

Parishioners Guidelines for Distribution of Holy Communion

Outside the Mass during the Coronavirus Pandemic

From the Diocese of Green Bay

St Lawrence Parish is pleased to announce that a Communion Service, with the distribution of the Blessed Sacrament will be held each Sunday starting at 11:00 AM starting the weekend of Pentecost, May 31.

SPECIAL NOTES: No Catholic is required to receive Holy Communion during the pandemic. Permission is for those who desire to receive Holy Communion and can safely do so. Those age 65 or above and those with compromised immunity are encouraged to stay home because they are at a greater risk.

Prior to coming to receive Holy Communion, communicants are strongly encouraged to read the Scripture readings of the day, pray a rosary or in some other way prepare to receive Holy Communion.

These are the guidelines for the distribution of the Holy Communion below:

1. Anyone with a fever, cough, or flu like symptoms should remain at home so as to prevent further spread of the illness. Temperatures will be taken and all are required to wear a protective mask before entering church. Social distancing should be practiced.
2. No more than **nine (9)** people may be gathered at any one time in one room.
3. Only the Precious Body will be distributed.
4. The Consecrated host should be consumed immediately upon being received. No Consecrated hosts may be taken outside of the church during this time.
5. Only **eight (8)** people and the minister may be in church at one time. Markings on the floor will indicate **six (6)** feet apart to preserve social distancing. No one is to sit in the pews.
6. Communicants are expected to wear masks which may be removed or adjusted for the reception of Holy Communion.
7. Those gathered outside the church doors should maintain **six (6)** feet social distancing between communicants who are not related or living together.
8. Doors will be propped open to eliminate contact. Hand sanitizer will be available and used as people enter and exit the church. One set of doors will be designated as an entrance and another door will be designated as an exit.
9. Communicants are asked to receive Holy Communion at their usual parishes.
10. The Communicants may not stop or stay in the church prior to or after receiving Holy Communion. They should exit the church immediately after receiving Holy Communion. Communicants should not linger or socialize in the parking lot, but go immediately to their vehicle. Personal prayer may take place in their cars or at home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. There will be a Core Vision meeting on June 4 in the basement of the church. We need to practice social distancing and also all that will be attending need to be wearing a mask. Envelopes will be available in the breezeway with all other reading materials that have been available since this all happened. Corinne will also be emailing the minutes from the last meeting and the Agenda. If you have anything to add respond back and let her know. We need to cover everything so if there is something that we missed please feel free to let her know.

2. On Sunday May 31 Pentecost Sunday St Lawrence will have Distribution of Holy Communion outside the Mass. There will be guidelines from the Diocese, so please read the guidelines before coming. They are inserted in the bulletin and will be available on the website and try to put them on Facebook. For those who don't have internet or a computer please let your fellow parishioners know that they are also available in the breezeway along with other books and bulletins.

3. There will also be a priest Transition coming in August. There is an article from Father Don in the bulletin and a letter from the Diocese in the bulletin. Anyone has any concerns or questions please feel free to call the office.

Please Take Care and Stay Safe.