

*This is the announcement that I read at all Masses last weekend:*

The Diocese of Peoria has received word that Central Illinois is currently in the midst of a serious flu crisis and so has recommended that we use common sense and good pastoral care and make some temporary changes to our liturgical practices.

Effective immediately we will suspend the distribution of the Precious Blood at all Masses. We also will suspend the sign of peace and the holding of hands during the Lord's pPrayer.

For those who receive the host directly on the tongue, you are asked to receive the host in the hand.

You also are reminded that there is **NO** obligation to attend Mass if you are ill or have been ill recently. In fact, it is better for the common good of all for you to stay home.

When the flu outbreak subsides, we will return to the normal liturgical practices.

Thank you for your cooperation and God bless!

Fr. Jerry

