

Masking Returns

As we are all well aware by now, St. Louis City and County have implemented a new masking mandate which took effect on July 26th. While this may be frustrating, given that most of our parishioners are already vaccinated, the risk posed by the new Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus warrants such precautions. As we gather for public worship, we will do our part to help in stopping the spread of the virus. Please read the message below from Bishop Deon Johnson and let us continue to pray for the health and wellbeing of all people.

Bishop Deon Johnson writes:

*"In an effort to best love our neighbors in Christ, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, **masks will be required for everyone** gathering in-person for worship within the Diocese of Missouri until at least August 31, 2021. All other aspects of the most recent gathering guidelines remain in effect around congregational sing, social gatherings, etc."*

*"While I know that this in many ways poses a challenge in some communities where masks are not required, it is in many ways an opportunity for us to once more stand together as a Diocesan household united as the Body of Christ. **I urge you to encourage those who are eligible, to be vaccinated as soon as possible.**"*