

SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC MASSES AT ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISH, CARO & MAYVILLE, MI

Seating in the Church: Practicing *Social Distancing*, the church pews are marked with tape six feet apart, every other pew. Couples and families may sit together closer than six feet apart. But individuals, couples, and families must sit six feet apart from other people. If you come in the same car, sit together, if not then please sit apart.

- ❖ Sacred Heart church is marked out to hold 62 individual people and Mayville to hold 32 individual people. With families and couples sitting next to each other, this number could be higher but we cannot exceed 25% capacity of the Church. We will be counting people upon entering. Upon reaching our capacity, will close the church to anyone else attending that Mass.
- ❖ The church will be opened to the public 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass.
- ❖ No one will be allowed to attend the public Mass without properly worn face covering/mask, which means over one's nose and mouth. The face covering must be worn the entire time that you are in the church, except when one is receiving Holy Communion. You must bring your own face covering/mask. No face coverings/masks will be provided. Children age 2 and under are not required to wear a face covering/mask.
- ❖ All people will enter one entrance of the church, At Sacred Heart that will be the glass doors facing Frank St. If waiting in line to enter the church, you must maintain social distancing of 6 feet from other unrelated people waiting to enter.
- ❖ This usher/greeter will assist you in sanitizing your hands before entering the church by spraying sanitizer onto the back of your hands. Rub your hands together so as to sanitize both sides of your hands.
- ❖ Another greeter will give you a single sheet worship aid for Mass. After Mass, you must dispose of this worship aid in a designated container.
- ❖ People are allowed to bring in their own prayer books or missals, but remember to take them with you when you exit. All lost and found articles will be discarded.
- ❖ You are encouraged to participate in the Mass prayers and songs. Please do so in a regular voice tone with no projection of your voice. This is to restrict any vapor droplets from going beyond your face covering.
- ❖ No offertory collection will be taken up at Mass. On your way to communion there will be a basket located in front in which to deposit your Mass donation/offering when receiving communion and there will be a basket to place your worship aid.
- ❖ Restrooms will be open however, the cry room is not. A parent will be required to accompany a child to the restroom. Please sanitize your hands before and after leaving the restroom.
- ❖ Communion will be distributed AFTER Mass is finished. The priest will put on a mask, bring Holy Communion from the Tabernacle and stand at his appointed station in front of the congregation to distribute Communion. People should receive Communion in the hand. People will line up to receive Communion six feet apart from each other down the designated aisle, wearing their face covering. Upon being the next to receive Holy Communion, lower your face covering to expose your face. Approach the priest/minister to receive Holy Communion. Once you place Communion in your mouth, return your face covering over your face and proceed immediately out the door to your vehicle.
- ❖ No gathering for socializing should take place before or after Mass in the church.
- ❖ Please know that the church is thoroughly sanitized after every Mass and Liturgy.
- ❖ Please continue to view bulletins online as printed bulletins will not be available until a later date.