

Mass Intention/Stipend Guidelines

Catholic Churches of Jennings County

- The next year Mass Intentions will be available to schedule beginning September 1. Intentions for next year will not be scheduled before this day.
- Mass intentions, rather than being “announced” at Mass will simply be listed weekly in the bulletin.
- Please take into consideration that we CANNOT accommodate everyone with your request for weekend Masses. The Church is required to celebrate one (1) Mass per weekend for the People of the Parish (Pro Populo); therefore we are limited to the number of Masses available on weekends.
- Offerings for Masses that cannot be celebrated at St. Ann’s, St. Joseph’s and St. Mary’s within one year must be forwarded to the local Monastery.
- A priest can place restrictions on how many intentions he is willing to take from a particular individual, or exclude intentions of questionable piety. Within our three parishes we have set the limit of ten (10) intentions to be accepted and scheduled at any one time. (i.e. If a parishioner comes in with a request of ten (10) intentions, we can accept all ten (10), depending on availability the intentions may need to be scheduled at any of the 3 parishes.
- The parishes has also limited the amount of intentions that can be said for one person within the parishes. To insure consistent and fair opportunity for all wanting an intention said for a loved one, it has been decided that no one individual/family will have more than ten (10) intentions on the books within the Parishes over a period of one (1) year. Intentions will still be taken for an individual but they will be sent out to the local Monastery.
- For those who have lost a loved one any given year, you may schedule one (1) Mass intention per month for a rolling 12 months.
- ALL intentions are a first come first serve basis. You cannot reserve days in advance.
- Upon a Mass cancellation occurs, the intention for that Mass will be rescheduled on the next available opening. When a “private Mass” is offered by the priest the Mass Intention will be honored.
- The amount of the Mass offering is ten dollars (\$10.00). These monies are deposited in a separate account of our parishes called the Mass Stipend account.