

May 23, 2021

Hello Parish Family,

There are important announcements to bring to you today.

First, after careful consideration and listening to the statement of the Archdiocese as well as the concerns of parishioners, we have decided to keep our COVID protocols in place for the next several weeks. Throughout this pandemic our priority has been keeping parishioners safe and that continues to be the case. We want to be mindful of a number of issues: we will be in an indoor space where ventilation and heat are considerations, our number attending Sunday Mass is growing steadily and the church has been pretty full, we have children in attendance who are not yet eligible for vaccination, and we do not want to discourage parishioners from attending Mass in person who have returned, but are uncomfortable with suddenly dropping all precautions that have made them feel safe. For these reasons, we will continue to wear masks and socially distance during Mass for the next several weeks. After that time, we will re-evaluate where we stand on dropping some or all of the precautions we have been taking. Please pray that the Spirit of Pentecost will guide all of us as we move forward in dealing with this pandemic that has impacted us in so many different ways. Of course, we will continue with both the in person and livestream Masses at both Nativity and St. Charles.

Second, we want to remind you that on Monday evening at 7:00 p.m., there will be a Family of Parishes meeting at Sacred Heart Church. Sacred Heart is located at 1000 Elliot St., Detroit, 48207. This is the second in a series of three meetings. You can attend in person or by Zoom. Please register in advance at <https://www.familiesofparishes.org/gatherings/>.

Finally, we ask for your prayers for Louis Randall who is ill. Louis is one of our Ministers of Service and he and his wife, Helen, always bring their generous hearts and smiles to every encounter with us.

Take good care of yourselves,

The Parish Team