

Return to Church

To protect everyone's health and well-being, things are different from before the pandemic. Read on so you know what to expect and how we will keep each other safe.

A Note about Safety

There is a higher risk of getting COVID-19 at a public gathering. By coming to Mass you accept that higher risk. We are doing what we are told minimizes that added risk, but if you are in a more vulnerable group, consider staying home for now. All Catholics in the Archdiocese of Dubuque are still dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. We also live stream the 8:30 Mass on our YouTube channel.

A Need for Ministers

We can only provide Masses if we have volunteers to usher, distribute Eucharist, and most of all clean the pews afterward. Neither staff, committees, nor attendees should feel pressured to be in ministry beyond personal comfort level. We need willing, not forced ministers. If you want to help, please let us know by calling the Parish Office at 563-588-1433 or indicating when you sign up for Mass.

What to Expect

Face Masks

When you arrive at Mass, you will put on your face mask while still in your car. We are asking that everyone over the age of 2 wears a mask. If you forget yours, we do have a few in the main entrance.

Entering the Church

You'll get out of your car and come to the main entrance leaving a 6-foot space between you and anyone who's not part of your household. You'll sanitize your hands and come through the doors where a hospitality minister will show you to your seat down one-direction aisles. We need volunteers for seating people.

Seating

There will only be seating for approximately 90 individuals. There may be more as households may sit together. Remember to practice safe social distancing and keep a distance of at least 6 feet between you and anyone not in your household.

During Mass

We have very limited music as singing has been shown to spread the virus faster than speaking. There will be no collection, but you can leave your offering in a basket in the back of church. There will be no procession of gifts, holding hands at the Our Father, and no “physical” Sign of Peace except for those in your immediate household if you wish.

Communion

Please follow our Communion patterns that help facilitate social distancing. We ask that everyone receives the Eucharist in the hand. Place one hand on top of the other at shirt-pocket height. Curl the tips of your fingers slightly if at all to form a saucer. Because ministers can't make physical contact, they won't hand Communion to you, so please do not have your hands curled up. Communion from the cup remains suspended.

Leaving the Church

You will be dismissed after Mass by the hospitality ministers who brought you in. We will need volunteers to wipe down pews after each Mass to prepare for the next.

Thank You!

