

Scheduling of Mass Intentions
St. John Paul II Catholic Parish, Carroll, Iowa
Annunciation Parish, Coon Rapids
St. Joseph Parish, Dedham
St. Mary Parish, Willey

In recent years, the parishes in Carroll County have allowed multiple mass intentions for a single mass. The Diocese of Sioux City has recently addressed this issue, noting that it is not only against diocesan policy, but also that it is not consistent with canon law

Therefore, It is now necessary for us to return to the practice of limiting the intentions at each mass to one intention except on rare occasions (per diocesan policy and canon law).

As in the past, extra mass intentions will be sent to retired priests throughout the diocese and to missionary priests so that those masses may be offered in a timely manner. In general, \$100 is the maximum that the parish will keep in its mass account for a single intention.

Weekend Masses

The intentions for weekend masses will now be assigned by the Pastor/Associate Pastor in order to spread them out among the many requested intentions for masses that the parish holds in its account.

A family may request a specific date for a weekend mass intention in the following cases:

- For the actual date of death of someone who has died within the last ten years
- Celebration of a wedding anniversary (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, 70th)

These or any other requests for weekend mass intentions must always be approved by the Pastor/Associate Pastor.

All Other Masses

The intentions for masses will be assigned by the Pastor/Associate Pastor in order to spread them out among the many requested intentions for masses that the parish holds in its account.

A family may specifically request a date for a mass intention in the following cases:

- For the actual date of death or the birthday of someone who has died
- Actual date of a wedding anniversary (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, 70th)

Number of Mass Intentions Per Year

In general the following guidelines will apply:

- Within the first five years of a death, six mass intentions may be offered in the parish each year
- After five years, two mass intentions may be offered by the parish each year

