

**To accommodate increased demand for Mass Intentions, and to make Mass Intentions accessible and available to as many different parishioners as possible, the following policy has been implemented for St. Agnes.**

- Intentions are scheduled through the parish office
- The customary gift (stipend) for a Mass intention is \$10
- Mass Intentions cannot be accepted beyond what can be fulfilled within one year
- Mass Intentions may be transferred to the missions if they cannot be fulfilled in one year
- During (July/August/September) up to seven Mass Intentions (2 weekend, 5 weekday) may be scheduled. **Exact date/time/location of the July opening of the New Mass Intention Book will be publicized in June.**
- Starting in October additional intentions may be scheduled.

### **Policy**

In accordance with approved practices of the Church, priests offering or concelebrating Holy Mass may receive a request to offer Mass for a specific intention. These intentions commonly are for the repose of a deceased person or for the intentions of a living person. These intentions are usually accompanied with a gift (stipend). The *Code of Canon Law* (and local Diocesan Policy) governs the principles and processes of stipends.

- Intention requests are subject to acceptance of the celebrant.

### **Common Intentions Include:**

- For the Repose of N. *or* Deceased Members of the N. Family
- For the Intentions of N. *or* For the Intentions of the N. Family
- In Thanksgiving for xx Years of Marriage of N. and N.
- For a group (e.g. Religious, Students, those in Purgatory, Military, Priests)

The stipend for Mass intentions is gratuitous; however, the customary offering is \$10 per intention.

*Canon Law* prohibits the scheduling of multiple “stipened” intentions for one Mass.

*Canon Law* requires the scheduling of one *Pro Populo (for the people)* intention on every Holy Day of Obligation (including Sundays).

Stipend funds are financially segregated and tracked. Money cannot be spent until the Mass is offered.

Mass intentions are scheduled through the parish office according to the following process:

- Mass Intentions are scheduled one liturgical year at a time, namely the First Sunday of Advent through the Solemnity of Christ the King.
- During July/August/September up to seven Mass intentions (2 weekend, 5 weekday) may be scheduled for the upcoming Liturgical Year. **Exact date/time/location of the July opening of the New Mass Intention Book will be publicized in June.**
- Starting in October additional Mass intentions may be scheduled.
- Mass intentions that exceed what the schedule permits will be forwarded to the Diocese in keeping with Diocesan Policy.
- The schedule of Mass intentions is subject to change according to the Mass schedule and there is no promise that they will be said on the scheduled day due to priest illness, schedule change, vacations, weather, etc. Attempt will be made to contact the concerned parties ahead of time, but that is not always possible.