procession, crossing your arms in front of you.