

Current Options for Mass at St. Mary of the Lake

- **Weekday Masses** are in the church at 8:00 AM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. People need to sign up for these Masses to attend.
- We had our first **parking lot Mass** on Friday. Everything went very well! People remain in their cars and listen to Fr. Talbot on their FM radio. Fr. Talbot says Mass outside. After Mass, we distribute Communion and then direct the cars out of the parking lot. This is the safest option we have for people who are most at risk, but everyone is welcome. The lot can hold about 35 cars. Some people came on scooters, bikes and walkers. I was there and was amazed at the sense of community, faith, and hope of those gathered. People need to sign up to attend this Mass as well.
- **9:00 AM Mass on Sundays** In June, those Masses were reserved for Confirmation families. In July, we are celebrating with First Eucharist families. Beginning August 2, the socially distanced seating at 9:00 AM Mass will be open for anyone to sign up. When we have an assembly at Mass, there are a list of protocols we need to follow. Masks are required, auxiliary spaces are closed (including bathrooms), ushers determine where people sit, Mass is paced to be shorter, and there is no singing. On a scale of 1-10, 10 being the highest risk, attending Mass indoors is an 8. We have these strict protocols both to follow, CDC, MNDH, and archdiocesan protocols, but also to make the environment as safe as we can.
- **Video/live stream Mass** is the way most of our parish is participating in Mass. For that reason, we want to keep that Mass as much like Mass used to be as possible, engaging music, full homily, and slides to encourage participation. If people are present in the church, we cannot provide a stream with a full-length Mass and music. If it is hard for you to see the church without a congregation, please know that those of us who are there, feel your presence. You are in our minds, hearts, and prayers.

Sign up for the above Mass options by calling the parish office at 651-429-7771 option 1, between 9:00 AM and noon, Monday through Friday or visit www.stmarys-wbl.org to sign up for available Masses.

