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COVID 19 Action Plan
Re-Opening

Hygiene:

Face Masks have been purchased for parishioners to use if they show up without one, and for all those in service of the Mass (Hospitality, Lectors, Musicians etc.)

5 Purell Automatic Hand Sanitizing stations will be placed at entrances as well as the center of the Church for easy access. Also, sanitizing stations on the Altar and in restrooms are being provided.

Sanitizing Wipes will also be provided in all bathroom entrances

The Church is professionally cleaned once a week. In addition, a 'Wellness' committee has been created to ensure proper sanitization after each Mass.

Upper Windows will be kept open during the service while the 'blowers' from the heating system will be activated during services to circulate air up and out.

Fonts/Holy Water dispensers have been emptied

All materials (bulletins/missalettes/hymnals) have all been removed.

Video screens have been installed in the sanctuary as well as our Hall and two side rooms to provide live video feeds for overflow. The screens will also be used to project all words to songs, responses, and announcements.

Social Distancing:

Pews have been measured and determined 1 -2 people may sit on either end of the pew while maintaining 6ft separation side/side.

Every other pew will be closed – maintaining 6ft separation front/back

Our Choir Loft and our Parish Hall have been designated overflow. They have been measured and chairs will be placed with the proper social distancing spacing.

Our Choir Loft has also been set up for additional seating capacity. The doors will be left opened and if needed fans will be brought in to help circulate air up and out.

Our annual 'Out Door Mass' is still scheduled for later in the fall. If possible, we will hold the event bringing with us the portable sanitizing stations and setting up chairs with social distancing rules in effect etc..

We have the capability to 'live stream' our Masses and have been doing so throughout the lockdown.

We have discussed allowing elderly and those vulnerable in our parish to attend Mass and stay in their vehicles in a designated row next to the Church. Communion would be brought to their cars. We expect this to be a small number but wanted to provide a way for this segment of our population to feel safe and still participate in the liturgy. These parishioners will have the option of watching the feed on a smart device or tune in on their radio for our live broadcast (FM 107.1).

Markings have been placed on the floor as parishioners approach communion. They will be asked to alternate sides when entering the aisle. A video has been produced to go over procedures.

All other meetings have been moved online (no lit for children, donuts, etc suspended)

Saint Charles does not have a 'cry room'.

PLANNING:

Saint Charles has an active communication grid. Social Media engages a large portion of our Parish. We have a weekly 'Eblast' to the entire population as well as a texting program for last minute announcements. The parish has also had weekly all parish 'Zoom' meetings. All of these platforms along with on campus signage will keep our parishioners informed.

Mass schedules will not change.

We do not see the need for reservations as we have opened up enough space to accommodate our normal crowds. In addition to the above mentioned 'Window Room and Parish Hall' overflow areas, we have also installed outside speakers which allows the faithful to participate in Mass at any point surrounding the building. In particular our patio area will be set up with social distanced tables/chairs as a means to accommodate larger crowds than we would normally receive.

Signs are at the printers with all of our social distancing rules clearly stated. Large boards will be placed around campus, as well as rules posted online, and sent in mailers to all parishioners.

Training is now beginning with all of our ministers to go over social distancing rules. In addition, all of our ushers/ministry of hospitality volunteers will be retrained.

Our newly formed Wellness committee (made up of health care professionals) will advise us on additional concerns as well as reviewing all of our efforts. They will also be on hand at each Mass to take temperatures of our ministers and oversee safety.

Mass will not be shortened or changed in any way with the exception of new social distancing rules (no Cup, no Holy Water, no Holding Hands during Our Father, no Procession of the Gifts, Father alone at the Altar, No Sign of Peace, no Communion on the Tongue).

Distribution of Communion will be in the hand only. Parishioners will be allowed to sanitize their hands prior to receiving. Face masks worn by parishioners will be lowered to receive communion AFTER they receive the host.

Communion line will be single file