



# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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To our St. Francis Xavier Parish family:

First, thank you all for your patience and prayers as we work through how to safely open our parish for public Masses again. To date we can have **50** people at any one Mass (we are hoping and praying that this will change soon). We will resume public Masses June 13 & 14. We are introducing a sign up system and will review detailed safety measures. This information will be shared on the website, Facebook, group email and this letter.

We would also like to remind everyone that we are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass until further notice. If you are uncomfortable with attending any group gathering or have a preexisting medical condition that would make you more susceptible; or are ill or have any symptoms of covid19; please stay home and take care of yourself. You will still be able to view weekend Mass on our Facebook page or through the link on our website under events.

## **SIGN UP**

(Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> 4:30 / Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> 8:30 & 10:45)

The link will be posted on the website under events, posted on Facebook and sent via email.

**If you cannot sign up online, please call Roxanne Taylor at (315) 575-0806.**

Please sign up for Mass by 5pm Thursday or Friday at the latest as we need a record of who will be attending what Mass. If someone has not signed up or called in, they will not be allowed to attend that Mass. Due to the current limited spaces, please sign up for only 1 weekend Mass and allow others the opportunity to attend Mass. Also, we are having sign up for weekday Masses, Tuesdays at 6:00 pm and Thursdays at 6:45 am.

## **SAFETY MEASURES**

1. Sign up is required to keep the number at 50 and to collect contact information in case someone in attendance has/or comes down with Covid19.
2. Proper social distancing - There will be people at each Mass for helping insure proper social distancing except for weekday Masses so use discretion at those Masses.
3. Hand sanitization - There are automatic hand sanitizers as you enter. Also, feel free to bring your own hand sanitizer from home. One release from the machine is enough sanitizer to cover your hands.
4. Mask wearing is necessary for ALL over the age of 2 years.

5. When you receive Communion, you will be directed to maintain social distancing. Keep your mask on until you are ready to receive Communion.
6. There will be one entrance (the parking lot door) and one exit (the front door of the Church).
7. There is to be no social gathering before or after Mass in the Church, Church parking lot on any Church property.
8. There will be signs posted to help people.
9. There will be no passing of the collection basket; I ask that you place your contribution in the basket provided (we are in the process of getting permanent fixtures for this); also you may still drop off your donation through the mail slot in the Rectory or send it by mail or use the electronic/bank means some of you already have.

We know that all of this seems odd, even strange, but this is what we must do so that we can begin to re-open our Church for public Masses and keep everyone safe. We also want to extend our sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the Liturgy Committee and others who have worked to help put all these required plans into place.

Please continue to pray for an end to this pandemic, and for this parish.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the Rectory before 6 PM at (315) 673-2531.

God bless,  
Fr. Dan and Deacon John