

Friday, June 26, 2020.

COVID-19 CASES AT ST RAPHAEL: This week we received no call from the ADH that anyone who tested positive for covid-19 attended Mass. We are still an area of the state wear cases are growing. **Please wear your masks in all public places and socially distance by at least 6 feet.**

Here are the rules about coming to Mass:

- If you have been diagnosed with Covid-19, do not come to Church.
- If you have been exposed to an individual diagnosed with Covid-19, whether family, friend, coworker, please refrain from coming to Mass and risking others.
- If someone in your workplace was diagnosed with Covid-19, even if you were not near this person, consider staying away from Masses for a few weeks.

The symptoms of Covid-19 are a cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever chills, muscle pain, sore throat or loss of taste or smell. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Remember, the bishop has dispensed the obligation of attending Sunday Masses until further notice.

COVID-19 TESTING: St Raphael will be hosting Covid-19 testing this Sunday, June 28th from 11:00AM – 2:00PM for any parishioners who wish to be tested. We encourage you and your family to take advantage of this opportunity. The testing will take place in St Raphael Hall. All that is needed is one form of identification. It is free of charge.

You will enter the parish hall through the doors that face West End street along the walkway. Your temperature will be taken at the door. Everyone is required to wear a mask. After testing you will exit the north doors of the Parish Hall and return to your car via the walkway around the old church.

DAILY MASSES AND CONFESSIONS ARE CANCELLED THRU JULY 6TH. With COVID-19 cases on the rise in Arkansas especially here in NWA and many being affected in our parish community, I am cancelling all daily Masses and confessions until the week of July 7th. Weekend Masses will be celebrated at their usual hours and we will still hear confessions on Saturday morning for one hour 9:00am-10:00am and Saturday afternoons from 3:00pm-3:40pm during this time.