

## CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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### PARISH MASS INTENTION POLICY

The following policy is for the parishes of Christ the King Catholic Community while the Very Rev. Mark J. Stoll, JCL, VF is pastor.

RATIONAL: As it is the responsibility of the pastor to manage the Mass Offerings [aka Mass Intentions, Mass Stipends] that are given at the request of the faithful for particular intentions for the presider at Mass to remember and offer and the monetary gifts that are given for preside in accord with Canon Law and the Particular Law of the Diocese of Sioux City and to provide fairness and accountability the following is established.

1. Celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for a specific intention is a venerable tradition in the Church. Mass intentions are a form of almsgiving through which parishioners contribute to the good of the Church by supporting her ministers and her works. The efficacy of the Mass is such that it is possible to apply an infinite number of intentions to a Mass, but the priest is obliged to celebrate Mass for one and the only one intention for which he has received a Mass stipend or offering. [Canon 948; Diocesan Policy IV.3.22]
2. A Mass Intention may be **requested** for:
  - 1) A deceased person
  - 2) A living person who is sick or suffering; for their well-being
  - 3) A living person who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or other occasion
  - 4) In thanksgiving to God
  - 5) For a specific prayer intention
3. A Mass Intention **may not** be scheduled for:
  - 1) An unknown "special" or "private" intention
  - 2) A prayer intention that contradicts Catholic teaching
4. **The offering for a Mass Intention is customarily \$10.00** and typically included at the time of scheduling, however, no Mass Intention requests will be refused because of financial difficulty. Offerings for Mass Intentions may be for any amount. The Diocese of Sioux city has set \$10.00 as the customary offering as of 1 July 2018. [Diocesan Policy IV.3.20]
5. **Publication of Mass Intentions** will be done weekly in the parish bulletin. They will not be announced at Mass nor will they be announced in the Universal Prayers. If desired, Mass Intention notifications can be printed and mailed to the requestor.
6. **Requests for a specific intention and on a specific day** may be made in person at the pastor's office in Breda or via a phone call to the pastor or by mailing your request with an offering to the pastor. Due to many requests and due to the fact that particular dates may not be available, requests will be taken on a first come, first served basis and only two [2] specific dates per year [i.e. birth date, death date]. Requests may not be made for Holy Days, Feast of All Souls, and holidays [i.e.

Thanksgiving, All Saints, Christmas, and Easter Sunday] to allow all persons to have a chance to have their intention on those dates and to allow for flexibility of the pastor to assign intentions on those dates based on the schedule of Masses for all the parishes.

7. To follow Canon Law, to provide an opportunity for all parishioners to schedule a Mass Intention for their loved ones on particular anniversaries, and to accommodate Mass Intentions for recently deceased individuals, the Mass Intention book is only open for **12 months (one year) at a time**. A Mass Intention will not be scheduled unless the book is open on those dates. Due to the limited availability of Masses, **no person/family may schedule more than two weekend and three daily Masses per quarter**. If one desires to have more Masses offered, the extra intentions with their stipends will be sent to retired and/or missionary priests with the permission of the requestor or returned to the requestor.
8. Again, requests will be honored on a first-come, first-serve basis in the order in which the request is received. Every effort will be made to accommodate desired dates, times, and church locations, especially with Mass intentions for the recently deceased. However, **the particular day, time, or place that may be preferred may or may not be available**. Requestors are asked to be reasonably flexible in scheduling Mass Intentions as the efficacy of the Mass being celebrated is the same regardless of date, time, or place.
9. To be compliant with the Code of Canon Law of the Catholic Church:
  - 1) Mass intentions may never be scheduled in advance further than a year from the date they are given.
  - 2) Only one Mass intention will be assigned per Mass except when it is allowed by Canon Law or Particular Law to accommodate many offerings and/or requests.
  - 3) One Mass each Sunday must be celebrated for the intention "Pro Populo" (For the People) by the Pastor of the Parish.
10. The funds for these Mass Intentions shall be held in a bank account until the intention is fulfilled and then paid out to the proper president.
11. Check for offerings may be made out in the name of the pastor or the parish in which the requestor wishes the intention to be offered.
12. Given this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2018
13. Very Rev. Mark J. Stoll, JCL, VF  
Pastor