

A LETTER TO OUR PARISHIONERS REGARDING OPENING OF OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH FOR MASS>

Good afternoon everyone,

We are happy to announce that we will be able to celebrate our first Mass together next weekend, Pentecost Sunday, beginning Saturday, May 30th at 4:30P and Sunday, May 31st at 8:00A, 10:30A and 5:30P.

This weekend's Mass will be live streamed at 10A. Tune into our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/OLA-Marshfield-Family-Faith-Formation-8628569737637>

The church will be closed from Saturday, May 23rd until we open for Mass on Saturday, May 30th to ensure any and all germs in the church are gone before we open. We want to open as safely as possible to hopefully never close our doors again!

In order to ensure everyone's safety, we need to ensure each of us follows the protocols listed below established by the Governor and the Cardinal. The Archdiocese has put together the a video that can be viewed at the following link: <https://youtu.be/vLkFzkV9UjM> . The video will help explain the reception of the Body of Christ.

Mass Attendance

- Seating in the church will be limited based upon building capacity and social distancing requirement.
- Overflow seating will be available in the parish hall.
- Designated entry through the front door.
- We ask all parishioners to take their temperature 1 hour before attending public Mass.
- Parishioners at risk because of underlying health issues or who are 60 years of age or older are encouraged to celebrate Mass at home to avoid health risks in attending public Mass.
- Mass will be live streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/OLA-Marshfield-Family-Faith-Formation-8628569737637>
- Hand sanitizer will be available at each Mass but we encourage you to bring a small bottle from home.
- No gatherings before or after Mass.
- **Please remember that the Cardinal has extended the dispensation from attending Mass until further notice if you are uncomfortable attending public Mass.**

Masks

- The faithful are obliged to wear protective face covering in church.
- All parishioners must wear a mask with the exception of those under 2 and people with compromised health issues while wearing a mask. For children between the ages of 2 and 5, wearing a mask is at the discretion of their parents.
Please bring your masks from home.
- There is no admittance without a mask.

During Mass

- Families will sit at least 6 feet away from other families to ensure social distancing.
- Please sit at least 4 feet from the aisle at the end of the pew to allow social distancing during communion.
- Hymnals, missalettes, and bulletins have been removed.
- You may bring your own missal or other worship aid.
- Procession of the gifts has been suspended until further notice.
- There will be no singing.

Communion

- Full instruction will be given at the beginning of Mass to ensure social distancing guidelines are followed.
- Form a single line as you approach the sanctuary and maintain a distance of 6 feet from the person in front of you.
- Follow the markers on the floor.
- Reception of the host will be in your hand as opposed to your tongue.
- After receiving the host, step forward to the next marker to lift your mask and consume the host.

After Mass

- After the final blessing, pews will be dismissed one at a time so we do not compromise social distancing protocols.
- Please exit the church and go directly to your cars. Unfortunately this is not a time for us to congregate with our fellow parishioners.
- Collection baskets will be at the church exits for offertory contributions. Please consider online giving whether or not you plan on attending Mass in person. It is the safest, cleanest, and most efficient way to support OLA! You can use the following link and then create a new account: <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4286>

We are happy that we are able to once again celebrate our Masses together. We all have some adjusting to do in order to come together safely. Together we can do this to make our community worship a meaningful experience despite these changes. Just remember – Jesus knows who’s behind the masks!!

If you have not had an opportunity to reach out and let the office know that you can help at Mass, please do so as soon as possible. Please call the office at 781-834-6252.