

COVID-19
Xavier Center
'Hybrid' Mass Guide

St. Francis Xavier Parish

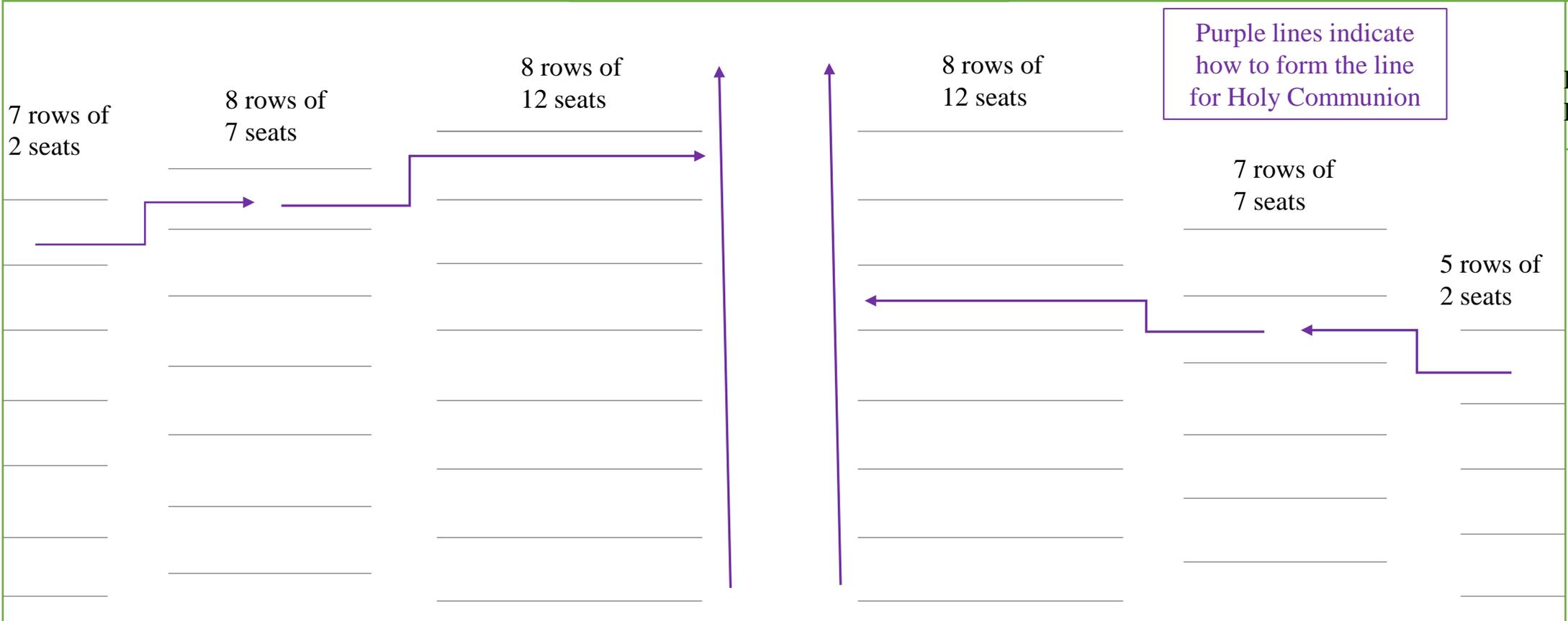
Xavier Center
(465 Table Rock Road)

Indoor Mass Guidelines

- 1. No mask, no entrance.** Please wear your mask (having it fully cover both mouth and nose). *Mask must be worn at all times* when inside the building.
- When arriving (no earlier than 30 minutes before the start time for Mass), **please allow an usher to sanitize your hands.**
- 3. Please wait to be seated by an usher. Do not seat yourself.** We do this so that we can maximize our indoor seating capacity.
While waiting to be seated, please keep social distance from other people (i.e. avoid getting crowded in the lobby – note that waiting outside may be a necessity)
- Two communion lines will be in the center aisles. Communion will be distributed **during Mass.** **Please maintain social distance** while in line.
- 5. At the end of Mass, ushers will help you exit** in order to avoid a crowded lobby.
- 6. Please be patient and kind.** This is new for all of us. We will become more efficient as things progress.
- 7. Thank you** for being a good and faithful member of our parish family.

