

# AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER? YES, WE ARE!

Following the release of Bishop McKnight's August 21 Decree, the following **REVISED** protocols are now in effect for all Masses — Weddings and Funerals included — at St. Peter Parish until further notice.

Please know that we are carefully monitoring all directives and guidelines issued by state and local governments, as well as by the Diocese of Jefferson City, and will re-evaluate and adjust these protocols as warranted.

**HEALTH** — All the faithful are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and through November 27, 2020 provided the Lord's Day is kept holy by participating in the live-streamed Sunday Mass; praying with the readings of the Sunday Mass; and/or reciting the rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet. Those with underlying health issues are encouraged to avoid the risk of large public gatherings such as Sunday Mass. Please check your temperature and general well-being before coming to church. Those who are symptomatic for COVID-19 are not permitted to enter church. Pews and hard surfaces are sanitized after each Sunday Mass.

**MASKS** — Everyone must wear a mask upon entering and exiting church, and while moving in the Communion Procession to receive Holy Communion. Masks may be removed while seated in the pew, if so desired. If approaching to receive Holy Communion, please remove your mask just prior to receiving Our Lord, and moving it to cover your mouth and nose while returning to your pew. Please bring a personal mask with you. Ushers will have a limited supply for those who forget to bring a mask. Masks must be worn whenever adequate social distancing of at least six feet cannot be maintained in the pew.

**DISTANCE** — Everyone must maintain a distance of six feet from family groups and/or other individuals. Please follow the directions of our ushers and any signs or markings on pews and aisles.

**HYMNALS & MISSALETTES** — All hymnals, missalettes and other paper materials are stored until after the pandemic protocols are lifted. We encourage you to bring your smartphone to reference prayers, songs and other devotions that are available through various mobile apps. Printed missalettes and weekly bulletins are available on the rectory porch for your personal use. If you pick up a missalette, please take it home with you. The song texts for Sunday Mass can be found on our parish Facebook page and parish website.

**HOLY COMMUNION** — Please follow the directions of the ushers and any floor marking to maintain the six-foot distance between the faithful in the line. Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand or on the tongue. For those wishing to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, a kneeler is also provided for your use. The Ministers of Holy Communion will sanitize their fingers after distributing Holy Communion on the tongue of each individual.

**TITHING** — Thank you for your continuing generosity in this challenging time. Please continue to make use of automatic bank drafts, mailed contributions, or placing envelopes in the slot on the rectory porch. There will also be a stationary basket placed in the center aisle during Sunday Masses so that you may leave your contribution there.

Fr. Secrist, Pastor, St. Peter Parish (**Revised 8/21/2020**)

## **A NOTE REGARDING THE 8:00 AM WEEKDAY MASS ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY**

Please note that the 8:00 am Weekday Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday is when the children from St. Peter Interparish School attend Mass. Due to COVID restrictions the children are required to sit in certain pews and next to designated individuals. This is to mitigate the spread of COVID among the students.

If you are adult attending the 8:00 am Weekday Mass please sit in the back of the church to ensure the students are able to follow the necessary protocol for them to attend Mass and remain safe. This also ensures the safety of those attending Mass who do not have children at St. Peter Interparish School. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration so that all may attend Mass in a safe environment.