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## **Policies and procedures for the return to Public Mass**

**These practices are recommended by the CDC and the Archdiocese. They have been reviewed by the Liturgy Committee for the safety and security of each person; but more so for the good health of the community as we come to celebrate Mass together.**

### **PRE-MASS—AT HOME**

1. If you are suffering from COVID19 [or anyone in your household], we ask you not to attend. Please watch the Mass stream on Sunday at 10:15.
2. We strongly encourage those over 65 and those who are especially vulnerable not to attend. Again, please watch at 10:15 on Sunday.
3. A mask or face covering is required for anyone older than two.
4. Please use the bathroom in your own home before you come.

### **PRE-MASS—AT CHURCH**

5. Please be conscious of physical distancing—6-foot minimum
6. Please bring your own hand sanitizer
7. We ask everyone to use the main doors.
8. Please do not arrive earlier than 15 minutes prior to Mass. You will have to stay in your car if the doors are not yet open.
9. We ask those attending to take seats beginning at the front.

***Saint Matthew's exists in the world as a visible expression of God's love.***  
*Saint Matt's is the Good Samaritan on the banks of the Mississippi*

## **WHAT YOU WILL FIND**

1. There will be no holy water in the fonts; there will be no hymnals nor missalettes; bulletins will be available only after Mass.
2. There will be no congregational singing; there will be a keyboard and cantor.
3. Collection baskets will be near the entrance; please use them as you enter or leave.
4. All fabric chairs will have been removed, including the black ones with arms.
5. Rows of chairs will be spaced 6 feet apart.
6. In each row, leave 2 chairs empty between those of different households.

## **RECEPTION OF COMMUNION**

7. There will not be communion from the cup; communion will be distributed in the hand [not the mouth].
8. It will be good if you use hand sanitizer before you come forward.
9. Keep your mask on and keep a 6-foot distance as you come to receive.
10. Please come forward in one line in the middle of the aisle.
11. Please keep your hands open and flat so that the minister may put the host into your open hand without touching your hand.
12. Step to the side; move your mask so you can put the host in your mouth; replace your mask and return to your seat.

## **POST-MASS**

13. Please follow the directions of the ushers; dismissal will begin from the back rows.
14. Take a bulletin if you wish; they will be available on a table, not handed out.
15. Do not congregate in the back of church; go immediately outside.