

# The Catholic Communities of Bowlus, Holdingford and St. Anna

## Precautions for returning back to Mass

**Masses are limited to 25% seating capacity. Outdoor Masses can be up to 250 people. Other Faith based activities: baptisms, weddings, funerals, scripture studies, and prayer meetings are allowed but must meet the same requirements as Masses. There should be no meals, receptions or other social gatherings in the church or church grounds for baptisms, weddings or funerals.**

**Here are the guidelines we will follow:**

**Social Distancing**— Always maintain six feet between you and others especially in the communion line.

**Follow the Usher's Directions**— some pews will be blocked off. Ushers will provide directions for seating and as needed.

**Sanitize**— Please sanitize your hands before entering and when leaving church. The pews will be sanitized between Masses.

**Communion** will be the Precious Body in the hand. It will be distributed at the prescribed time during Mass. It is not to be distributed after Mass. Your mask should be removed before receiving Holy Communion. You may attend Mass without coming up for the Eucharist or you may just come up for a blessing.

**Collection baskets** can not be passed. Long handled baskets or drop off baskets are permitted. Online giving or mailing into office are good options.

**Gifts** will not be processed to the altar but brought from the credence table instead.

**Holy Water** fonts and stoups must remain empty. **Hymnals and missalettes** must be removed from the church.

**Masks** are encouraged.- The COVID virus is airborne and people may be contagious without any symptoms. Wearing a mask will help protect those around you. Those involved in the processions, recessions or distributing the Eucharistic must wear masks.

**Restroom** use is discouraged. If needed, social distancing must apply.

**Sing in Your Heart**- Since COVID is airborne, singing carries an additional risk of contamination. Music is limited to an accompanist and cantor.

**The crying room** will not be available.

**Parishioner should not gather** in gathering spaces after Mass.

**First Communion and Confirmation**-Confirmation is on hold for now. First Communion to be determined by Father Gregory.

**The Sunday Mass dispensation** is still in effect. It is **highly encouraged** that those who are in the at-risk population participate in the Mass via live stream. **If you are ill, please stay home.**

**Go to our website: [tworiverscatholic.com](http://tworiverscatholic.com) or Father Gregory's Facebook page to find out when Mass will be. Our Masses will be outdoors for now so Father will watch the weather forecast.**



Definition of social distancing:  
Keep one cow's length between you and the next guy.