



St. Joseph Catholic Church

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

Based on recommendations from the Diocese of Joliet regarding the COVID-19 Mitigation Protocols, the following revised mitigations will take effect February 28, 2022:

- Masks are recommended but not required in church and office settings.
 - Everyone should be respectful of others who may or may not choose to wear masks.
- Communion shall still be provided only via the host.
 - Communion in the hand is the norm.
 - Pastors have discretion as to whether or not Communion shall be provided on the tongue at their parish. Communion at St. Joseph is **ONLY** given in the hand.
 - There is no Communion in the cup.
- Food at church activities is up to the pastor's discretion.
- Congregation may make whatever Sign of Peace they are comfortable with.
- Restrictions are removed from musicians, but masks are still recommended.
- Previously issued isolation and quarantine procedures for close contact or illness remain in effect.
- For now dispensation still remains in place.

As always if there is a change to the general COVID-19 levels, we may reinstitute protocols as necessary to keep everyone safe. Thank you for working hard to keep everyone safe in our Parish.

Fr. Luis Gutierrez