

St Michael Catholic Community Updated COVID-19 Restrictions and Precautions

EFFECTIVE SATURDAY OCTOBER 24th - We are revising our seating arrangement to accommodate greater numbers of parishioners while still being in compliance with CDC, Michigan Department of Health and Archdiocesan guidelines.

- 1) ENTRANCE / EXIT POLICY: Both east and west doors will be available for entrance and exit. We ask that you exit via the nearest door to your seat, allowing those sections closest to the doors to exit first, maintaining social distancing at all times.**

- 2) FACEMASKS: Facemasks are required at all times for those over 2 years of age any time you are in the building. If you are unable or unwilling to wear a facemask as required, please consider viewing the mass from home.**

- 3) SEATING: Rows of benches and chairs have been arranged and aisles widened to accommodate social distancing guidelines. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD CHAIRS OR BENCHES BE MOVED.**
 - a. Within the rows side to side, it will be up to each individual to social distance. Six feet of separation is equivalent to four chairs, two benches, or two chairs and a bench. Families or couples may sit together without distancing.**
 - b. If you arrive and see the church is already filled, you may worship in the Social Hall (Mass will be live streamed and Communion will be served). Same rules for seating apply as in the church.**

- 4) PRAYER RESPONSES / SINGING: Singing or loud talking project invisible particles and misty droplets into the air at least twice as far as breathing/talking, even when wearing a facemask. Choirs and musicians are not allowed at this time by the Archdiocese of Detroit.**
 - a. Responses to prayer or reciting of prayers should be done silently/quietly, mouthing the words under your mask.**
 - b. Psalm Response or songs should be done silently/quietly mouthing the words under your mask. As a worship aid, we are printing the words to the songs for the following week in the Messenger. You may tear out the sheet and bring it with you to mass, PLEASE do not leave it in the church.**

- 5) COMMUNION: Only the Host will be served, no precious blood (per AOD directive). The church will be divided into four sections for communion. The section closest to the baptismal font (#1) and the section to the left of the center aisle (#3) will go first. When they are finished, the section to the right of the center aisle (#2) and the section by the organ (#4) will proceed. Please follow the direction of the ushers and the arrows on the floor. More details will be described at mass.**