

From the desk of.....Fr Laible

## **Peaceful – Prayerful -- Joyful**

June 6/7, 2020

Dear Logan County Catholic Community:

As we prepare to return to the public celebration of the Eucharist at our Logan County Catholic Community Parishes, let the cornerstone of our reentry into our parish churches be: *peaceful, prayerful and joyful*.

### **Peaceful**

During the Easter Season, Jesus appeared to the Disciples in the Upper Room. They were filled with fear, discouraged, without any hope for the future. In the midst of the terrible emotional trauma they had experienced in witnessing the death of Jesus, he comes to them and says, “Peace be with you.”

Jesus offers to each of us, during these difficult days as we have experienced so many emotions – fear, uncertainty, discouragement, anger – his gift of Peace. As you come back to Mass, please share the peace of the Risen Lord Jesus with your fellow parishioners.

### **Prayerful**

In the gospel of John, 17: 20-26, Jesus prayed saying, “I pray not only for these, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that we may all be one...” We come back into our parish Church to pray – for our family and friends, our fellow parishioners, for those who mourn the loss of a loved one and for the many needs of our world.

### **Joyful**

John 15: 11 “These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full”. Jesus calls us to people of joy. When we are surrounded by uncertainty, economic hardship, an unknown future, and so many changes in our life and world, it can be difficult to be joyful.

Jesus, however, has given us His hope, peace and enduring love. As we enter back into our parish spiritual family, share the joy of the Risen Lord with your fellow parishioners.

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**The reopening of our Logan County Parishes will begin on the weekend of June 6 and 7, 2020. Our current weekend Mass schedule remains the same as it was before COVID-19**

Confessions on Saturday afternoon at Holy Family, Lincoln: 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. in the new addition of the Church. Before Mass on Sunday at St Mary's, St Patrick's and St Thomas Aquinas. Please see the Priest for the location of confession.

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass: 4 p.m. Holy Family, Lincoln  
Sunday Mass: 8 a.m. St Patrick's Elkhart  
8:30 a.m. St Mary's Atlanta  
10 a.m. Holy Family, Lincoln  
10 a.m. St Thomas Aquinas, Mt Pulaski

Seating in our parish Church is limited to 25% of the total capacity, per the guidance from the Diocese of Peoria. Pews are blocked off in order to maintain social distancing.

### Seating capacity will be as follows:

Holy Family: 100 seats available (in the Church) for each weekend Mass, with overflow available in the new addition.

St Mary's: 40 seats available in the Church with overflow in the vestibule and parish hall

St Patrick's: 40 seats available in the Church with overflow in the basement of the Church

St Thomas Aquinas: 40 seats available in the Church with overflow in the Choir loft and basement of the Church.

*Currently there are no reservations needed to attend Mass. Available seats in the main body of each Church are first come, first serve. A reservation system to attend Mass will be implemented only if necessary, should the need arise.*

Weekday and weekend Masses will continue to be live-streamed on the parish web page: [www.logancountycatholic.org](http://www.logancountycatholic.org)

**Drive thru Holy Communion will still be available after the weekday and weekend Masses at Holy Family, Lincoln. \*\*Holy Communion will be provided after the weekend Masses at St Mary's, St Patrick's and St Thomas Aquinas, after Mass, for those who are not able to enter the Church. \*\*Please come to the main entrance of St Mary's, St Patrick's or St Thomas Aquinas, immediately after Mass is finished. The Priest or Eucharistic Minister will offer you Holy Communion.**

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The below information is provided by the Diocese of Peoria

### **WARNING ABOUT RISK ASSUMED BY PARISHIONERS:**

While our parish staffs will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners and guests should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 anytime they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.

### **WARNING ABOUT THOSE WHO MAY BE ILL:**

- Do you have a fever or flu-like symptoms? Have you recently traveled out of the country? Have you been exposed to someone with COVID-19? Those who show signs of risk should not enter the church and should stay at home.
- **The faithful continue to be dispensed from attending Sunday Mass.**
- Those who are elderly or vulnerable are encouraged to remain at home.
- Please wear your mask or face covering and maintain social distancing when at church. (Family members in the same household do not need to maintain distance from each other.)

### **Some final notes for your safety**

- Hand sanitizer will be readily available in the Church
- Masks will be available for those who need them. Please wear a mask at Mass.
- Breaking Break missals will be located in the vestibule of the Church. Please take one before Mass. This is your copy to take home and bring to Mass each week. Do not leave missals in pews after Mass.
- Maintain social distancing.
- The left side of the Church (facing the main Altar) will come forward to receive Holy Communion first; the right side will come forward for Holy Communion after the left side is finished.
- The Precious Blood **will not** be offered at Mass. Receive Holy Communion in the hand **only**.
- Ushers will dismiss everyone after Mass, pew by pew, beginning in the back of the Church.
- Church cleaning procedures are in place for each of our parishes. Volunteers are needed to help with cleaning. Please contact your parish coordinator to offer your assistance.

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## DRIVE THRU HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

**Holy Family, Lincoln:** after the 4 p.m. Saturday Mass, from 4:45 to 5:15 p.m. and after the Sunday 10 a.m. Mass, from 10:45 to 11:15 a.m. Monday thru Friday, as noted below. Please follow the below procedures.

**St Mary's, St Patrick's and St Thomas Aquinas:** immediately following the Sunday Mass. Please come to the front entrance of the Church. The Priest or Eucharistic Minister will bring Holy Communion to you while you remain outside the main entrance of the Church.

**DRIVE THRU COMMUNION**  
AT  
**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH**  
SAT: 4:45-5:15 PM  
M-F: 8:30-8:45 AM  
\*IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING FACEBOOK LIVE MASS\*



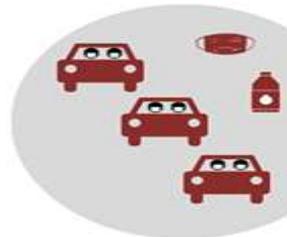
### STEP 1: REVIEW MAP

Direction of traffic flow is as follows:

- Line up on Decatur St.
- Turn right onto Logan St.
- Turn right into food pantry parking lot
- Turn right into new parking lot
- Receive Communion under the Portico
- Exit right into the alley towards Decatur St.

### STEP 2: LINE UP

Following directions closely, please line up your cars to receive Holy Communion under the portico at the new back entrance to Holy Family Church. Please be sure all occupants over the age of 10 are masked before windows are rolled down. Please apply personal hand sanitizer before and after receiving communion.



### STEP 3: RECEIVE EUCHARIST

Father will administer Holy Communion to the occupants of your vehicle who are prepared to receive. Please put your hands outside of the car window, and remain masked until you have received in the hand and Father has stepped away. Receiving on the tongue will not be offered at this time.



### STEP 4: PULL AWAY

Once your vehicle's occupants have received Holy Communion, please pull forward and exit through the alley to make way for the next parishioners.

May you go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.

