

Good morning

As we begin celebrating public Mass in our parishes this weekend (May 30th and 31st), we will follow the safety requirements set forth by the Minnesota Catholic Bishops. This is a reminder to please respect the following requirements if you plan to attend Mass:

- **All Catholics in the diocese of St. Cloud remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days until further notice. It is recommended that those who are most at risk of illness due to their age or underlying health conditions stay at home.**
- If you are feeling ill, please, please stay at home
- Please use the hand sanitizer when you enter and exit the church. We highly discourage social visiting before and after Mass in order to maintain the social distancing requirement.
- Please remain in your pew after Mass until an usher dismisses you.
- **We are allowed to fill 25% of our total seating capacity, that means, the number will be very limited.** Our pews will be marked following the physical distancing requirements of 6 feet. Please use only marked pews and sit at the end of the pews so people can be seated at each end. Our outdoor Holy Mass attendance are limited to 250 people who are properly socially distanced.
- You are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings. These must be removed before the reception of Holy Communion.
- Our bishop has asked that we receive Holy Communion in the hand.
- Holy water fonts will remain empty at this time.
- Missalettes will be removed and music will be limited at Masses; I am encouraging you to bring your own personal prayer books (Magnificat, This Day, etc.)
- Use online giving, mailing or place your contributions in the basket located in the gathering area or at the entrances of the church.

We will keep the same weekday (Tuesday at 7:00PM; Thursday at 8:30AM at Sacred Heart and Wednesday and Friday at 8:30AM at St. Lawrence) and weekend (Saturday at 4:00PM at Sacred Heart; Sunday at 8:30AM at Sacred Heart; 10:30AM at St. Lawrence and 4:00PM at St. Lawrence) Mass Schedules as we resume public Masses. Both the 10:30 AM and 4:00 PM Masses at St. Lawrence will be outdoors weather permitting with a limit of 250 people who are properly socially distanced.

We will also offer a special Mass on Mondays at 8:30AM at Sacred Heart beginning June 1st and Tuesdays at 8:30AM at St. Lawrence beginning June 2nd for **only those who are most at risk of illness due to their age or underlying health conditions.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 218 758 2888.

Saint Joseph, Most Obedient, Pray for us.

Fr. George