

To all St. Felicitas Parishioners,

As you may have heard, the Belleville Diocese and the State of Illinois are now allowing us to move forward with holding masses with a limited number of people in the Church. Therefore, we would like to begin holding mass on Sunday, June 28 at 9:30 am. There are many restrictions and guidelines that must be followed for us to begin to hold mass. We will be able to have 46 parishioners at each of the masses. That is 20% of what the church can hold. To follow the newly established guidelines we will need many volunteers for each mass, so please remember that we can only do this if we all jump in and help.

We want to ensure that all members of the parish stay safe and healthy. Therefore, if you have any of the AtRisk Conditions listed, please consider your health and that of your fellow parishioners when reserving seats.

#### WHO IS MOST AT RISK FOR GETTING SEVERELY SICK FROM COVID 19

- Those over age 65 ● Have Cancer
- Have Hypertension
- Have Lung Disease
- Have Diabetes
- Have Heart Disease
- Have a condition that compromises the immune system ● Taking medications that suppress the immune system.

The first thing we will have to do is a reservation system. We do not want parishioners driving to church and not being able to attend because we have already met our count, so we are doing a reservation system.

- Reservations will be taken for those members of your family living in the same household who can then sit together.
- If you are not from the same household, you will need separate reservations.
- If you want to attend mass, you MUST complete the attached reservation form and email to the following address: [stfelbpreservations@gmail.com](mailto:stfelbpreservations@gmail.com).
- If you are not able to complete and email the form, you may call the church office (618-5943040) and leave the information and a form will be filled in on your behalf.
- Each week reservations will be honored on a first come, first seated basis, until we have met the allotted amount or until we have filled all available spaces to still maintain the proper social distancing that is required.
- You will have from Sunday to Friday Noon each week to complete the attached reservation form.
- You will not be able to reserve for many weeks in a row. Until we know better how the system will work, we will do weekly reservations.
- You will receive an email or text confirmation stating your seat assignment or that we were not able to accommodate you for that mass.

- If you or any member of your party is ill or has been ill in the past 14 days, we ask that you please stay home.
- If you have a compromising illness or treatment program, please consider your health before attending mass.

Since we will not be able to accommodate but 20% of the congregation, St Rose will still be videotaping and live streaming the Saturday mass. It will be imperative that those attending mass arrive at least 20 minutes early to make sure we have time to ask the health questions that are required and to seat everyone. The earlier you can arrive the better.

There will be strict guidelines you must follow when attending mass:

- Take the temperature of all family members attending, if anyone has a temperature, please do not come to mass
- You can only attend with a confirmed reservation
- You will enter from the main doors of the church
- Masks must be in place when you are in line to enter the church.
- Upon entering have a spokesperson for your family, to make the process go quicker
- All persons over the age of 2 must wear a mask during the entire service
- When entering you will be asked by a Greeter (Volunteer) to confirm the questions on the reservation in relation to the health of all of the members of your party.
- An Usher (Volunteer) will then point you to your seats.
- If your name is not on the list, you will be asked to leave.
- You will place donations in the basket provided at the entrance, as offertory will not be done.
- At this time, we will forgo kneeling and just sit and stand, leaving the kneelers in place.
- There will be no missals provided and there will be no music.
- There will be no sign of peace, just nods, gestures and well wishes.
- When receiving communion, you will be entering the center aisle when it is your rows turn. You MUST stay social distanced at 6' apart, following the spaces on the floor or marked on the pews.
- When you approach to receive communion, you must use the provided hand sanitizer before receiving the host.
- The host will be dropped into your hand, there will be no physical contact.
- Once you have received the host, you will step to the social distance mark to the left or right (depending on the side of church you are sitting on), remove your mask and take the host at that time, replace your mask and then return to your seat by the side aisles.
- If someone is not receiving communion, do not step over them unless they are a family member in your party, they will need to step out of the pew and back 6' to remain distanced. ● When mass has ended, all parishioners will be released by the Reader or Usher to maintain proper social distancing.
- There will be no congregating on church property before or after the mass.

- Continue to wear your mask until you are in your vehicle. ● Restroom:
- If you use the restroom, use the Sanitizing wipes provided to wipe the door handle before entering.
- Use the Sanitizing wipes provided to wipe down all surfaces you touched in the restroom.
- Use a clean sanitizing wipe to wipe the door handle upon your exit.
- Parents must accompany children to ensure proper sanitizing has occurred.

We will be required to do a full sanitizing of the church after mass. This will require a cleaning team (Volunteers). If we have a large interest in attending mass, and enough volunteers we will consider an additional mass in the future.

We look forward to seeing everyone again at mass. When completing your reservation form, please be sure to sign up for a Volunteer job. If we get parishioners who are attending mass to jump in and help, the process will go much smoother. Again, if you are not well, please continue to watch the live streamed mass and we will see you at a future mass.

Stay Safe and Healthy

Yours in prayer,

Father Ed Schaefer