

Guidelines to Resume Public Masses
St. Mary's Parish, Winona MN
June 2020, COVID-19

We are pleased to announce, in accordance with Diocesan and State guidelines, that we will begin having public Mass in a limited way beginning Saturday, June 13, 2020. We are limiting the number of people who can participate to 25% capacity, or 50 people. Registration is required. Please carefully read our new protocols below. Thank you for your cooperation and patience.

General Directives

- Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation will continue until such a time that it is safe for all to return and at the direction of Bishop Quinn.
- This plan requires following strict guidelines for social distancing and sanitation as determined by our Diocese and the State of Minnesota.
- **Do not** come if you are feeling sick, have a fever or a cough.
- We strongly encourage those who are vulnerable not to attend Mass. This includes those over the age of 65, anyone with a compromised immune system, and individuals with underlying health conditions.
- All persons except small children will be required to wear proper face coverings. Wearing a face covering means one thing: it tells the other person(s) that you care about them and you want to mitigate any risk of contagion. Thirty percent of cases are with asymptomatic individuals.
- All are instructed not to engage in any physical touch, such as greeting each other.
- Social distancing of a minimum of 6 feet between people not living in the same household must be followed.
- Please observe all signs with safety practices and directions that are posted.
- Church space will be thoroughly sanitized before and after each Mass, including all entryways, doors, and the restrooms.
- To reduce the spread of the virus, parishioners are encouraged to attend Mass only at their parish.

Reservations

- Public Masses will be offered at the following times with limited capacity:
 - Saturday - 4:30pm (capacity: 50)
 - Sunday - 8:30am, 10:30am (capacity: 50)
 - Tuesday/Thursday - 5:15pm (capacity: 50)
 - Wednesday - 8:30am (capacity: 50)
- All will be required to register ahead of time for Mass.
 - Find our link for **SignUpGenius** in the Mail Chimp email you receive, on the parish website, or on our parish Facebook page.
- For those without internet access, call the Parish Office (507-452-5656) to sign up.
- The sign-up process will make it possible to undertake contact tracing if that should become necessary at any time.

Guidelines for Attendance

- Wash your hands before coming to Mass and try to be at the main church door at least 5 minutes before the Mass time.
- Use the restroom before coming to Mass. This will help minimize the use of our church restrooms.
- Please bring your own face covering to church. All those entering the church will be required to wear a face covering. The parish will have a limited supply available.

Entrance

- Enter through the main doors at the Broadway entrance only.
 - Handicap parishioners may use the Visitation Commons entrance.
- Use hand sanitizer when entering the church (provided).
- Follow signs, taped arrows, and other markings to observe social distancing.
- Allow the hospitality minister to seat you. **Do not** change seats once you have been seated. Family members will be allowed to sit together, others will be seated per social distancing guidelines.

During Mass

- All hymnals, prayer cards, and pamphlets have been removed. Music will be kept simple and familiar to minimize aerosolization (droplets are released when speaking and singing).
- Collection - you may place an offering in the EZ Toter at the back of the church or basket by the Commons entrance on your way in or out. During this time we highly recommend that all tithing be done online through our secure system. Thank you for your continued support during this time. Your generosity is very much appreciated.
- Sign of Peace will be omitted.
- **Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass:**
 - Move down the center aisle in single file, maintaining 6-feet of distance.
 - At front, use hand sanitizer before receiving Communion.
 - Holy Communion will be given in the hand only, not on the tongue. The Precious Blood will not be offered.
 - Remove face covering with one hand to consume, then replace your face covering after receiving Communion.
 - Exit immediately through the Visitation Commons doors without returning to pew.

After Mass

- Please do not congregate at any time, inside or outside. Maintain social distancing.
- Attendees are advised to wash their clothes following the service.
- There is still a risk of infection for anyone who attends a public Mass. The objective is to celebrate the liturgy with the sacredness it requires, in a clean and safe environment, and with “pious dispatch,” according to the Pastor, also known as “dignified quickness.”