



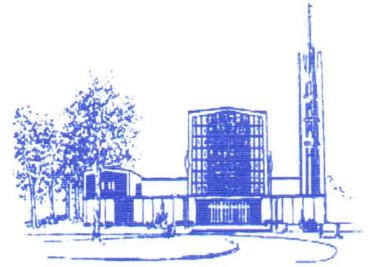
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Announcement regarding the Distribution of Holy Communion at St. Joseph Church after COVID-19 pandemic

Starting the weekend of May 23, 2020, St. Joseph will begin offering the Sacrament of Holy Communion for reception by the faithful in a drive-through fashion in the parking lot between the church and school buildings at the following days and times: Saturdays at 6:00 pm and Sundays at 10:00 am. In order to ensure a safe and smooth process, the faithful are asked to follow the directions given below:

- Remain in your vehicle at all times
- Vehicles should enter through the gate nearest the school (the western-most entrance) and proceed east toward the church building; after receiving Holy Communion, vehicles should exit through the gate nearest the church (the eastern-most entrance)
- Two Communion ministers will be available to expedite the process, especially if there are individuals seated on both sides of the vehicle
- Lower the vehicle's window(s) as you approach the Communion ministers and safely put the vehicle in "park;" after this, all who wish to receive the Host should put their hands outside of their window in a cupped fashion
- The usual conditions for worthy reception of Holy Communion still apply: must be a Catholic in the state of grace having fasted for at least one hour; it is also encouraged that the faithful should be in a "prayerful state of mind" while driving to and from reception of Holy Communion -- engaged in praying and lifting one's heart to God, a spirit of silence (car stereo off, for example), etc.

There will be someone guiding traffic in the parking lot, so please be respectful of any other directions you may be given. Any changes to this guide will be made known to parishioners accordingly.