



A Guide to Returning to Parish Operations and Ministry

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EVENT OR INITIATIVE	CURRENT GUIDELINES
PARISH & SCHOOL OPERATIONS	
PRAYER & SACRAMENTS	
Sunday and Daily Mass	Yes, with attendance limited by your ability to effectively maintain social distancing in relation to church capacity. Strict adherence and vigilance with cleaning and sanitizing protocols.
Wearing of Face Coverings	Best practice - and the expectation - is to wear a face covering, not only for personal protection but to be respectful of others. Priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should wear face coverings when distributing Communion.
Reception of Communion	Reception of Communion is recommended in the hand only. Reception on the tongue is allowed in SPECIAL circumstances, under the priest/deacon/parish director's discretion. If reception on the tongue is allowed, it should be done AFTER those who have received in the hand. One designated distributor is preferred. Alternating distribution between hand and tongue is not allowed. If the number receiving on the tongue is small (less than 5 individuals), distribution could take place after Mass, in the sacristy or other appropriate area.
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Yes, Eucharistic Ministers may be used to distribute Communion, following the same Guidelines for Clergy.
Choir/Singing	One cantor is allowed, but no singing choirs, and communal singing should be minimized. Bell choirs are allowed with social-distancing and no shared bells.
Music	Musicians should wear face coverings and social distance. No wind or brass instruments.

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First Communion Celebrations	Yes, with attendance limited by your ability to effectively maintain social distancing in relation to church capacity. Strict adherence and vigilance with cleaning and sanitizing protocols.
Youth Confirmation	Yes, with attendance limited by your ability to effectively maintain social distancing in relation to church capacity, following the Archbishop's Mass Directives. Strict adherence and vigilance with cleaning and sanitizing protocols.
Adult Confirmation	May 23, 2021, Pentecost Sunday at the Cathedral
Weddings	Yes, with attendance limited by your ability to effectively maintain social distancing in relation to church capacity, following the Archbishop's Mass Directives. Strict adherence and vigilance with cleaning and sanitizing protocols.
Funerals	Yes, with attendance limited by your ability to effectively maintain social distancing in relation to church capacity, following the Archbishop's Mass Directives. Strict adherence and vigilance with cleaning and sanitizing protocols.
Funeral Wakes	Yes, with social distancing protocols and strict adherence to cleaning and sanitizing protocols.
Reconciliation	Yes, with social distancing and privacy protocols. No confessional use.
Communal Penance Services	Yes, with social distancing protocols and strict adherence to cleaning and sanitizing protocols. No general absolution.
Baptisms	Yes, with attendance limited by your ability to effectively maintain social distancing in relation to church capacity, following the Archbishop's Mass Directives. Strict adherence and vigilance with cleaning and sanitizing protocols.
Anointing of the Sick	Viaticum for those who are actively dying. Yes, for individual requests for anointing, following State guidelines and taking extra hygiene and cleaning precautions.
Anointing of the Sick Services	No public communal celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick.
Individual Anointing of Non-Covid-19 Parishioners not in a Hospital or Nursing Home	Yes, taking extra caution with hygiene and handwashing, following the guidelines available here .
Visiting/Taking Communion to Parishioners who are Homebound	Yes, clergy and limited number of parish-trained lay ministers only, taking extra caution with hygiene and handwashing, following guidelines available here .

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Visiting Parishioners/Taking Communion into Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Rehab Facilities and Senior Living Complexes	Yes, clergy and limited number of parish-trained lay ministers only, taking extra caution with hygiene and handwashing, following facility guidelines.
Processions	Yes, practicing social distancing and wearing face coverings.
Eucharistic Adoration	Yes, at the pastor/parish director's discretion, with attendance limited by your ability to effectively maintain social distancing in relation to church capacity. Strict adherence and vigilance with cleaning and sanitizing protocols.
Rosary or other Communal Prayer	Yes, at the pastor/parish director's discretion, with attendance limited by your ability to effectively maintain social distancing in relation to church capacity. Strict adherence and vigilance with cleaning and sanitizing protocols.
Children's Liturgy of the Word	No
Distribution of Holy Water	Yes, in individual containers or automatic dispensers.
Use of Holy Water in Fonts	No
Funeral luncheons/receptions or wedding rehearsal receptions, etc.	No
Worship Aids	Single use worship aids are allowed. Provide a disposal bin at each exit for collection after each Mass or prayer service, or instruct worshippers to take worship aid home with them for disposal.
Distribution of paper bulletins	Yes, upon exit only. Distributed by ushers wearing masks and gloves while keeping as much social distance as possible.
Parish offices open to the public	Yes, with social distancing protocols.
Parish staffs returning to normal operations	Yes, with social distancing protocols.
Pastoral Council and parish and school committees	Yes, with social distancing protocols.

