

Sacred Heart Church

100 South 3rd. Street
Dupo, Illinois 62239

June 8, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

On June 3, 2020 Bishop Edward K. Braxton, our Apostolic Administrator, began Phase II of reopening parishes. As stated in his letter of May 13, 2020, "Once the celebration of Sunday Eucharist begins, the Bishops have decided to keep the current dispensation in place."

Following the Diocese and Governor Pritzker's suggested limits on attendance, we have determined the amount of seats available at this time is 35.

The 6-foot social distancing rule still applies as does frequent hand sanitization. Masks will be required in the church before, during, and after the celebration of the Eucharist. Unfortunately, at this time and probably into the near future people will no longer be able to sit themselves, leave their pews for the Communion procession, or exit the church without direction from the Ushers.

We invited a limited number of parishioners to the Mass on June 7, 2020 so we could see how the new system works. We will be making a few changes as we discover what works best.

Our next Mass will be Sunday, June 14, 2020 at 8:00 AM. We have a link for on-line signup at www.sacredheartchurchdupo.org and will also have phone-in reservations available at the office Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8AM to 2:30PM at 618-286-3224. If you call the office please tell the Secretary you are from Sacred Heart and want to attend the 8 AM Mass. We will do our best to rotate attendees, so if we need to close the signup you will be first on the list for the next week Sunday Mass.

Please try to arrive at least 10 minutes prior to 8 AM to allow time for the changes at church. The main doors are for entrance to the church and the side doors will be the exit doors. There are marks on the floor showing direction and 6 ft. spacing.

At the front entrance of Church, the Greeter will welcome you, ask you to sanitize your hands and provide a mask if needed. You then proceed to the front doors as directed to have your temperature taken with a no touch device.

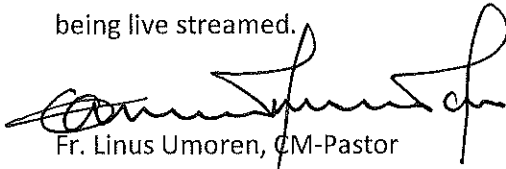
You will then be asked by one of the Ushers if you would like a Breaking Bread book; if you take one it is yours and must be taken home after Mass is over and be brought back each time you come to mass. Any books or other items left in the pews will be thrown away when the pews are cleaned.

There will be a collection basket at the next set of church doors, as no collection will be taken during Mass.

An Usher will then show you to your seat. Please remain there during the entire Mass until you are directed by an Usher, for Communion and dismissal after the mass is over. Due to the social distancing needed for mass you may not be able to sit where you normally sit.

When you approach the priest to receive Communion please extend both cupped hands as far as you can to keep as much distance as possible. Move to the first side isle remove your mask and consume the Host, replace your mask and return to your pew.

The mass will no longer be live-streamed. A PDF file on Sacred Heart's website will provide a list of Masses being live streamed.



Fr. Linus Umoren, CM-Pastor

Reopening Team