

Dispensation from Sunday Mass Obligation

Extended Through September 6th

Dear Friends in Christ,

As our communities around our state gradually reopen, and as business owners are once again able to conduct commerce, our parish is preparing for a gradual return to Sunday Mass on Pentecost Weekend. We are excited to welcome you back to Mass! The Church is an essential component of civil society. Even though it will be difficult to get back to Mass, it is important that we make every effort to do so.

There are many thoughts, opinions, ideas and concerns regarding the pandemic and the most appropriate response to it, but we will be following the lead of our shepherd, Archbishop ListECKI. His plan is reasonable and prudent. Please see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gDdm4mTyrJI> for more information.

While many have a strong desire to return to Mass and to receive Holy Communion, I encourage all parishioners of advanced age or compromised health to strongly consider waiting until a later date to return. Please make a prudent decision for yourself and for our community.

Below you will find some helpful reminders. Please pay careful attention to them. Thank you for your generosity, steadfast support and kind cooperation.

1. The temporary Mass schedule is as follows:
 - Saturdays: 4:00 P.M.
6:00 P.M.
 - Sundays: 8:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M.
12:00 P.M.
4:00 P.M.
2. All Faithful in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee are dispensed from the obligation of attending Mass through July 5, 2020. Please carefully consider your own health situation before attending Mass.
3. **We ask all parishioners to park in the main parking lot and enter through the main church doors. The doors from the Upper Parking Lot and Courtyard entrances will be locked. This is to help monitor the capacity limits that must be in place.**
4. When entering the Church and finding a seat, please always observe the social distancing guidelines.
5. Consider bringing your own hand sanitizer and mask.
6. Do not come to Mass if you are experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms.

7. Please note that Mass will be simple and brief. The Archbishop has stressed that this is a gradual return to Sunday Mass. Things will not be as you are accustomed to. The important thing is our opportunity to return to our corporate worship of Almighty God and the opportunity to receive Holy Communion.
8. Following the conclusion of Mass please exit the church in an orderly fashion, maintaining social distancing. Since the church must be sanitized after each Mass, we ask that you do not linger in the church or Gathering Space.
9. Until further notice, Confessions will be heard at 3:30 P.M. in the Chapel.
10. Please continue to pray for an end to this pandemic!

Sincerely,

Rev. Aaron J. Esch