

Friday of the Second Week of Advent

As much as I hate to say it, please stay home from Mass this Christmas Eve and Day and consider watching Christmas Mass on our You Tube channel as of now we plan to stream all Christmas Eve and Day Masses.

It is dangerous to be out and about for any reason and gathering at Christmas with strangers even in church with all of the policies to keep us safe in place does not make anyone immune to the Coronavirus.

Please know that we are going to do the best that we can to accommodate your wishes to attend Christmas Mass and we will celebrate additional Masses that week after Christmas so that you can attend Mass during the Christmas Season because we have to observe all of the protocols in place in order to take care of ourselves and one another.

That being said, we will begin calling next week to confirm reservations and attendance at any Mass Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

ATTENDANCE IS BY PRE-CONFIRMED INVITATION/RESERVATION ONLY.

NO WALK UPS CAN BE ADMITTED

NO LATE ARRIVALS WILL BE ADMITTED

ALL PERSONS SHARING A RESERVATION MUST BE PRESENT TO BE SEATED AND ALL PERSONS MUST BE WEARING A MASK NOT A SHIELD THAT COVERS BOTH MOUTH AND NOSE AT ALL TIMES BEFORE, DURING, AND UPON LEAVING EXCEPT WHEN HOLY COMMUNION IS CONSUMED

YOU MUST SANITIZE YOUR HANDS UPON ENTERING AND MAINTAIN AT LEAST 6 FEET DISTANCE FROM EVERYONE THAT DOES NOT LIVE IN YOUR HOUSE

THE DOORS WILL BE SHUT WHEN CAPACITY HAS BEEN REACHED OR MASS HAS BEGUN

OUR CAPACITY LIMIT IS ABOUT 100 ACCORDING TO THE MATH OF THE DIOCESEAN FORMULA WHICH FOLLOWED THE CDC GUIDELINES

That being said, we will NOT be able to confirm reservations for most of the people who indicated that they would only attend the 4PM Mass on Christmas Eve, that Mass was available to our First Communion and Confirmation families first before the general mailing went out.

We had considered offering additional Masses in the Casa Maria building but the ability to maintain safety and sanitation protocols would be compromised as they would with the drive-up Mass/Holy Communion in the parking lot ideas.

Remember, it is the safety of all that we have to consider including the safety of the parish staff.

As of now, only individuals living in the same household will be considered for a reservation to minimize the risk of spreading contagion. When called we will ask you to consent to that in order to be considered for a reservation as it is consistent with the State of Indiana's and the CDC policies.

The church will be sanitized between each Mass so we will not begin seating people any earlier than 30 minutes before the scheduled time for Mass and, again, ALL parties in a reservation MUST be present to be seated and using the lavatories in church because they cannot be sanitized between use is discouraged so please consider that in accepting an invitation/reservation.