

Mass Participation Guidelines

St. Jude the Apostle Parish

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Before Coming to Mass

-You must pre-register to attend Mass. To do so, please use Sign-Up Genius at www.stjudeparishwauwatosa.org It is necessary to pre-register so that we will have a complete listing of names for each Mass and correct reserved seating.

-Bring a face mask for every member of your household ages 5 and up, and please also bring your own hand sanitizer.

When You Arrive at Church

-We require that you wear a face mask during Mass.

-Entry into the church will only be available through the main front doors & the southwest carport doors.

-Please arrive 15-20 minutes before Mass begins to receive your pew assignment and be seated. Doors will open 30 minutes before Mass.

-The outside doors of the church will close and lock when people with reservations have been seated, and it is time for Mass to begin.

Procedure for Entry and Seating

-As you enter, it is important to observe social distancing. You may not congregate or socialize in the vestibule or church aisles.

-Safety Volunteers will check off your name and tell you your assigned section and pew number. Please refer to the seating chart included here.

-Collection baskets will be placed at the entrances, inviting your needed contributions either as you enter or while leaving church. There will not be a pew by pew collection taken during Mass.

-While waiting for Mass to begin, individuals who wish may light a votive candle while maintaining social distance (there will be blue tape markings on the floor). Please be mindful of others who may be waiting to light a candle. Envelopes may be placed in a collection basket at the entrances or dropped in the wall slot in the west vestibule.

During Mass

-Sung music will be limited. * No hymnals or worship aids will be used.

-At the Sign of Peace, no physical contact is allowed. Simply give a bow or hand gesture to people around you. Members of the same household may choose to share the sign of peace in whatever way they feel comfortable.

-Communion will only be ministered by a priest distributing the Sacred Host. Communion is to be received only in the hand. Communion may not be received on the tongue. At this time receiving from the cup is not allowed. One or two priests wearing a mask will walk among the congregation and come to each pew for distribution. Please cup one hand in the other so that Father can gently drop the host in your hand. If he touches a person's hand, he must then use hand sanitizer before ministering to the next person.

After the final blessing, you must remain in your pews. Safety Volunteers will dismiss the people, pew by pew, starting from the rear of church. This is to maintain social distancing and to avoid socializing.

-Socializing with people other than family members should only be done outside the church building while observing the social distancing rule. This is to avoid groups mingling in church and losing social distance.

-Bulletins will not be distributed. The weekly bulletin is available on the parish website (Monday morning) or mailed by request.

** A note from Crawford Wiley: Current studies indicate that group singing in enclosed spaces, even while wearing masks, poses too great a risk of virus transmission for us to sing as we normally would. Our care for the common good means that there will be less congregational singing for the time being.*