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Use of parish and school buildings for parish/school activities		Yes, with social distancing protocols.
Use of parish and school buildings for outside groups		No rental or usage by an outside organization, outside of an existing lease. Usage limited to parish/school sponsored groups under the Catholic umbrella. Short-term rental/use allowed, if space is otherwise unoccupied or not in use (for example, summer rental), facility usage agreement
PARISH AND SCHOOL EVENTS		
In-person Graduations for 2021		Yes, with attendance limited by your ability to effectively maintain social distancing in relation to your venue capacity. Strict adherence and vigilance with cleaning and sanitizing protocol. Please contact Office for Schools for any clarification.
Baccalaureate Masses for 2021		Yes, with attendance limited by your ability to effectively maintain social distancing in relation to church capacity. Strict adherence and vigilance with cleaning and sanitizing protocols.
Athletics	Elementary (K-8) School	Yes, spring outdoor sports only at this time. Please contact Office for Schools for any clarification.
	High School	Yes, in alignment with WIAA Guidelines
Before/After School Care		Follow DHS/DPI Directives for Schools
Day Care Programs Independent from School Operations		Yes, consult with Catholic Mutual
FORMATION		
First Communion Preparation		Yes, at home prep and small groups may take place with less than 100. Social distancing by household.
Spring Concerts / Plays / Musicals		Yes, with attendance limited by your ability to effectively maintain social distancing in relation to your venue capacity. Strict adherence and vigilance with cleaning and sanitizing protocol.
May Crownings		Yes, with attendance limited by your ability to effectively maintain social distancing in relation to your church capacity. Strict adherence and vigilance with cleaning and sanitizing protocol.

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Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Conference	Yes, instructions available online: MarriagePreparation
Religious Education (child and youth, K-5), 2020-2021, Beginning in Fall	Yes, in-person formation is preferred, with social distancing and less than 50 in attendance. Small groups encouraged. For family programs, social distancing by household. Be ready to offer alternatives and support for families who wish to form their teens at home.
RCIA/Adult Confirmation Process	Yes, online/virtually or in person, with less than 50 people, with social distancing and cleaning protocols.
Middle/High School Religious Education & Youth Ministry: Sessions at Parish	Yes, in-person formation is preferred, with social distancing and less than 50 in attendance. Small groups encouraged. For family programs, social distancing by household. Be ready to offer alternatives and support for families who wish to form their teens at home.
Youth Ministry: Same day retreats and gatherings, etc.	Yes, if all participants are local and less than 100 people in attendance, with social distancing protocols, a parent consent form or permission slip from all participants, and ensuring all Safe Environment requirements are met. No overnight events, no meeting in private residences, no shared meals. Individually wrapped meals okay (i.e. box lunch). Use of bus transportation is allowed if social distance seating is followed.
Youth Ministry: Overnight Youth Retreats, Conferences, Mission Trips	No
Youth Ministry: CYM Athletics	No
FORMATION AND EVANGELIZATION IN-PERSON EVENTS	
Young Adult, Brew City and other Gatherings	Yes, with attendance limited only by the ability to effectively maintain social distancing in relation to meeting space capacity. Strict adherence and vigilance with cleaning and sanitizing protocols.
Adult Formation, small groups, Bible study, faith-sharing groups, etc.	Yes, with social distancing protocols and less than 50 people.
ACTIVITIES	
Parish Festivals	<i>At this time no events before July 1. After July 1, tentatively plan, but do not sign any contracts or make any public announcements about the Event being held. We know how important these are and we are monitoring this situation closely and will make up-to-date changes as necessary.</i>

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Parish Social Gatherings, such as Fun Runs/Walks, picnics, Parish picnics, etc.	At this time no events before July 1. After July 1, tentatively plan, but do not sign any contracts or make any public announcements about the Event being held. We know how important these are and we are monitoring this situation closely and will make up-to-date changes as necessary.
Parish/School Events with Food, such as bake sales, donut Sundays, etc.	No
Parish/School Auctions or Other Fundraisers	At this time no events before July 1. After July 1, tentatively plan, but do not sign any contracts or make any public announcements about the Event being held. We know how important these are and we are monitoring this situation closely and will make up-to-date changes as necessary.
Parish/School Fish Fry, Chicken Dinners, etc.	Yes, using extra cleaning and safety precautions. Limited number of volunteers. Workers wearing gloves and face coverings. Outdoor drive-through or curbside pick-up only. No inside pick up.
Parish Support Groups, AA meetings, etc.	Yes, with attendance limited only by your ability to effectively maintain social distancing in relation to meeting space capacity. Strict adherence and vigilance with cleaning and sanitizing protocols.
Parish Sports, Adult Athletic Programs, Open Gyms, T-ball, etc.	Yes, with proper safety protocols.
Parish Golf Outings	Yes, with social distancing and a safety plan. Individual or pre-packed meals, no buffet service. Outdoor dining only.
Meal Programs, Food Pantries and other social outreach	Yes, following state guidelines and taking extra hygiene and cleaning precautions, with social distancing protocols.
FOOD SERVICE	
Coffee and Donut Sunday	No
In person events such as Dances, Auctions, Run/Walks, etc., serving food.	No
Funeral or Wedding/Anniversary Receptions with Food	No