

Guidelines for the Limited Reopening at St. Joseph, Edgerton and St. Mary, Milton Beginning September 26-27, 2020

- The weekend Mass schedule will be:
 - Saturdays:** 4:00 pm at St. Mary and 5:45 pm at St. Joseph
 - Sundays:** 8:30am at St. Mary and 10:30 am at St. Joseph
- The Live-streamed Masses will be: 4:00 pm Saturday at St. Mary and 5:45 pm Saturday at St. Joseph
- Those who are in an at-risk group (over 65, have lung or heart condition, etc.) are encouraged strongly to consider staying home and watching on tv or livestream.
- **Those who have had Covid-19 or its symptoms or have had contact with a person diagnosed with Covid-19 in the last 14 days should not enter the church.**
- The Madison Diocese directs that attendance in church will be limited to 50% capacity (300 at St. Joseph, 210 at St. Mary) with empty pews between occupied pews and people not in the same household keeping 6' apart. With distancing, we may not reach 50% capacity.
- Those who come first will be seated first. Ushers will direct the seating.
- If people come after we reach maximum attendance, which we don't expect will happen, they are encouraged to watch on screen at home or attend a weekday Mass.
- In the Madison Diocese, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been reinstated, with exceptions for those in an at-risk group.
- Weekday Masses will be public, and they will also be live-streamed.
- It has been a while since many of us received Communion. Please be reminded of the 1-hour fast and the importance of receiving only after confessing all grave sins.
- **There will be no congregational singing.** We will speak the Gloria, the Responsorial Psalm, the Alleluia, the Holy-Holy-Holy, the Memorial Acclamation, the Great Amen, and the Lamb of God. There will be a cantor and keyboardist who will sing some songs (opening, offertory, Communion, closing) so that we can listen.
- Communion will be only in the form of bread.
- There will be a special traffic pattern for Communion and dismissal which the priest will describe at the start of Mass. All worshipers should follow the direction of the ushers.
- Those who wish to receive Communion on the tongue should be at the end of line and receive from the priest.
- There will not be a procession of the bread and wine.
- **There will not be a sign of peace.**
- **All of us are encouraged to wear masks.** The priest will not wear a mask while he is in the sanctuary, but he will wear one while distributing Communion. Ushers will wear masks.
- Anyone who distributes Communion will hand sanitize immediately before distributing and wear a mask.
- **Gloves are not to be worn by those receiving Communion.**
- There will be hand sanitizer at several places in church which people may use at any time.
- Anyone who sets up items before Mass (books used by readers, Communion vessels, etc.) will have washed or sanitized hands.
- There will be three stationary collection baskets at St. Mary. Ushers will conduct the collection using long-pole baskets at St. Joseph.
- **There will not be missalettes.** You are encouraged to read the readings before Mass at home.
- The scripture citations are printed every week on the last page of the bulletin.