The Reopening of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Weekend Masses

On the weekend of June 6th - 7th, we will resume the public celebration of weekend masses (see the schedule and sign-up information below) at Immaculate Heart of Mary. In order to protect our parishioners, we will follow all guidelines issued by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and government officials for the reopening of churches.

Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:30pm (Mass will be videotaped with the link available by Sunday morning) Sunday: 8am and 10am **NEW TIME**

To Sign-up for Masses - In this current situation, IHM will hold Mass for 100 people - please consider signing up for one Mass every two or three weeks to allow everyone to have a chance to return to in-person Church. <u>Weekend Mass sign-up link</u>.

Please note, the Archbishop has dispensed the obligation of attending Mass through August 15th. Returning to in-person Mass is a personal decision and those who are over 65 years old or older or have an underlying health issue are encouraged to stay home. Also, if you are symptomatic we ask you to please stay home.

Our priority is a safe environment for all parishioners. Here are the safety procedures in place for weekend Masses at Immaculate Heart:

- The parking lot will be open for use. Enter/Exit through the Washington Street drive. The archway gate will remain closed during Masses.
- Enter the church through the Central Avenue and Archway doors (North door on 57th Street will be locked).
- Masks are required of everyone (over two years old). This is for your protection as well as others. Please wear it at all times when inside the Church.
- Please wash hands before coming to Mass and do not attend if you feel sick and have symptoms such as cough and fever.
- Bring your own sanitizer/wipes, if possible. Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrances of the church for anyone who needs it.
- There will be no Holy Water in the fonts.
- Worship aids and hymnals have been removed from the pews. Phones may be used to access the readings. Music for the weekend may be found on the website under "Sunday Masses".
- Baskets for collections will be available at all the exits.

- When you walk up for Communion please social distance from others. Once past the Eucharistic Minister, you may adjust your mask to take communion near the altar. Communion will not be distributed on the tongue.
- The Precious Blood will not be distributed.
- At the end of Mass, all are asked to leave in an orderly fashion and maintain social distancing. Ushers will provide direction.
- Pews, restrooms, and common surfaces will be sanitized after all the Masses.
- Please do not congregate in the church, the vestibule, or on the grounds.

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