Indoor Mass Seating Map
Xavier Center Multi-Purpose Room

Sanctuary



Purple lines indicate how to form the line for Holy Communion

Entrance
Exit

7 rows of
2 seats

8 rows of
7 seats

8 rows of
12 seats

8 rows of
12 seats

7 rows of
7 seats

5 rows of
2 seats

Bleachers (folded up and not for use)
The bleachers actually reduce seating capacity rather than increase it

Indoor Seating ‘Math’

- The idea: 3 empty chairs = 6+ feet of social distance
- Therefore, more than one household can sit in the same row *if there are three empty chairs between them and the other household.*
- How many people can we fit inside? It will vary because it depends on the number of people per household...
- If every household consisted of two people...
 - We could fit approximately 100 households (i.e. 200 people)
- If we maximized every seat – 321 people (*a highly unlikely scenario – since it is doubtful that we have 16 households that comprise of exactly 12 people!*)
- A good estimate for the *maximum seating capacity* is to subtract three from the number of total chairs per row (offers us the maximum number of people for maximum number of households per row).
 - E.g. [(12-3) x 16 rows] + [(7-3) x 15 rows] + [2 x 12 rows] = 228 people
- In sum, we can seat anywhere from a rough estimate of 150-250 people
- **In other words, the number of people we can seat inside depends not only on the number of households, but also the number of people belonging to that household. This is why we ask that you do not seat yourself, but let an usher seat you.**

Those Staying in their Vehicle for Mass

- Remember, if you liked the parking lot Mass, you can *keep* the parking lot Mass experience!
 - Still using FM Radio 92.9 and livestream on YouTube and Facebook.
 - Ideal for those concerned with health - advanced in years, preexisting conditions, etc.
 - Also ideal (and frankly the only option) for those who do not want to wear a mask (or cannot wear a mask for medical reasons)
 - *If indoor seating reaches full capacity, the parking lot experience will be the only option (overflow seating).*
 - Remember, *Mass is Mass*. The fact that we can join Christ in offering the one true sacrifice to the Father is always a blessing. It is even more of a blessing that we can do such during a pandemic.
- Holy Communion
 - Holy Communion will be distributed **during Mass** (*not after Mass, as we have been doing*)
 - Holy Communion will *first be distributed to handicap parking in the south lot.*
 - While Holy Communion is distributed to those parked in handicap parking, please begin to form the communion line **on the sidewalk directly in front of the white tent** (see the purple line on the parking map). Cones will be placed on the sidewalk to help facilitate social distancing.
 - Holy Communion will then be distributed **under the main entrance portico** (where the altar was located for outdoor parking lot Masses).
- Once Mass has ended, you may exit the Xavier Center as is custom.

Outdoor Parking

For those wanting to attend Mass *inside*, please park in the **South Lot**

The South Lot is the larger parking space that directly faces the school playground

For those *staying in their vehicles during Mass*, please park in the **North Lot**

The North Lot is the smaller lot where the portable restroom and clothing drive are located – the lot closest to the tent outside of the Xavier Center.

For *handicapped parishioners staying in their vehicles during Mass*, please park in the front row of the South Lot, parking in *every other spot* (see red line on map)



If you want to remain in your vehicle for Mass, but end up in the south lot, do not worry. Simply walk to the Communion line when it is time to receive Holy Communion.

Volunteers

- The truth is, this is only possible if we have *volunteers*.
- We will likely need at least 10 volunteers per Mass (6 inside for seating, 4 outside for parking).
- If physically able (the job is not hard, but requires walking), please help!
- Sign up online through the parish website.

