



## Guidelines for Returning to Mass - Phase II

Beginning June 14, 2020

*Public Masses with Moderate Limits on Public Gatherings  
and Moderate Social Distancing.*

### GENERAL GUIDELINES

- 1) The dispensation from the Sunday Obligation of the Mass remains in effect during Phase II. The faithful should use their best judgement as to whether or not to attend.
- 2) Those showing any symptoms of illness, even if not COVID related, in the spirit of Christian Charity, should remain home. All those at high risk for contracting the disease, such as those over age 65 or those with impaired immune systems should also stay safe at home.
- 3) Those who choose to come to Mass are asked to wear a mask and abide by social distancing and hand sanitizing protocols.

### LIMITING THE SIZE OF THE CONGREGATION AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

- 1) In the Diocese of Green Bay, churches are asked to restrict attendance to 25% of capacity. At St. Norbert College Parish, this means **110 people**. In order to regulate the size of the assembly, parishioners are asked to reserve a spot by registering each week through **Sign Up Genius**. A link will be provided through our weekly eBulletin system. When our maximum capacity is met, the sign up will be closed. Adjustments will be made on a weekly basis as needed.
- 2) A team of **ushers** will be on hand to assure that all are able to maintain a 6 foot social distance as they are seated in church. Members of the same household may sit next to one another, but there should always be at least three chairs between groups in each pew. Additionally, only every other pew will be utilized.
- 3) At the dismissal, the ushers will direct traffic to help people avoid congestion and maintain their 6 foot distance as they leave the church. Three exits will be used: 1) door behind the altar will exit under the bell tower, 2) the small door of church will exit to the north end of the atrium, and 3) the double doors of the church will exit to the south end of the atrium, out the doors to the Shrine of St. Joseph.

### SPECIFIC ALTERATIONS TO THE LITURGY

- 1) There will be no procession and presentation of gifts at the offertory. Instead, the offertory gifts will be placed near the altar before Mass.
- 2) No collection baskets will be passed during Mass. Instead, baskets will be placed near the doors of the church to collect sacrificial giving offered by the faithful as they enter or exit the church.
- 3) The exchange of a sign of peace will be omitted during the Mass.
- 4) Holy Communion will only be offered as the Body of Christ. The Precious Blood will not be offered to the faithful.

#### TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION:

- 1) There will only be two communion stations; one in front of the altar at the north end and one in front of the ambo on the south end of the church.
- 2) Ushers will direct the faithful one row at a time, section by section to enter the line for Communion.
- 3) Communion lines will be single file only
- 4) Exit your row as directed by an usher
- 5) While in line, observe marks on the floor to maintain 6 ft. distance
- 6) When it's your turn, stay on the last mark as you bow and Father says, "The Body of Christ". Step forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament in your hand. Step 6 feet to the side, lift your mask and consume the Host before returning to your seat.

#### OTHER SAFETY MEASURES

- 1) All attendees are asked to wear a mask. Some disposable masks will be available at church, but people are encouraged to wear personal cloth masks.
- 2) Temperatures will be taken, touch free, at the main entrance to the church. Those with temperatures > 100.4 degrees F will be asked to return home
- 3) Names will not be taken at the door, since we will already have the names of those attending through the Sign Up Genius registration in case contact tracing should become necessary.
- 4) Hand sanitizer will be provided near all doors to church.
- 5) The holy water font will remain empty
- 6) All worship aids and prayer cards have been removed from church.
- 7) In order to maintain social distancing, every other pew in church will be marked for no seating.
- 8) The floor in the center of church will be marked in 6 foot increments
- 9) Only one person at a time should use the restrooms.
- 10) Congregating to socialize before or after Mass is discouraged, both in the church and in the parking lot.

**NOTE- Please plan to come to church early to allow enough time for all to be seated before the start of Mass.**