

Dispensation from Sunday Mass Obligation

Extended Through September 14th

Dear Friends in Christ,

As our world continues to deal with the novel Coronavirus the Church and our parish continues to make adjustments to adapt to current realities. There are many thoughts, opinions, ideas and concerns regarding the pandemic and the most appropriate response to it, but we continue to follow the lead of our shepherd, Archbishop Listecki in regards to the celebration of the Sacraments and the performance of our parish ministries. His plan is reasonable and prudent. Please see

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gDdm4mTyrJI> for more information. You may also view the Archdiocesan Catholic Comeback Matrix for the latest updates at https://www.archmil.org/ArchMil/attachments/CatholicComebackMatrix_v5.pdf

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.

2. All Faithful in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee are dispensed from the obligation of attending Mass through September 6th, 2020.
3. If you have any covid-19, cold, or flu-like symptoms or have been exposed to someone who has Covid-19, please do not attend Mass and worship with us on our livestream.
4. The State of Wisconsin has implemented a Mask Mandate. This means that all who attend Mass 5 years of age or older must wear a mask throughout the Mass except when receiving communion, proclaiming a reading, or leading the community in a song.
5. **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.**
6. When entering the Church and finding a seat, please always observe the social distancing guidelines.
7. Consider bringing your own hand sanitizer.

8. Please note that Mass will be simpler and briefer. 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.
9. 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.
10. Until further notice, Confessions will be heard at 5-6pm on Wednesdays and 3:00-4:00pm on Saturdays in the Chapel.
11. Please continue to pray for an end to this pandemic!

Sincerely,

Rev. Kevin McManaman