

When the Bishop Celebrates Mass
Notes

- Please reserve a parking space near the church for the bishop's car.
- Bishop Coyne will bring his own vestments. Please have a small table or counter clear for him to lay his travel case on.
- On the credence table, a bottle or glass of water is to be provided for use as necessary.
- After the proclamation of the Gospel by either the deacon or priest, he is not to reverence the book. The people are to sit as they normally do and the Book of the Gospels or Lectionary is brought to Bishop Coyne for his reverencing and then handed back to the priest or deacon to be set aside. The bishop will not bless the people with the book.
- At Mass, communion under both kinds is to be offered even if this is not the normal practice of the parish (this need only involve one or two chalices). Please inform the bishop if he needs to bring chalices.
- There are to be no more than five (5) General Intercessions. They are to be clear and concise, following the form of the Intercessions in the back of the Roman Missal.
- The sign of peace will be offered.
- There are to be no kneelers set in front of the bishop during Communion. The normal position to receive Communion in the U.S. according to the GIRM is standing. If someone wishes to kneel, they may do so.
- When Mass is finished, Bishop Coyne will return to the inside of the church in front of the main altar for people to greet him. The lights are to be left on until he has greeted the last person and left the church.