

Safety Protocols

Holy Angels, St. Isidore's & St. Mary's

- Sunday Obligation is still lifted until a later date.
 - o If you're feeling ill, in any of the at-greater-risk categories, showing symptoms of COVID, or are uncomfortable about coming to Mass for any reason, please stay home. Observe a period of Prayer to keep the Lord's Day holy. Be prudent, protect the health of everyone. We're all in this together, and need to look beyond our own preferences and opinions.
 - o Masses from Holy Angels will continue to be live-streamed at the parish website (www.holyangelsmooselake.com) and the 5:00 Saturday Evening Mass will be on local public access television.
 - o Consider coming to Mass a day of the week other than Sunday, to receive our Lord in the Eucharist.
- 1/3 of church capacity will be observed as 2 out of every 3 pews will be left empty
- Physical distancing is expected; stay (6 feet) away from people of different households
- Hand sanitizer will be available at the doors...please don't steal it.
- Holy Water fonts will be left empty, but small bottles have been available
- Wearing of masks/gloves is encouraged
- Keep the kids close by—challenging, I know. Extra prayers for parents of young children.
- Increased ventilation; windows and doors will be opened, weather permitting
- Hymnals have been removed, and we will refrain from congregational singing
 - o A schola or small, properly distanced choir may be present.
- Modified collection process that doesn't involve passing the basket from one person to another will be utilized. A collection basket will be placed near the entrance, thank you for your understanding and generosity.
- Restroom plan posted in/on latrine doors. Please maintain 6 feet of physical distance in the restrooms at all times. The exception being, parents assisting their younger children.
- No offertory procession, so the gifts of bread and wine will not be brought forward at the usual time, but will already be present in the Sanctuary.
- Sign of peace is suspended, and we will refrain from holding hands during prayers at the Mass (which isn't prescribed anyway). Also, while I'd love to greet everyone in person after Mass, I will retire directly to the Sacristy after Mass.
- If communion is received in the hand, gloves may not be worn
- Communion will be after Mass, following extraordinary protocols:
 - o Maintain 6 feet of physical distance when approaching, and extraordinary measures will be followed
 - o Please follow posted/known traffic patterns to maintain distance
 - o There does not appear to be evidence that receiving communion on the tongue poses any more risk than on the hand.
 - o If I or, if there are Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assisting, make skin-to-skin contact while distributing Holy Communion, we will sanitize our hands prior to continuing.
- Surfaces will be sanitized between Masses.

The following will be our schedule beginning Tuesday, May 26th:

Saturday:

Holy Angels: 4:00 pm Confessions, 5:00 Mass

Sunday:

St. Isidore's: 7:45 a.m. Confessions, 8:30 Mass

Holy Angels: 10:00 Confessions, 10:30 Mass

St. Mary's: NOON Mass (Additional Mass Time)

Monday:

Holy Angels, 6:00 pm Mass

Tuesday:

Holy Angels, 8:00 a.m. Mass (until my duties at the prisons resume)

Wednesday:

Holy Angels, 8:00 a.m. Mass (followed by Confessions)

St. Mary's, 1:00-6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Thursday:

St. Mary's, 8:00 a.m. Mass (followed by Confessions)

Holy Angels, NOON Confessions

Friday: Holy Angels, 8:00 Mass (First Fridays, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions available will follow Mass.)

Holy Angels and St. Mary's will continue to be open during the day for private prayer and devotion. I ask, also, that we offer "spiritual sacrifices pleasing to the Lord.." for the end of the worldwide pandemic as well as for the health and safety of our medical professionals, law enforcement and corrections officers, first responders, and government and church leaders.

(Add prayer to St___, for an end to the pandemic)... or...