

Resumption of Public Masses at St. Irenaeus **Begins Pentecost Sunday May 30 and 31**

Archbishop Vigneron recently announced that public Masses will resume across the Archdiocese in some manner by the end of May. Guidelines were issued to assist parishes in maintaining sound health precautions counseled by health and government officials. The Archbishop also announced that all the faithful in Archdiocese of Detroit are dispensed from their Sunday obligation to attend Mass through Sunday, September 6, 2020.

Below is information regarding the resumption of public Masses at St. Irenaeus keeping in mind that your health and safety is of paramount importance. We are striving to proceed in a safe, deliberate, and prudent manner allowing for sanitizing of church spaces after each public Mass. Your patience and understanding is most appreciated as we navigate through these uncharted waters.

Temporary Mass Schedule

- Weekend Masses will resume on Saturday, May 30th at 5 pm and Sunday, May 31st at 9:45 am.
- Attendance at these Masses will be limited to 100-125 individuals to facilitate social distancing.
- If you wish to attend these Masses, you must sign up on our website (or call office if you do not have access to the internet). Further information will be provided via our parish email and social media.
- As part of the signup process, there will be different time slots to arrive to promote social distancing.
- Safety requirements must be followed if you attend Masses. **Masks are REQUIRED to be worn!!!**
- Sunday Mass will continue to be broadcast on our website. The daily Mass schedule is TBD.

Partial List of Safety Precautions

- Anyone who is ill or has a temperature or cough must stay at home. Those with a compromised health condition are encouraged to stay at home. Individuals age 65 and older should consider CDC guidance and use their best judgment on whether to attend Mass.
- Individuals are asked to wash or sanitize their hands before entering church.
- Cloth Face Coverings (masks) that cover the mouth and nose must be worn at all times by everyone approaching church and inside church (except children age 2 or less).
- Social distancing must be followed at all times. You will see markers outside of church as you enter, in the aisles, and in the pews to maintain 6-foot distance.
- Alternating pews will be blocked off for seating. Ushers will guide and assist you to your seat.
- Hymnals will be removed from all pews. Congregational singing will be kept to a minimum.
- New procedures for distribution of Holy Communion will be explained separately and at Mass.
- A central collection basket will replace the person-to-person passing of baskets.
- The church will be thoroughly cleaned after each Mass.

“The Mass you may attend in the weeks ahead will look and feel quite different from the Mass you remember from two months ago. It will be imperative for all of us – pastors, parish staff, volunteers and all the faithful – to work together during these times. The pandemic is not over and safety precautions must be followed in order to promote the continued health and safety of everyone in our community.” (Archbishop Vigneron)