



Welcome Back to Church!

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has given permission for parishes to open weekend Masses and two weekday Masses to the congregation to attend in person. The Archdiocese outlined a set of directives designed to help limit potential virus exposure for our parishioners, and we at Sacred Heart have been making extensive preparations to be ready and compliant. Some things you know and recognize about Mass will change for now, and we want to provide you with information on what you can expect from us – and what will be asked of you. While we are excited for the day when we will all be together again, please remember that the Archbishop has extended the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation through September 6. The Archbishop is encouraging those over the age of 65, those with health conditions, and those anxious about the pandemic to consider staying home. We will continue to live-stream our Sunday Masses. Make the best decision for you and your family about whether to attend in person or virtually.

The Three P's of our Return to Church

Preparing to Welcome You Back

- To limit exposure as much as possible and promote proper social distancing, Fr. Ricardo and Deacon Larry may not be greeting people before or after Mass. Additionally, we will be discouraging people from gathering inside the building before or after.
- For Sacred Heart, the maximum number of attendees allowed at each Mass is 175, or 25 percent of our official capacity for weekend Masses. Weekday Masses are limited to 50 people.
- Before each weekend, we are asking everyone to register for Mass, either using the parish website or by calling the parish office. No need to register for weekday masses.
- For weekend Masses, if we are still under our maximum capacity, those who come to church without having registered will be allowed to attend.

Protecting Each Other

- If you do not feel well – and especially if you are experiencing fever or flu-like symptoms – please stay home and take care of yourself.
- As of August 1, following State law and Archdiocesan guidance, masks are required at all Masses, unless a medical condition prevents a person from wearing one. If possible, bring your own mask.
- We will not be using *missalettes* or distributing bulletins. Instead, all Mass content will be projected on the screens, and all bulletin content will be in our new weekly Newsletter, which we send by email. The bulletin is also accessible in the home page of our website.
- There will be no physical contact during the Sign of Peace between people who have not been quarantining together. We also will have no Presentation of the Gifts.
- We will select and assign ministers, ushers and other volunteers in advance of Mass.
- Between Masses, all pews, restrooms and other common areas will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at several different stations for attendees.
- We ask attendees to hold back their singing, and avoid it completely if they have a medical condition that prevents them from wearing a mask.

Preserving the Sanctity of the Eucharist

- Only Fr. Ricardo and Deacon Larry will distribute communion. We ask that attendees stay in their pews, and the minister will come to them.
- Communion will be distributed only on the hand, without exception; there will be no cup distribution.