



Church of All Saints

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Dear Parishioners:

The day we all been longing for our parish to reopen for Mass. Bishop Zinkula has given permission for us to reopen for Masses starting today Tuesday, June 23rd. Though Mass dispensation for COVID19 continues to apply for the foreseeable future.

The weekday Masses will be open in the main church (Tues. 4:30 PM, Wed. – Fri. 8:30 AM), Saturday evening Mass 4:30 PM will be done using FM radio 98.5 in the parking lot with Mass done from the Steps of the Church with Holy Communion brought to your car. Sunday 8:30 AM Mass will be done from the Church without live streaming. And of course we will continue to livestream the 10:30 AM Mass (See: www.allsaintskeokuk.org/live). Both Sunday Masses will have overflow available in the parking lot via FM radio, communion will come out to the overflow.

The Church has been cleaned by volunteers and we have installed UV lights to the blower system in the Church to help remove germs from air in the Church. However, we still advise and ask people to wear masks when visiting the Church.

Initially, we will only be opening one third of the pews and rotating which pew are available at each liturgy. We ask you to observe safe distancing between households.

More details are provided on the backside of this letter.

During this time bulletins for the last four weeks will be available on a table in the back of Church and on the front porch of the rectory. The rectory has a new lockable mail box, so you may safely leave envelopes and money in the mail box.

I thank you for your cooperation and support during this time. I pray that you and your family will be kept safe and healthy.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Rev. David Brownfield, Ph.D.
Pastor

Trevor Pullinger
Pastoral Associate



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What to expect when returning to Mass:

Before coming to Church:

- Check your temperature, if you have a temp. over 100°F you are asked to remain home (Mass will continue to be live-streamed at 10:30 AM Sundays: www.allsaintskeokuk.org/live)
- Wash your hands with soap and water while praying the Our Father
- Wear your face-mask & be prepared to social distance

Entering Church

- Try to leave parking spaces up front for those who are mobile challenged as well as for latecomers who may be listening in on FM radio
- As you enter, the offering will be collected before Mass in the back of Church
- Try to fill the Church from front to back to avoid unnecessary contact and keep social distancing
- Every third pew will be open to keep social distancing. You will be asked to social distance by household / family.
- Shortened pews on the outer sides of the Church (buffeting the outer walls) are for those who wish not to approach the Altar or otherwise “mix” into the communion line. Communion will come to you.
- If we come to have a “full” church (indoors) with safe social distancing, you will be kindly asked to participate by listening into our FM Radio 98.5 from your vehicle. Communion will come out to you, simply stand outside your vehicle and wave at the Eucharistic Minister to signal for communion.

During Mass

- There will not be any singing as this accelerates particles
- There will not be any shaking of hands or contact except between members of the same household
- During communion, the Mary side will single file to communion first followed by the St. Joseph side. Those in the shortened pews buffeting the walls will wait patiently as communion will be brought to them.

After Mass

- Please depart quickly and quietly beginning with the back pews first
- We ask at this time that loitering and conversation be cut to a minimum as to shorten the period of exposure time
- Recommended: when you get home, wash hands thoroughly, change clothes, and shower

Additional Details:

Parish Council Members and the Knights of Columbus will be present during all weekend Masses to assist everyone with these changes:

Saturdays: 4:30 PM Jackie Ebeling, Leader; Kate Sammons;

Sundays: 8:30 AM Julie Love, Leader; Denny Lucido; Melodie Maerz

10:30 AM Mindi Davis, Leader; Kenny Gosnell; Gabe Capaldo