



THE COMMUNITY OF THE

Good Shepherd

A CATHOLIC PARISH

GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR ATTENDING MASS BEGINNING MONDAY, MAY 25, 2020

THE FAITHFUL ARE DISPENSED FROM MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

CHURCH CAPACITY

CAPACITY OF THE CHURCH AND THE COMMUNITY ROOM WITH RESTRICTION

- Church = 300 (Sign up in church before signing up for the Community Room.)
- Community Room = 100 (Mass live streamed from the church.)

Total for each Mass Time = 400

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. & SUNDAY AT 10:00 A.M.

Please sign up to attend **only ONE** weekend Mass when signing up.

- Mass will be **live streamed** to the **Community Room**.
- Masses will also be on our website.

MASS GUIDELINES AND CHANGES

Everyone must sign up to attend Mass with the seating limitations. You can sign up by visiting the home page of our parish website or calling the parish office at (513) 489-8815.

Everyone is encouraged to wear a mask to Mass.

You can **arrive a half hour prior to the scheduled start of the Mass**, but **no later than 10 minutes prior**. Please go directly to the church to allow everyone to enter safely and adhere to proper social distancing guidelines.

Entering & Exiting the Building:

- No cross traffic.
- **Entrances:** Door 1, the main entrance to the church, door 5 at the Weller Rd. entrance, and door 7 at the East Kemper Rd. entrance will be the only way in and out of the building. This will enable us to track the people who come in the church and give special direction.
- We will have volunteers available to open the doors.
- **Please do not congregate in the foyer areas.**

Seating at Mass in the Main Church and the Community Room

- Two seats will be between families/individuals.
- Rows will be skipped, so that there will be an empty row behind each row of individuals (rows not to be used will be roped off). We will ask that you fill in from the front of church to the back of the church. The **Community Room** seating will be arranged so that social distancing is met with 100 chairs.
- To maintain social distancing, there will be **no holding of hands at the Our Father, no Communion to the tongue, no holy water fonts, no Offertory Procession and no Sign of Peace.**

Children's Liturgy of the Word

- Children's Liturgy of the Word **will not take place**, as proper social distancing is not possible. Instead, we ask that you **view Children's Liturgy of the Word on our website prior to attending Mass.**

MASS GUIDELINES AND CHANGES (cont.)

Collection

- A collection **will not** take place during Mass, but we will have locked boxes clearly marked at the following entrances to the church: main entrance to the church, East Kemper Road and Weller Road as well as the depository box, which is located along the Outreach Wall by the parish office. You may make your donation before or after Mass.

Use of Hymnals & AV Presentation

- **NO Hymnals** will be used, we will use the screens in the church to project the responses and songs. We will have a special printed program for the Community Room.
- We **will not** have an AV presentation after Communion in order minimize the length of time individuals are in one space at a given time.

Communion

- We ask that proper social distancing be recognized during this time. We will start dismissing individuals to receive Communion from the **back sections** moving to the **front of the section**, in order to maintain proper social distancing with the help of volunteers and ushers.
- Two Eucharistic Ministers from the main church will go to the Community Room to distribute Communion.
- If you are at Mass and need to take Communion to someone in your family who is homebound, you will be invited to come forward in the main church after Communion (down the main aisle) to receive Communion to take in a pyx. For those who do not have a pyx, please stop by the parish office to get one. For sanitary reasons, we ask that you keep the pyx during this time in order to take Communion to someone who is homebound. Parishioners in the Community Room who need to take communion to those confined to their home, should proceed to the main church after they receive Communion.
- Communion for the sick and shut in **will be given** to you as in the past after people have received Communion down the main aisle (**while maintaining proper social distancing**)
 - **Note:** If a homebound individual requests Communion but is unable to receive from someone who has attended Mass, they may contact the parish office to make arrangements. To maintain our sanitization of our tabernacle, we ask that parishioners not go to the tabernacle to get Communion for the sick and shut in.
- We will have on the screens at Mass key social distancing guidelines for Mass.

Bulletins

- Bulletins **will NOT** be printed but **will be** on our website.

Hand Sanitizer

- Available for Eucharistic Ministers to use right before they distribute Communion.
 - Sanitizer will be on the credence table behind the altar for the presider, deacon, etc.
 - Sanitizer will be located at each of the entrances.
- All door handles will be sanitized between Masses.
- The church and Community Room will be sanitized between Masses, and the bathrooms will be sanitized between Masses as well.

Important Items to Note

- **Social distancing requirements will be strictly adhered to. Those who are unable to abide by our social distancing requirements will be asked to continue to watch Mass at home on our website.**
- If we should be notified that someone has tested positive for COVID-19, we will notify the community via all channels (email, website, Facebook and Robocall).