

WHY HAVE A MASS SAID?

What better way to honor your loved ones than to have a Mass said for them?

One of the reasons that this tradition has been passed on for centuries is because of the many spiritual fruits that result from this form of prayer. The Mass and celebration of the Eucharist is the highest form of worship in the Catholic Church and on Earth because we unite ourselves with Christ's sacrifice on the cross in worship of his Father.



St. John Paul II emphasized the graces that come when a Mass is offered and said; "The Church believes that she will be heard, for she prays in union with Christ her Head and Spouse, who takes up this plea of His Bride and joins it to His own redemptive sacrifice."

There are many fruits and graces that result from having a Mass said and many reasons for Mass intentions including, but not limited to:

- Death of a loved one
- Special intention for someone who is suffering
- Birthdays & Anniversaries
- In celebration of the reception of the sacraments
- Gratitude for prayers that have been answered

If you know of someone who could benefit from the spiritual graces that come with having a Mass said on their behalf, stop in Monday—Thursday 9am-4pm or call the parish office at 424-1485 and schedule a Mass intention for the new year.

Two or more names may be submitted for one Mass if they are related, (i.e. husband/wife; father/son; living and deceased of the Frank Jones Family).

According to Canon Law, the Bishops of a Province determine the offering amount that seems appropriate. The Bishops of Indiana Province have determined that the appropriate offering is \$10.00 per Mass.

