

Mass Dispensation Lifted July 1st

We are grateful for God's providence throughout the course of this last year as we have dealt with the pandemic, and equally grateful to see the pandemic now waning! A few days ago there were a total of only 10 cases in all of Kane and DuPage counties combined. Praise God! In light of the lessening of the pandemic and the risk it presents to people, and of the State entering into Phase 5 a couple of weeks ago, *the Bishop is lifting the dispensation that has been in effect since last March, and restoring the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation, effective July 1st.*

While we continue to pray for those who have suffered during the pandemic and those who have lost loved ones, this is also a moment of great joy and rejoicing for us, as we are finally able to gather together to worship God as a full and complete Parish Family! We are sensitive, of course, to those who remain either fearful or medically vulnerable to the effects of COVID. *And we will continue to have seating in the narthex and in one section of pews which allows for more social distancing for those who desire it.* We will also continue to live-stream the 10:30 Sunday Mass for those who are home-bound and unable to join us in person. *But please be assured that you are safe when attending Mass at St. Gall!* (Even during the height of things we experienced no out-breaks through the parish.) If you have been away from Mass, we are *beyond excited* about seeing you once again. So, join us in thanking the Lord with hearts full of joy, and gratitude, and love!