

# COVID-19 Lifting of Restrictions

During the month of May, the Minnesota Governor announced plans to reduce COVID-19 restrictions in the coming weeks. Based upon these announcements, St. Dominic will implement the following changes in three phases.

## Phase 1 – May 28, 2021

- Open the lower-level doorways and the South doorway into Church
- Remove bathroom restrictions
- Remove Social Hall restrictions
- Return chairs to the area by the Baptismal Font
- Restore use of kneelers
- Return the Sacrament of Reconciliation to the Confessional
- Add additional chairs to the Chapel
- Restore use of votives in the Chapel
- Ushers will no longer seat people at the beginning of Mass or dismiss people at the end of Mass
- Procession - Lector and priest will process in at the beginning of Mass

## Phase 2 – July 1, 2021

- Mask usage becomes optional at Mass
- Pew restriction changes
  - 50% pew capacity restriction lifted
  - The side section on the North (closest to the garden) will remain at 50% capacity, creating a section for people uncomfortable sitting in a 100% capacity section
  - The rest of the church will return to 100% capacity
- Communion
  - Congregation will come forward for Communion (as in the past)
  - Ushers will direct people forward for Communion (as in the past)
  - EMHC for the “50% Section” will still wear a mask
- Collection
  - Collection will return to our old method of passing the collection basket down the row
- Sign of Peace – Return of the handshake. If you are not comfortable with a handshake, a simple wave is acceptable
- Cantors
  - No longer restricted to booth
  - Maximum number of cantors at a Mass increases to 4
  - Cantors from multiple households allowed
  - Disposable microphone covers will be used until current supply is depleted
- Disinfecting following each Mass will stop
- Pews will be cleaned on a quarterly basis
- Funeral protocol returns to pre-COVID protocol
- Funeral lunches return
- We recommend that volunteers be vaccinated

## Phase 3 – Fall 2021

- Return of Altar Servers
- Return of choirs
- Return of hymnals to pews
- Return of water in Baptismal Font