

Holy Family Parish

Returning to Mass: Healthy and Hospitable

The Catholic faithful who reside in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and all other Catholics in the archdiocese continue to be dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass. Thus, those who wish to participate in Mass and receive Holy Communion can do so by attending any Mass any day of the week. Those who are at risk or concerned that they or their family might become sick or infect others are encouraged to stay home and join the Church by viewing live-streamed Masses. Arrangements for Holy Communion for those unable to attend Mass can be made by contacting the Parish Office.

Holy Family will begin public worship on Wednesday, May 27th at a new bilingual 7 p.m. Mass. Public Masses will be celebrated at 4:00 pm on Saturdays; 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (bilingual) on Sundays, 7:00 p.m. (bilingual) on Wednesdays, and 8:30 a.m. on Fridays. Confessions will be heard in the Cry room from 3 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

With the resumption of public Masses, we want to make sure everyone at Holy Family remains healthy. We also want to ensure everyone feels welcome and safe in our “new” normal

How You Can Help

- Everyone is asked to wear a face mask while they are in church. A limited number of masks will be available for those who need one.
- Please maintain a safe distance of at least six feet from other parishioners. Families, and those living in the same household, do not need to maintain the six-foot distance.
- Liturgical Ministers are asked to sign up at the podium in the back of church.
- No missalettes will be kept in the pews. You may take a missalette to keep at home and bring with you each week.
- Please sit in designated areas. This spacing is intended to create safe distances. Those who live in the same household may sit together.
- Please place your offertory gift (collection envelope) in the designated collection baskets as you enter the church.
- No physical contact at the Our Father or the sign of peace, except for those in the same household.
- Please maintain a safe distance between each other as you come forward for communion. Families may all come forward at once. Please receive Holy Communion in your hand. The Precious Blood will not be distributed from the chalice.
- Please make sure if you or your child uses the bathroom, you wipe the surfaces you have touched down with a sanitizing wipe or spray with sanitizing spray.

What You Will Notice Has Changed

- The number of worshipers will be limited to 50% of the posted capacity of the church.
- The cry room and museum room will be closed.
- There will be no holy water in the fonts inside the church.
- Hymnals and song books will not be used. You may take one home with you and bring it back each week.
- The number of liturgical ministers (Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Music Ministers (choir) and Servers) will be limited.

- The hosts will be set out on plates and placed on the altar prior to the beginning of Mass. The chalice will also be placed on altar prior to Mass. There will be no offertory procession.
- Extraordinary ministers will wear a face mask as they distribute communion and use hand sanitizer prior to and after the distribution of communion.

What You Might Not See

- After Mass all pews will be washed and disinfected.
- Any books or items left in the pews will be either disposed of or put in the Museum Room for you to pick up next week.
- The bathrooms will be disinfected after each Mass.