

## **Mass Intention Policy**

November 30, 2005

In order to be just and fair to everyone and to serve the needs of as many as possible, we would like to propose the following guidelines for Mass intentions at St. Maria Goretti Parish:

1. The first year after a person dies, the deceased may have 6 Mass intentions (no more than one per month) said for him/her (year = month to month).
2. Every year after the first anniversary of the death, the deceased may have 3 Mass intentions offered per year.
3. The deceased will have no more than 1 weekend Masses offered per calendar year (year = month to month), and one 8:00 a.m. weekday Masses per year (year = month to month).
4. In accord with the norm of Canon 952, Sec. 1, the diocesan bishops of the WI Province decreed on Oct. 30, 1998 that the offering to be made for the celebration and application of a Mass under ordinary circumstances within the ecclesiastical province of WI, is to be \$10.00, effective Jan. 1, 1999.
5. There will be one Mass offered per week for the Parish & Benefactors of St. Maria Goretti Parish on a weekend (Canon Law).

The 1983 Code of Canon Law of the Catholic Church states: "It is not lawful for anyone (pastor) to accept more stipends for Masses to be applied by himself than can be offered (satisfied) within one year."

Thus, if there are more Mass intentions requested than can be offered in the one year period, other priests can be asked to offer the intentions.

The parish receptionist will administer the scheduling of the Mass intentions. This guideline will go into effect November 1, 2005. If there are any questions or concerns, please let me know. What we are trying to address is the opportunity for more individuals to have a Mass for someone on weekends and at the 8:00 am weekday Masses.

Fr. Mike Burke