

## ***Covid-19 Liturgical Guidelines Update for Corpus Christi***

On Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, Archbishop Vigneron issued a letter to the faithful of the Archdiocese with updated information regarding Covid-19 safety protocols. In this communication, the Archbishop entrusted to pastors a set of considerations which each pastor is to determine how best to implement for their parish.

After consulting with Carolyn Wilson (who has meticulously continued to monitor CDC, State of Michigan and Archdiocesan Covid-19 guidelines) and the Parish Leadership Team, I believe we have decided on a very good path forward for Corpus Christi.

**Starting this weekend, those who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a mask or social distance, though they certainly can continue to do so if they wish. Those who are not vaccinated are asked to please continue to wear a mask and social distance. We expect there will be both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons wearing masks and continuing to social distance.**

I thank you all ahead of time for being cordial in working together in making sure that those wearing masks are able to social distance. Rather than solely designating a specific section in the Church for those wearing masks and social distancing, I think Corpus Christi will do much better as a family (*which is our way I believe*) in working together to make sure each person in the family has what they need. For unvaccinated persons who do desire to sit in a designated section for unvaccinated persons, we will have that option available if you desire that, though we will not require this of unvaccinated persons, only that they wear a mask and social distance. In the same vein, I would also like to highly encourage that we show compassion to one another and avoid any judgment of others and their personal decisions in these matters. An additional consideration for the sake of charity may be for vaccinated persons not wearing a mask to put on a mask when not social distancing, though this is not a requirement of the new guidelines.

We will continue to have our medical grade air purifiers running during the masses and will continue to have those distributing Holy Communion wearing masks while distributing communion with sanitized hands. At this time, we are unable to offer the Precious Blood during Holy Communion but hope to do so when given permission from the Archdiocese.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and ongoing charity, it's a blessing to be here with you!

God bless you,

Fr. Patrick