Some Logistical Notes

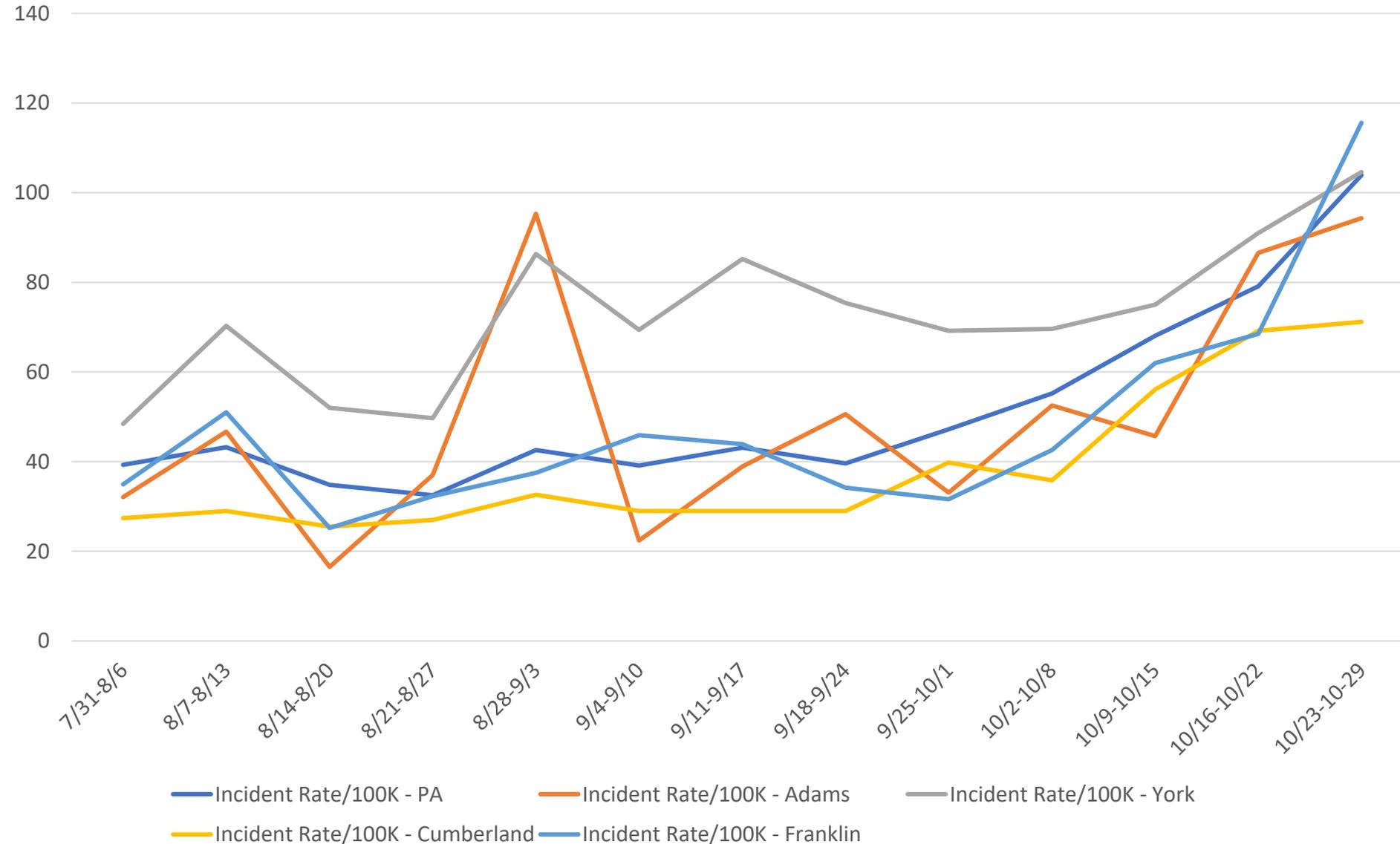
- We will have a basket to drop off envelopes for the weekly collection at the entrance/exit of the multi-purpose room. For those outside, we will have a basket under the portico for your to drop off. Of course, online giving (through our parish website) is always an option!
- Please do not wander around the hallways of the building during Mass.
- Single restrooms will be available inside for use. The portable restroom will remain available for those outside. In any event, please accompany a child under 10 to ensure that the restroom has been well sanitized after use.
- Sanitizing hands before receiving communion is most welcome and encouraged, but not obligatory. Sanitizing hands is required when entering the building.

Some Liturgical Notes

- During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, it is custom to stand (rather than kneel) when there are no kneelers available for use. When standing occurs, it is custom to make a reverent *bow* when the priest genuflects during the Institution Narrative (i.e. the priest genuflects shortly after saying ‘do this in memory of me’). So when the priest genuflects, you are invited to bow.
- Please keep an atmosphere of reverence (and therefore silence) before and after Mass. Sounds from voices carry from the lobby into the MPR. Remember, strong communities are formed by their unity in prayer. If you wish to converse with someone, please hold the conversation outside of the Xavier Center building.
- In that same spirit of reverence, try to avoid *leaving* Mass before it is finished (i.e. right after receiving Communion) unless it is for a good reason. *Remember that Judas was the first to leave the Last Supper...*
- Reverence equally applies to those joining us online. If you are watching the Mass live on Facebook or YouTube, please do not comment in the chat section during the Mass. That is the equivalent of shouting at the priest in the middle of Mass.

Please Be Safe and Healthy!

Covid-19 Incident Rate/100K



As you can see on this chart, the COVID-19 rate is spiking in Adams County.

Adhering to our guidelines enables us to worship safely during this time.

Our logistical decisions are never made out of fear, but out of *due diligence* for the health and well-being of all who join us to worship.

Data Source:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Monitoring-Dashboard.aspx>

Thank You

Thank you for your cooperation, collaboration, and kindness during this unpredictable and strange times.

You have kept our parish thriving in its mission of bringing Christ's hope and healing to many.

We could not do this without you!