



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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My Dear Parish Family,

June 4, 2020

On Tuesday evening June 2<sup>nd</sup> we received the recommendations made by the Bishops of the Province of Illinois to re-open our Churches for Mass in light of the Governors directives. Our parish Re-opening Team met this past Wednesday, and in light of the directives we plan to Open for Mass the weekend of June 13/14. **What is expected of those who come to Church?** Included with this letter is a Parishioner Re-opening Guide that gives some very helpful tips. Please read this before you come because returning for Mass will not be the same.

Masses will be at the same time – 4 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. on Sunday. We will also have a Mass on Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. We ask that you come to only one of these Masses each week so it will allow others to attend **since we are opening with just 50 people at a time.** The dispensation from attending Mass is still in place. Yet we know that you are so desiring to come and receive the Eucharist.

**You are asked to call and let us know which Mass** you want to attend. Please call 282-3222 and leave a message on extension 4. We ask that you give us your name, phone number, how many will be coming, and which Mass you want to attend. If you don't call, you can't come. Reservations can be made Monday thru Wednesday for the Saturday, Sunday and the following Wednesday Masses. You will receive a confirmation text or call by Friday.

We do ask that you first come 30 minutes before each Mass. No Earlier, or you won't be able to get into Church. Work is also being done on the CRY ROOM and the REST ROOM, so that leaves no restroom on the main floor of Church.

As we have been doing, we will continue to have Mass each weekend on YouTube, so if you can't make a reservation, or the listing is filled, you can watch it there. You have been so wonderful in bringing or mailing your weekly contributions to us. Before you are seated, after you come into Church, you can place your envelope in the Offering box that will be located in front of the statue of St. John the Baptist (where the gift table stood).

If you would like to volunteer to help as a Greeter/Usher or to help with the sanitize/cleaning of the Church which must be done after every service, please call one of the Re-Open Committee members. They are Dave Young, Mike Doiron, Rosalie Heizer, Mark Scheffert, Robin Hentis, Kelly Donjon, Harold Siegfried, and Peg Masterson.

As you can see, coming back to Church will be quite different; from where you are seated to the distancing you are asked to follow. Above all we are asking for your **PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING.** We know you will work with us and help make coming back to Mass and the celebration of the Sacraments in our Church Home go as smoothly as possible. This is a learning process for all of us. Please check our parish website and the LED Marquee on the Parking lot for any changes that may come.

On behalf of the Re-opening Committee we say thank you for your care and love of our Parish Family. Looking forward to seeing you all in Church again. God Bless you!

Sincerely,  
Fr. Dennis & the  
Re-opening Committee



# BEFORE YOU ARRIVE



If you have a temp over 100° please Do NOT come to church.



STAY HOME IF YOU ARE ILL



MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A FACE COVERING TO BRING AND WEAR



Remember to make your reservation by calling 782-3222 \*4 (leave a message)

# WHEN YOU ARRIVE



Enter #Exit only at Locust Street doors



WAIT PATIENTLY TO BE CHECKED IN BY GREETER



KEEP YOU FACE COVERING OR MASK ON AT ALL TIMES EXCEPT FOR RECEIVING COMMUNION



SANITIZE YOUR HANDS AS DIRECTED BY GREETER



OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES (LOOK FOR MARKS ON THE FLOOR) 6FT



USHERS WILL DIRECT YOU TO PEWS WITH MARKINGS ON WHERE TO SIT. You will be sat from front to back. SINCE THERE WILL BE NO



PASSING OF BASKETS FOR YOUR OFFERING PLEASE LEAVE YOUR OFFERING IN THE BOXES PROVIDED AT THE ENTRANCE AND EXIT AREAS

# DURING THE SERVICE



\* NO SINGING

DO NOT CHANGE SEATS DURING A SERVICE



THERE WILL BE NO PASSING OF OFFERING BASKETS.



NO PHYSICAL SIGN OF PEACE WILL BE EXCHANGED DURING MASS



FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION:

- LEAVE YOUR SEAT ONLY WHEN DIRECTED BY USHER OR GREETER
- MAINTAIN 6 FEET SOCIAL DISTANCING IN THE COMMUNION LINE—LOOK FOR MARKS ON FLOOR

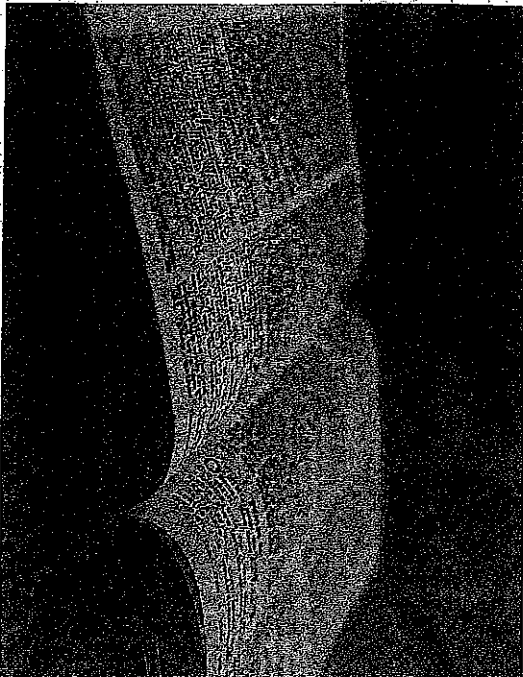
APPROACH THE PRIEST ONLY AFTER YOU ARE CALLED FORWARD. DO NOT REMOVE YOUR FACE COVERING.

EXTEND A SINGLE HAND TO RECEIVE THE HOST.

AFTER MOVING 6 FEET TO THE RIGHT OR LEFT, REMOVE YOUR MASK AND CONSUME THE HOST

REPLACE YOUR FACE COVERING OR MASK

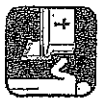
FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS TO RETURN TO YOUR PEW



# AFTER THE SERVICE



PLEASE TAKE ANY WORSHIP AIDS YOU MAY HAVE BROUGHT WITH YOU.



YOU WILL BE DISMISSED BY PEW OR SEATING AREA. FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE GREETER OR USHER.



USE ONLY THE DESIGNATED EXIT DOORS. (Locust street)



DO NOT CONGREGATE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH DOORS.



Continue to wear your face covering or mask until you are in your car



\* Mass Reservations \*

618-282-3222 ext 4

You can call Mon -

Wed to reserve your

spot. Please leave this

info. 1. Name

2. Phone #

3. Number of people

4. Mass day request

WHILE OUR PARISH STAFFS WILL ATTEMPT TO TAKE APPROPRIATE PRECAUTIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE ADVICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES, PARISHIONERS AND GUESTS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ASSUME THE RISK OF CONTRACTING COVID-19 ANYTIME THEY ENTER A PUBLIC SPACE SINCE SUCH PRECAUTIONS DO NOT ELIMINATE THE RISK OF INFECTION

## DIocese of BELLEVILLE



Mass Times

Sat @ 4pm

Sun @ 10AM

Wed @ 6:30 pm

\* Please Be Patient \*

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## TIPS FOR ALL WORSHIPERS

### WHAT TO EXPECT

\* Do Not arrive at mass more than 30mins prior.