



ST. BERNADETTE Catholic Church

2400 Bell Avenue

Rockford, IL 61103

815-968-0904

RETURN TO PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF THE MASS

Starting Pentecost Sunday | By Reservation Only

Daily Mass

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday | 6:30 am

Monday – Saturday | 8:00 am

Sunday Mass

Saturday | 4:45 pm

Sunday | 8:00am, 9:30am, and 11:00am

How to Make a Reservation

Internet: www.stbernadetterockford.com – fill out the online Mass Reservation form

Email: reservations@stbernadetterockford.com

Include the names of all attending Mass, the times/days you are available and your phone number.

Telephone: Please call 815-968-0904, Monday – Friday from 9 am – 11 am.

Please do not call after hours and leave a message.

You will be notified of your reservation to attend Mass on a specific day and time. Please arrive 10 minutes before the start of Mass. **Doors will be locked when Mass begins.** If you are unable to attend your reserved Mass, please contact the office to reschedule. You can not give your reservation to someone else. The office will fill in any open slots.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is dispensed until further notice.

Individuals 65 + years of age, those with compromised immune systems or underlying health conditions, and those anxious about being in a large group are encouraged to stay home.

WHILE OUR PARISH STAFF WILL ATTEMPT TO TAKE THE APPROPRIATE PRECAUTIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE ADVICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES, PARISHIONERS AND GUESTS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ASSUME THE RISK OF CONTRACTING COVID-19 ANYTIME THEY ENTER A PUBLIC SPACE SINCE SUCH PRECAUTIONS DO NOT ELIMINATE THE RISK OF INFECTION.

MASS ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

- Attendance is limited to 10 people or less, not including the celebrant and ministers. **Social distancing guidelines must be maintained at all times, in all areas of the Church property.** There will be **no social gatherings before or after Mass.**
- Until further notice, only those with a reservation will be allowed entry into Mass. **Reservations will be for a specific day and time, on a rotating basis, so that everyone has an opportunity to attend Mass.** (See first page for reservation details.) Please arrive 10 minutes early for Mass. **Doors will be locked when Mass begins.**
- Use the West entrance parking lot when entering the church. You will be greeted by an Usher who will check your reservation and further direct you.
- Anyone with a cough of any sort, fever or flu-like symptoms, or feeling sick in any way, should not come to Mass for any reason. Persons 65 years and older, and those with compromised immune systems or underlying health conditions are **highly encouraged** to stay at home for the time being. **The dispensation from Sunday obligation is in effect until further notice.**
- Hand sanitizer will be at the entrances of the Church. Please use it entering and exiting the church.
- **Ushers will direct you where to sit.** Pews will be marked for social distancing of 6 feet apart, with two empty rows between those available for use. Families may sit together.
- The faithful present at Mass **must** wear a mask.
- Pews, door handles and bathrooms will be cleaned between Masses.
- The invitation to the Sign of Peace is omitted. There will be no hand holding or other physical contact during the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.
- Communion is to be received **ONLY in the HAND.** You are not required to receive Communion. You may make a spiritual Communion.
- Communion lines will follow social distancing requirements. Proceed to the middle aisle, near the Baptismal font. **Ushers will direct you when to leave your pew.**
- Breaking Bread missals, prayer cards, envelopes, etc. have been removed from the pews. There will be no paper bulletins distributed at Mass. (Bulletins are available on-line. Visit our website: www.stbernadetterockford.com)
- An offertory collection box will be located under the Blessed Virgin Mary statue.
- **Ushers will dismiss you after Mass.** Please exit with proper social distancing in mind.
- Bathrooms will be available, but it is our hope they will only be used in case of emergency, since they will need to be sanitized after each use.