

# Reopening St. Marcus Catholic Church for Daily Mass

## Overarching Principles

- Recommendations from the CDC, MDH and the Governor's Office will be adhered to as closely as is possible.
- Upholding the dignity of the liturgy will remain a focus as we prepare our celebrations.
- If individuals are feeling ill, they must stay home.
- No more than 9 people including myself will be present for daily Mass

## Preparing our Space

### ❖ Entrances

- ✓ Hand sanitizer is available upon entering and exiting the church.
- ✓ Gatherings of people in gathering spaces will be discouraged.
- ✓ Holy Water fonts are empty.
- ✓ The handicapped accessible door will be open at approximately 7:40am on Mondays and Wednesdays. If you prefer, you can touch the opening switch with your elbow.

### ❖ Assembly Seating

- ✓ Pews are marked for seating.
- ✓ Physical distancing of six (6) feet will be maintained, except for members of the same household.
- ✓ Members of the liturgical assembly may choose to wear face coverings. These must be removed before the reception of Holy Communion.

## Lectors

- ✓ Will continue to proclaim the Word of God from the ambo.
- ✓ Lector will sanitize their hands before and after Mass.
- ✓ Lector may will remove their face covering to proclaim the readings and then put it back on when finished

### ❖ Music Ministers

- ✓ No music or singing for Daily Mass

#### ○ Additional Requirements/Recommendations

- ✓ Hymnals and missalettes will be removed from the church.
- ✓ Sanitation of Ambo, utilized pews, hand rails, elevator buttons, and bathroom sink handles will take place after Mass. It will be done by one or two volunteers and/or parish staff.
- ✓ Drinking fountain is closed.
- ✓ Bathroom doors are propped open. Privacy is not compromised here by doing this. "Hwy 24 bathrooms" are closed.
- ✓ Social Hall, Side Chapel, Classrooms, and offices have signs posted indicating that these areas are closed.
- ✓ Congregating of people either before or after Mass will be discouraged.

