



Dear Nativity Family,

In light of the new directives issued by the governor, Archbishop Naumann has updated our guidelines for public worship. The archdiocese continues to seek the counsel of expert medical professionals in developing our guidelines, while working in unison with state and local guidelines.

Per the governor's recent order, beginning July 3, "any person in Kansas shall cover their mouth and nose with a mask or other face covering when they are inside or in line to enter any indoor public space." Our latest Archdiocesan guidelines reinforce the wearing of masks! – "All participants at Mass must be reminded to wear a mask at all times other than receiving communion. There are very few exceptions for not wearing a mask (children under 5 years of age, medical or mental health, or disability including conditions where wearing a mask could obstruct breathing).

Also included in our updated guidelines is further explanation regarding the dispensation from Sunday obligation. It's a good reminder that while the dispensation from Sunday obligation continues, we still have the need to observe the commandment to keep holy the Lord's Day, through prayer, reading the Scripture, devotionals, or one of the many ways we are providing worship "outside of church" here at Nativity.

I am grateful for all you have done to adhere to the practices we've had in place since we reopened our church. I ask that you continue to help all of us by following these guidelines. We all have a part to play in limiting the spread of the virus and we do our part for the common good and in charity towards others.

Within our parish family and local community people are still at different places: some are happy to be back in our worship space, others are still apprehensive due to being in a high-risk category or just not being comfortable in a crowd at this time. We honor your feelings. We continue to move forward safely and with caution and want you to be safe and feel safe! As always, Catholics should not take unnecessary risks with their health or engage in behaviors that would put others at risk.

Happy Independence Day!  
God Bless America!  
Peace and Love,  
Fr. Mike