

July 4, 2021

Hello again Parish Family,

In addition to the email message that we sent you earlier today regarding the change of location for tomorrow's Mass, we want to update you on the restoration at the church following last weekend's flooding and also share with you some information regarding the current decision regarding masking and social distancing at Mass.

A professional company is working at the parish to remove water and debris, dry out the walls, spray to mitigate mold and bacteria and deep clean as well as begin needed replacement and repairs that need to be made to restore the church and parish house basements. The church and house basements are locked down for safety reasons while this work is ongoing. We will keep you updated and we are hopeful that we may be able to return to the parish for Mass next week.

The other thing we want to share with you is that the Parish Council met last Monday and discussed the guidelines regarding wearing masks and social distancing at Mass. With the support of Brother Ray and the unanimous decision of the Council, we will continue to wear masks and socially distance at Mass. This decision was made for several reasons which include concern for our children who are not yet eligible for vaccination as well as some adults who cannot be vaccinated for specific health conditions, the fact that the rate of vaccination is still low in Detroit, concern about the variant which is spreading in areas of low vaccination, and the fact that we will be gathering in an indoor space. As conditions change, we will certainly reevaluate this policy.

Finally, we know that many of you have been impacted by the recent flooding and we ask the parish for prayers for you and for any assistance that parishioners can offer to friends and neighbors. Many churches in the archdiocese have also suffered damage and we lift them in prayer as well.

The weekly Bulletin is included with this email. We hope to see you at St. Charles tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. for the weekly Nativity Mass.

Take care and enjoy your holiday weekend,

The Parish Team