

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PASTORAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC BISHOP SHAWN McKNIGHT

APRIL 28, 2020

The entire letter can be found in the Catholic Missourian and on the Diocesan Website (diojeffcity.org). Points that pertain to everyone are listed below.

- All the faithful are dispensed from the obligation of the Easter Duty (reconciliation + holy communion) and the obligation to attend Mass on Saturday/Sundays through June 30.
- Those who are symptomatic or who have been exposed to someone with the virus within 14 days are **not permitted to enter the Church**. Those who are at risk because an underlying health issue are strongly encouraged, for their own health, to avoid the risk of attending public celebrations of the Mass. All attendees are asked to check their temperature at home before coming to Church.
- **The Mass will still be taped on Saturday and can be found on our websites.**
- **The faithful must wear a mask or (other face covering)** upon entering Church and during the celebration of Mass, except the brief moment of receiving Holy Communion. Ushers and other volunteers are to wear masks and gloves throughout the celebration of Mass. (If there are no gloves, frequent hand washing is needed)

During Mass

- Entry/exit doors will be propped open so they will not need to be touched
- Volunteers will assist in directing people to pews to maintain social distancing
- There will be no Offertory Procession. There will be a basket by each door as you enter for your donation.
- Communion Ministers will be masked and wear gloves. You will stay in the pew and the ministers will come to you. **Communion will only be distributed in the hand**. When the minister comes to you, pull your mask below the chin and present one hand resting on the palm of the other. The minister will place the host in your hand. Receive it and then replace your mask

After Mass

- Depart Church in an organized manner wearing masks and observing six feet of distance.

- Ushers will not distribute bulletins. The bulletins will be at the exits. Please pick one up.
- There are NO receptions or social gatherings following Mass
- Pews and traffic areas will be wiped down before the next service.

After meeting with Father Jerry and then the Pastoral Council, the following has been decided to accommodate everyone being able to come to Mass and allow for social distancing. ***In order to train ushers/monitors it has been decided that masses will start the week of May 11th.

- Since the Sunday obligation has been dispensed, we will have several Masses to choose from

	Marceline	Brookfield
5:30 p.m.	Tuesday and Thursday	Wednesday and Friday
Saturday	4:00	5:30
Sunday	8:00	9:30

- **You are asked to email or call the rectory to let us know which Mass you will attend. We will need the family name and number who will attend. (258-2507 or rectory@icbrookfield.org)**
- **If one Mass time is filled you will be asked to choose another time.**
- **Once most families are signed up, people who normally attend Mass during the week can choose to attend more than one time**
- **Masks must be worn. Bring your own purchased or hand-made mask.**
- **A few masks will be available**
- **Mass will be recorded and available on our websites for anyone who cannot attend the Mass**
- **We need people to help sanitize everything after the Masses. It should only take a few minutes. If you are willing to help, please let us know.**
- **Bulletins will continue to be e-mailed. If you need to have your copy mailed to you home, please let us know.**
- **There is an app on which you can follow the Mass readings: ladaute**

It will be so good to see everyone!