

# ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

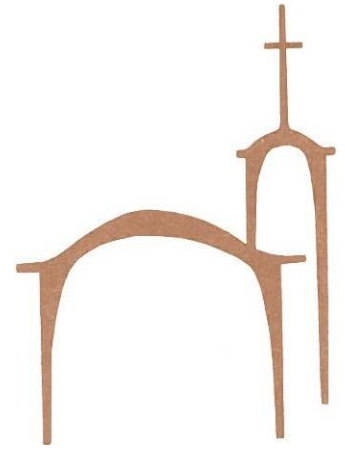
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June 20, 2020 (Side One)

## GUIDELINE OF HIGHLIGHTS / REMINDERS FOR OBSERVING SOCIAL DISTANCING AND OTHER HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AS WE RESUME THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS ON JUNE 28, 2020

### ENTRANCE / EXIT / CAPACITY

- Although vehicle parking is allowed on the Lucas Ave. lot adjacent to the west wing, please enter only **through the doors on the 18<sup>th</sup> St. side**, where the ramp is also accessible. **Exiting will be allowed on both the 18<sup>th</sup> St. side and the Lucas lot side.**
- Attendees should take their temperature at home before determining whether they should attend Mass. It is anticipated that we will have non-contact thermometers for body temperatures to be taken by the designated ministers of hospitality before you enter. Readings of 100 degrees or higher are signals that you should not be present and you will be asked not to proceed further without receiving proper medical attention before returning. Anyone over 60 years of age and those with underlying health complications are encouraged to participate in Masses via live-stream or recording. Facebook, YouTube and now, our website at **<http://www.stnickscatholicchurch.com>** are where you can log on with your computer, tablet or compatible phone. **Persons approved for entrance are obligated to wear a mask.** For the time being, if you do not have one, we can provide you with one. There will be a limited supply of reusable masks. We currently have more stock of disposable masks.
- By Archdiocesan directives for the size of our worship space, we are limiting our capacity to 85 persons including ministers of the Mass. For distancing requirements, available seating will be in every other row of pews. **It is advised that you arrive considerably before the scheduled start time.** Families may sit together in the available spaces, but please observe the six foot distance markings in the pews between families or individuals.

### Offertory

- Please place your offering in the **stationary basket(s)** upon entering the church. Collection baskets will not be passed, nor will there be an offertory procession. **Please consider giving your offertory online.**

### Sign of Peace is Suspended

## **GUIDELINE HIGHLIGHTS (Side Two)**

### **Holy Communion**

- For the distribution of Holy Communion, ushers or other volunteers who are masked and gloved will ensure six-foot distancing in the Communion line. Floor markings shall be placed six feet apart in the aisles in which the congregation approaches the sanctuary for Communion to facilitate proper social distancing.
- Communion ministers must be masked, must sanitize their hands immediately before and after distributing Communion, and when at all possible, should utilize a disinfectant wipe or purificator dipped in a sanitizing solution (at least 60% ethanol or 70% isopropyl alcohol) to sanitize their fingers when incidental contact is made with the communicant.
- Distribution of Holy Communion from the chalice is prohibited to the assembly. For those who suffer from celiac disease, special arrangements are to be made with the pastor. Maintaining a single-file is necessary for the distribution of Holy Communion for each Communion minister and communicant to maintain social distancing. Multiple Communion ministers may be used as long as one-way traffic patterns are observed.
- Communicants are to receive the Host in the hand, in keeping with the advice of state health officials and thereby to avoid the Communion minister's fingers coming into contact with saliva or particles exhaled from the communicants' mouth onto the ministers' fingers. When approaching the Communion minister, the communicant is to pull their mask below their chin in order to prepare to receive Communion as above. The communicant immediately replaces their mask after consuming the Body of Christ.

### **After Mass**

- Family units should depart the church in an organized manner wearing masks and observing six feet of distance between other households. Ushers are not to hand out bulletins or other materials. Clergy and other ministers are not to greet parishioners as they exit the church. Until further notice there are to be no receptions or social gatherings (e.g., coffee and doughnuts) following Mass. Pews and other high traffic areas of the church are to be wiped down before the next service, with the removal of trash and other items from the pews. (This could mean that Mass schedules are adjusted or locations staggered to allow for time to sanitize the church.)
- **\*\*Social Distancing Requirements** means, to the extent possible, maintaining at least six-foot distancing from other individuals; washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer with more than 60 percent alcohol; covering coughs and sneezes with something other than hands; and not shaking