# St Pius X Catholic Church



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Dear St. Pius X and St. Anthony Parishioners:

Peace! This Sunday is Ascension Sunday. Easter just keeps going on! We thank God for Easter new beginnings and this Coming Sunday we thank God for the 'in-person' opportunity to worship and have mass with others publicly. Above all, we thank God! BUT, we also want to exercise due caution and be considerate toward everyone as we begin public celebrations again. I ask everybody to keep in mind that our number one priority is that we go about this return to mass prayerfully and carefully! For many people venturing out, anxious concern about wellness and safety is foremost in their minds. So, we all need to work together and individually be responsible about looking out for each other. I am committed to making sure everyone who comes to mass, has some opportunity to pray and receive communion SAFELY. There are many adaptations and adjustments we have to make, but again, we do everything we do, to be able to keep coming back (even though it is inconvenient). Here are things to expect differently:

- Everyone has to wear a mask or face covering
- Everyone has to watch and keep the six feet apart safe distance from others.
- Church capacity is limited to 33%. We will have a safe overflow area if needed (the parish hall separate entrance at St Pius, and St Anthony's back church area). We plan to have closed circuit TV screen there and communion will be brought.
- Hand Sanitizer will be available at stations as you enter and through the building.
- Please follow the arrows for safest flow of movement of people through buildings (we do have multiple exits to leave church from.) We must avoid bottlenecking at doors.
- Before/After every Mass, all contact surfaces will be sanitized and deep-cleaned.
- Changes to mass will include: ***No physical Contact or Touch*** (Handshakes, Hugs etc)
  - --**No singing:** Only the Cantor will lead song. Piano or Organ Music will play as background and meditation in normal song times.
  - --Sign of Peace is to be a wave, open hand, head nod, spoken word or smile
  - --Holy Water Fonts remain empty. Ask for Holy Water bottle to go.
  - --There is no passing of baskets. A collection basket is in middle aisle for drop-off of your envelopes at any time it is safe to deliver and offer.

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--No gifts will be carried up in procession. Strict Precautions taken by Father preparing the hosts-gifts before mass. Hosts aren't touched until communion.

Other Considerations:

The Bishop continues dispensing Sunday Obligation. ***There is no obligation currently.*** So, we will still be LIVESTREAMING Facebook MASS and from our Parish Websites.

Consider coming to a smaller (shorter) weekday mass:

Tuesday Evening: St. Pius X 6:00 pm
Wednesday Morning: 8:00 am St. Pius X
Wednesday Morning: 9:00 am St. Anthony of Padua
Wednesday Evening: 6:00 pm St. Pius X(Livestreamed)
Thursday Morning: 8:00 am St. Pius X
Friday Morning: 8:00 am St. Pius X
Friday Morning: 9:00 am St. Anthony of Padua

Saturday: 4:30 pm St. Pius X and 6:00 pm St. Anthony of Padua
Sunday: 8:00 am St. Anthony of Padua and 10:00 am St. Pius X

Again, be safe and responsible, in addition to faithful and prayerful, If you have underlying health concerns or age-related immune-compromising conditions, please consider staying safe at home with the live stream options. A next safe option if the DAILY MASS smaller, shorter venue. If you have any reservation at all, please listen to your caution and simply wait and see. The good health and safety of everyone is our highest priority as we ease back into public prayer.

If you have any questions or need help in any way, please call me (270-668-7675).

Prayers and Peace,

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