



May 20, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

As you may have heard, beginning with the Sunday Masses of June 6, 2021 (including the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, June 5th), The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), Archbishop Schnurr is reinstating the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Mass for the faithful of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

We are excited to welcome back our entire parish family! By way of reminder, in addition to the 4:30pm Mass on Saturdays, Sunday morning Masses at St. Antoninus are at 9:00am and 11:15am. It is a particular privilege to be able to hear the Word of God proclaimed at Sunday Mass and, especially, to receive Jesus Christ, body and blood, soul and divinity in Holy Communion.

Also, we are extending a particular invitation for this Solemnity to the young people of our parish who, during this school year, received the sacrament of Confirmation or First Holy Communion. We invite them to wear the clothing they wore for the reception of the sacrament and, if they attend the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, to join in the procession with the Blessed Sacrament which will take place at the end of the 9:00am Mass. Flowers will be provided to those who join the procession.

Going forward, we will observe the following guidelines:

1. The wedge-shaped section of pews on the west side of the church (the Linneman Rd. side) will continue to be socially distanced, along with the greeting room.
2. In keeping with the Archdiocesan guideline of no physical contact between members of other households, we will continue to omit the Sign of Peace.
3. The use of hand sanitizer by the clergy and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion will continue. Masks will continue to be worn by the clergy/ministers during the Communion procession.
4. We will not resume the distribution of the Precious Blood except to those persons who are gluten-intolerant.
5. Should any guidelines need amending, we will notify everyone.

On behalf of the entire staff and faculty of St. Antoninus and the St. Antoninus Leadership Council we are very joyful to be gathered together as a parish family worshipping the Lord, Our God!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Ronald C. Haft, Pastor