

Dear parishioners of St. Mary's and Assumption,

It is with renewed Easter joy that I greet you this morning! As of Monday, May 4th, the state government and the Diocese of Lincoln have given the okay for churches across the state to offer public Masses once again. This opportunity comes with certain requirements for social distancing, of course, but it's most certainly a step in the right direction. Please take note of the following reminders:

- Daily Masses all at St. Mary's at 6:20 am and 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday, and 8:00 am on Saturday
- Sunday Masses all at St. Mary's (in anticipation) at 5:00 pm on Saturday and 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10 am, and 11:30 am on Sundays
- Confessions will be offered Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 6 to 6:15 am, Saturday from 7 to 8 am and 4 to 5 pm, and Sunday from 7 to 8 am. If you don't see us in the church, check outside! We'll be outside for confessions as often as possible.
- There will be no altar boys, acolytes, or lectors/readers in use at daily or Sunday Masses at St. Mary's Church in order to meet the requirements in place by the state government and the Diocese of Lincoln.
- There remains NO obligation for any person to attend Sunday Mass and any "any risk" person, or any person in contact with, or caring for, any "at risk" person, is asked NOT to attend any public Mass.
- If you are in attendance at Mass, meet the usual conditions of spiritual preparation to receive Holy Communion, and desire to do so, you are invited to receive Communion at the usual time. Please keep to standards of social distancing. You may receive on the hand or on the tongue as you prefer. You are NOT obligated to receive Holy Communion but are encouraged to make a spiritual communion if more appropriate.

Let us continue to call upon Almighty God to bring healing and health. Let us beseech our Blessed Mother, patroness of our parishes, for her mantle of protection. And let us pray for one another, especially those at risk and in isolation.

In the Risen Lord,

Fr. Buhman and Fr. Kain