

FOR MASS INTENTIONS

Our parish is very large (almost 4000 members), and we average 37 deaths every year. Because each of us wants to honor our loved ones, whether living or dead, we request that a Mass be offered for them. As a result, sometimes, our office has more intentions than the two priests in the parish can honor. The Diocesan Policy does not allow any parish to hold requests for Mass intentions that cannot be satisfied within one year. Therefore, we are putting in place a process that will assure your loved one is remembered either here or at another church. We ask you to help us in implementing this policy.

1. Following the death of a parishioner, we will automatically schedule a mass intention as soon as possible and on the first anniversary of death. Other requests for the deceased will be scheduled as possible, but not more often as once per week.
2. When there are more requests than we are able to honor, they will be sent to the diocese to be distributed to other parishes or to missionaries.
3. All mass requests will be scheduled according to availability.
4. There will be a limit of one Mass per week with the same intention.
5. A stipend is customarily given and the amount of the stipend is left to the individual. The stipend which the Holy Name priests are to be paid will be limited to \$10.00. Any time the stipend received is more than \$10.00 it will be deposited and used to pay for intentions where no stipend has been given.
6. All policies are subject to the discretion of the pastor.

Why is it necessary for some Mass intentions to be “sent away”?

We at Holy Name are blessed by the many expressions of faith on the part of the Church community: among these is an abundance of Mass requests for various intentions and occasions. When we have more Mass intentions than we have opportunities to celebrate Mass, we send the overabundance of intentions to the Pastoral Center in Owensboro. They in turn distribute the intentions to parishes within the diocese which do not receive many Mass intentions. Intentions are also sent to parishes in foreign missions which have no Mass intentions of their own. In this way, the Masses which you have requested are celebrated and your intentions remembered; at the same time, the stipends for your Mass intentions are helping struggling faith communities survive.