

St. Aloysius Catholic Church



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Parishioners of St Aloysius Parish

Last week I sent an email to the Pastoral council asking the Council their thoughts and opinions on lifting the Mask mandate at the Parish especially for those who have been vaccinated. The Council members got back to me and there was no clear consensus on the issue. The Council members expressed to me many different opinions on both the timing of easing the Parish mask requirements as well as the issue of the holy water fonts. Since there is no clear consensus on these issues by the Parish Council, at this time we will continue requiring the wearing of masks at Mass. These issues will be revisited and explored at the next couple of Parish Council meetings.

The Archbishop is lifting the Mass dispensation on the feast of Corpus Christi which is the weekend of June 5th and 6th. Of course, anyone who is ill or has a health condition that would prevent them from attending Mass always have, under canon law a dispensation from attending Mass. I plan on making the Feast of Corpus Christi, in the homily and intercessions, a memorial mass for those who have been lost to the pandemic and for those through-out the world who are still suffering from the scourge of Covid 19.

I am also lifting the restrictions on the use of the Parish hall for social gatherings, receptions, etc.. on the weekend of May 8th provided that Masks are used and social distancing can be followed. Hopefully the Bazaar fundraiser this coming year will go on as it did prior to the pandemic. This means that the social activities of the Parish such as the women's bible study, the Tuesday and Thursday coffee group etc. can all return given the wearing of Masks when not eating and social distancing.

I realize that these are trying times but the Lord calls us to love, patience, and charity towards all.

Sincerely,

Fr Barnabas Eichor