

Diocese of Winona-Rochester (*Revised July 1, 2021*)

Guidelines for the Public Celebration of Masses

and Other Liturgical Celebrations

1. Before and after Mass, all liturgical ministers should wash/sanitize their hands.
2. Pastors are encouraged to omit the Sign of Peace for the time being.
3. Separate chalices should be used for the celebrant, each concelebrant, and deacon. Each cleric should purify his own chalice.
4. Communion will not be distributed to the faithful from the chalice; pastors may make exceptions on an individual basis according to their prudential judgement, for example, for those with celiac disease who cannot partake of the host, preparing a chalice beforehand as needed.
5. Before and after the distribution of Holy Communion, all Communion ministers must sanitize their hands.
6. If inadvertent contact is made between minister and communicant's tongue, the minister is to purify his hands before continuing to distribute Communion. It may be prudent to have a small table with the proper items for sanitizing nearby.