

- Keep at least two pews between you and the person in front of you while in line and when returning to your seat.
- As you approach the minister of Holy Communion, make your reverence, receive the host into your hand, then step to the side, remove your mask, consume the Eucharist, and replace your mask.
- The faithful are asked to receive Holy Communion in the hand at this time.

### After Mass

- Please exit the church in a reverent and orderly way, keeping adequate distance from others as you do.
- We have a team of volunteers who will be cleaning and sanitizing the church after the weekend Masses. Please be considerate of their hard work by taking everything you brought into church back out with you.
- Proceed directly to your car. Please do not congregate or socialize. Masks should remain on until you are at your car.

*Mother of Divine Providence has been following the guidelines from the CDC for sanitation throughout this pandemic and will continue to be vigilant. We want to "worship God first, above all things," and are committed to ensuring that we can do so safely. Your cooperation is necessary to make that happen. Thank you.*

### CURRENT SCHEDULE

#### **Masses**

Saturday: 4:00 pm Vigil

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am

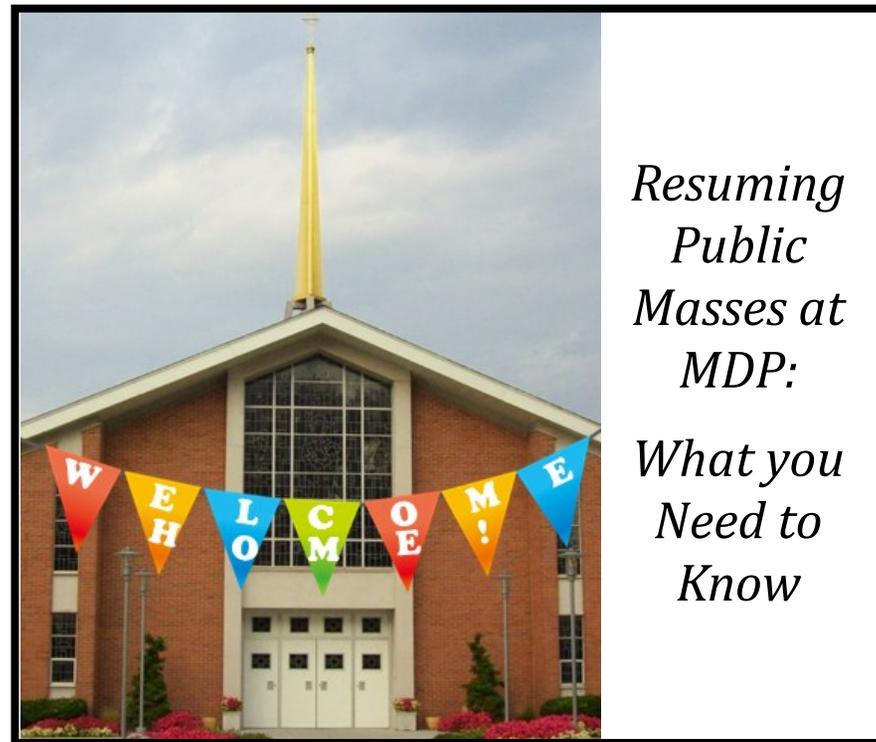
Monday – Saturday: 8:00 am

#### **Confessions**

Saturday: 3:00 – 3:45 pm

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesdays after Mass until 7:00pm



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### **KEY POINTS:**

If you are sick, **stay home!**

You must wear a mask to Mass.

Follow all posted and spoken directions.

Maintain social distance.



*We are so excited to welcome you back to in-person celebrations of the Mass, and you're likely just as excited to be able to come back! All of us must do our part, however, to ensure that our return to Mass is safe, orderly, and reverent for everyone. We are counting on your cooperation in following the guidelines and instructions in this book, as well all the other instructions that will be given by the priests, by volunteers, or on signs posted on the property. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.*

## Reminders

- The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains dispensed. **You are not required to attend Mass.**
- **Please stay home if you are sick and/or at higher risk due to underlying health conditions.** Consult your doctor and check the CDC guidelines at <https://bit.ly/37m6ZLX>

## Before Coming to Church

- Thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water.
- Remember your face mask. **Everyone is required to wear a face mask in the church**, except for children under two and the liturgical ministers. Sorry, but we will *not* have masks available to give out or to sell if you forget yours.
- There are no missalettes or hymnals in church. You may bring your own missal or copy of the readings with you.
- Arrive early! Plan to be seated 15 minutes before Mass begins.

## Arrival, Entry, and Seating

### *Saturday Evening and Sunday Masses*

- Only the main entrance will be open. (Someone will be available at the accessible entrance to let in those who park in the handicapped spaces along the exit driveway.) Please be patient and stay properly spaced from others as the entry and seating process may take a while.
- An escort from the Knights of Columbus will greet you, dispense hand sanitizer for you, and show you to the next available seat. Members of the same household may sit together. We have devised a seating plan that allows us to maximize space and keep people adequately separated.
- If you are gluten-free, alert the Knight escorting you, who will ensure arrangements are made. You will be given further instructions for receiving Holy Communion.



## *Weekday Masses*

- Because attendance at weekday Masses is generally low, seating will be self-service. The main doors, the doors to the vestibule on the parking lot side, and the accessible entrance will be unlocked. When you enter the church, please use the hand sanitizer, located near the entrances. (Note, the dispenser works by a foot pump.)
- Near the entrances will be a table with polished rocks. These will be used to mark locations where people have been seated. Take a rock, and leave it in the place where you sat after you leave. This signals to others that someone has sat there and lets our cleaning crews know which areas of the pews to target.
- **Important: sit in every other pew, and keep at least six feet between you and your neighbor.**



## During Mass

- Keep your mask on, except for the moment you receive Holy Communion.
- Singing will be limited.
- The collection will be taken, but the gifts will not be presented in procession.
- The exchange of the Sign of Peace and the distribution of the Precious Blood remains suspended. As is the norm, there should be no hand-holding during the Our Father.

## Holy Communion

- The flow for receiving Holy Communion will be opposite what we are used to, going up the side aisles and back via the center aisle. A minister of Holy Communion will still bring Holy Communion to the handicapped in their pews.
- At Sunday Masses, members of the Knights of Columbus will help direct the Communion procession and dispense hand sanitizer to those going up to receive.