

May 27, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

St. Christopher Parish, under the direction of our Bishop, Robert Gruss, will be opening for public Masses after the Covid19 pandemic beginning June 13th/14th at our normally scheduled mass times although; obligation to attend mass remains lifted until August 30th. As we do so, it is extremely important to realize it is not a matter of picking up where we left off in regards to the celebration of Masses at any parish in the Diocese of Saginaw. We are still under the effects of the Covid19 pandemic for which at this time there is no treatment or vaccine. So it is important that you read the enclosed contents so as to know what to expect when coming to Mass at St. Christopher or any other parishes in our Diocese. Please keep them in a handy place for you to refer to them before coming to Mass.

It is important that you cooperate and follow the established protocols and guidelines when you attend Mass. These protocols and guidelines will remain in effect for now and into the foreseeable future before we can ever return to things as they were before the Covid19 outbreak. Please remember that we all have to be flexible as things adjust and change as we deal with the unpredictable effects of this virus. Please do not be upset if you are turned away as we are doing our best to follow the protocol established. Also, if you have a pre-existing condition or feel ill in any manner, please do not attend Mass in person, but continue to celebrate through the Diocese online.

In order for public Masses to resume in our parish, it is imperative that we have the necessary volunteers in place to help in providing the required sanitary environment. We have some trained volunteers ready to begin the weekend Masses for our start date of June 13th/14th. But we need more volunteers from our parish to step forward to help. It is not complicated. We will provide training and the needed items so as to accomplish the necessary tasks to welcome and direct people for Mass and assist in sanitizing our churches. As you know, the more volunteers that step forward, the less often any one person has to be scheduled to serve. If you are willing to assist us, please call the parish office so as to submit your name and phone number so that we may contact you to help us.

Thank you for your cooperation as we strive to move forward. Truly, your help makes the blessing of celebrating Mass possible for you and your fellow parishioners.

God bless you!

St. Christopher Parish