

Catholic Mutual... "CARES"

Best Practices for Drive-Up Offerings, Blessings and Confessions

During this time of social distancing and the need to get creative in providing the ministry of the church, churches have turned to online masses and offering drive-thru confessions and blessings for parishioners. Please consider the following best practices to do your part in the reduction of the spread of COVID-19. Please ensure you are continue to check updates on the guidelines of the CDC and/or mandates from your State Health Department. <https://www.cdc.gov/>.

Drive-Thru Confessions/Blessings

- An open-air confession/blessing is preferred. Parishioner should remain in vehicle and Father should be seated a minimum of 6' away from the vehicle to maintain social distancing.
- Place traffic cones for drivers to follow and guide them to a stop where the confession/blessing will take place. Should try to limit any physical interaction with parishioners in their vehicles.

Should parishioners wish to provide an offering, encourage continued online giving as your preferred method of support. Offertory baskets with extended handles could also be used to collect monies from vehicles to maintain social distancing.

When working with collected monies:

- Wear PPE (personal protective equipment), such as rubber gloves if handling cash/checks. Use of facemasks are encouraged.
- Do not allow offerings to accumulate to large amounts during drive-up collections. The offerings should be frequently taken inside for counting purposes.
- Have hand sanitizer and/or disinfectant wipes readily available.
- Hands should be washed thoroughly (at least 20 seconds) after handling money.

Should you need any further assistance during this time, please do not hesitate to contact your Risk Management Representative.