

Sacred Worship Minutes July 1, 2020

Present by Zoom: Fr Steve, Michelle, Adam, Deb, Mary, and Kathy

Absent: Tom, Chet & Mary, Guy

In reading Bishop Callahan's July 1, 2020 letter to the clergy, we were surprised that he was further opening up liturgies when Wisconsin is seeing increased growth in our active Covid-19 cases and is considered to be in the High Risk category. The Bishop's 3 main items were, 1. giving permission for weekday, funerals, weddings, etc to be open to 25% capacity still continuing to follow all diocesan guidelines. 2. Parishes that wish to hold a festival or other event on their grounds should get the permission of their local authorities, and if granted again hold fast to all local and diocesan guidelines for groups gathering. As of this meeting Holy Spirit will NOT open up weekday masses. We are still working out how to keep everyone safe and we want to be sure we are doing things right. We also need to finish construction in the church and train help to sufficiently clean each day. 3. as of now the Bishop still has on his calendar ALL confirmation services for this Fall.

At the request of Julie Meadows and the 1st Communion families, we Discussed the following as a way for the students to move forward and celebrate their reception of Holy Communion.

1. 3 Sunday masses in August would each host 7 or 8 students, and attendance would be restricted to their immediate families as long as the total number present would remain in our 25% capacity limits.
2. All present would be required to wear a mask. Those who are not comfortable wearing a mask would be asked not to come.
3. There would be music by a cantor and accompanist in the choir loft, but no congregation singing.

4. Students would socially distance in the opening procession
5. Students would read an intercession from their pew
6. Students would socially distance in the gifts procession
7. Each student would receive the Blood of Christ from an individual cup.
8. How communion would actually be distributed would need further discussion with Fr Steve, Julie Meadows and the families. However the Sacred Worship committee recommends that we would follow what we are doing now which is Fr Steve moving and everyone staying in the pews.
9. Pictures after mass could be taken outside, again social distancing.
10. It would be possible to have a worship aid with the mass prayers and responses and pictures and info of the students included.
11. Each of these masses would be the livestream mass for the weekend and take place at 10:00am. We would invite those other parishioners who want to attend mass to come to the 8:00am mass those weekends.

Holy Spirit has received a request for us to figure out a way for at risk parishioners, who will not be attending the weekend mass, to receive communion. At this time, we came to the sad conclusion that we cannot offer communion to anyone outside of the 1 weekend mass we currently have. We realize the all of us are abstaining from many things during this time. We ask that everyone be patient as we try to figure out how to keep everyone safe.

The statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe is scheduled to be hung back where she was in church this week.

The SW committee recommend that the statue of St Stanislaus be placed in the Fremont street entrance and not left in the basement hallway of Kostka hall. Perhaps this move could coincide with the Feast of St Stanislaus this fall.

Fr Steve shared that our Faith formation team is planning a virtual Vacation Bible school for our students this summer.

Our next meeting will be July 8

Submitted by Mary Pionkowski