

**Saint Boniface Catholic Church**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is with great joy that we are able to come together as a community and worship in our Church once again. As we continue to navigate this time together, I want to thank you for your patience as we continue to do what we can to provide for your spiritual needs, but in an appropriately safe way. The understanding of the virus and how to protect ourselves best is constantly changing, so we will need to have a spirit of understanding as our procedure for Mass will likely change in the coming months.

First, there are a few general guidelines:

- If you or someone in your family is showing any symptoms of sickness, do not come to Church.
- The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains suspended, so there is no guilt if you choose to remain home.
- Because the obligation for Mass has been suspended, and will be suspended for some time, please consider coming to one of our daily Masses in lieu of Sunday to help us stay within the 25% capacity limits.
- You will be required to use hand sanitizer when you enter. We will have hand sanitizers available when you enter. If it is possible, bring your own hand sanitizer to use before and during Mass. Please wash your hands before coming to Mass. Cover coughs and sneezes with the crook of the arm. We also recommend to use the restroom at home before coming to church.
- The Archdiocese continues to strongly encourage those who are older than 65, or who are considered “at risk” with their health, to remain home. While I understand that many who are in this category greatly desire to be part of our liturgical celebrations in person, it is also important for your own physical health and well-being to continue to pray and celebrate through virtual means.
- In order to best protect those who wish to attend, and to be above public reproach, face masks are strongly recommended for those in attendance of Mass.
- Please come early to sit down.

Second, for coming to Mass:

- We will need to make reservations to ensure we are not overcapacity. Because of our need to limit occupancy to 25% and do not want to have to turn someone away at the door, please either sign up your household online through Signup Genius, or call the office Mon-Thurs (952-446-1054) to get onto the list.
- Please remain 6 feet away from other families and refrain from public gatherings while on the church premises.
- We will have the doors propped open, and hand sanitizers at the door as you enter.

- Enter the Church and find an open seat. Larger families will take an entire pew; those who have a small household can sit on either side of the pew, so that potentially two different “households” can be on opposite sides.
- Please fill in the pews starting from the front.
- We will not be singing at this time.
- After Mass, leave pew by pew starting with the back pew.
- Communion will be distributed after Mass as you leave.
- For Sunday Mass, we will be broadcasting the audio into our parking lot, and still be livestreaming on Facebook. If you would prefer to watch/listen from the safety of your car, that will still be an option available to you. We will be distributing Communion in a similar way as the Winery.

We will slowly be working out the flow, and addressing issues as they come up (including new directives from the Archdiocese, CDC, MDH, and Governor) so for now the Sacramental Schedule will be:

Tuesday: Confessions at 6pm; Mass at 6:30pm

Wednesday: Confessions at 7:30am, Mass at 8am

Sunday: Mass at 10:30am

We as a staff have been continuing to pay attention to the changing guidelines. I also understand that many will be inconvenienced by the various protocols that we are putting in place. But we are doing what we can to ensure that we are able to open up in some capacity so that we can continue to seek the Lord, while at the same time being respectful to what is required, requested, and allowed by the various governing bodies involved.

I rejoiced when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord”. Ps 122:1

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Peter Hughes". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.