



FROM THE DESK OF FR. MIKE

One of the Spiritual Works of Mercy, encouraged for all to practice who are members of the Roman Catholic Church, is to “pray for the living and the deceased.” The Parish Office receives many requests to have a Mass offered for the repose of the soul of a deceased loved one, of a family member, or a friend. We have so many requests for Masses that our Mass intention book is often filled.

When a member of our family dies it is customary to have a Mass offered. My mom died earlier this year. She was a lovely woman of deep faith. When friends and parishioners heard of her death, Mass intentions came flooding. In addition to Masses being offered at St. Mary’s, Masses were also offered at the following religious communities around the country and as far away as the Vatican and parishes in Zambia. The following is a list of the communities offering Masses for Mom:

Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, Garrison, NY – *Mom’s favorite prayer came from here*
Sacred Heart Spiritual Society, Walls, MS
Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, Stockbridge, MA
Sacred Heart Association, Salesian Missions, New Rochelle, NY
Divine Word Missionaries, Techny, IL
St. Lawrence Seminary, League of St. Anthony, Mt. Calvary, WI
Spiritual Enrollment, Missionary Oblates, Belleville, IL
Passionist Spiritual Enrollment, Park Ridge, IL
Archdiocese of Chicago - Cardinal Cupich
Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Chicago
Claretian Missionaries, National Shrine of St., Jude, Chicago, IL
Dominican Sisters of Hope, Ossining, NY
Friar Servants of Mary, Berwyn, IL - with a daily Mass offered at St. Peter’s Basilica in the Vatican
Franciscan Friars, Marytown, IL
Franciscan Missionaries, Waterford, WI
Franciscan Mission Associates, Mount Vernon, NY
Glenmary Home Missioners, Cincinnati, OHIO
Holy Cross Fathers, University of Notre Dame, IN
Legionaries of Christ, Seminary Mass Association- Cheshire, CT
Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, IL
Maryknoll, Maryknoll, NY
Marianist Mission, Dayton, OH
Missionaries of the Holy Family - St. Louis, MO
Misericordia Heart of Mercy, Chicago, IL
Priests of the Sacred Heart, Hales Corners, WI
St. Benedict’s and Conception Abbeys, Benet Lake, WI
Society of the Little Flower, Darien, IL
Seraphic Mass Association, Capuchin Missions, Pittsburgh, PA
Society of the Divine Savior - Salvatorians, Salvatorian Center, WI

May these Masses and prayers offered for the repose of the souls of deceased members of our parish and families deepen our trust in God’s promises of eternal life in our Risen Lord.

Tuesday, November 1 is a holy day of obligation. We come together to celebrate the Feast of All Saints – Mass will be offered at 7:30am and 7:00pm.

Wednesday, November 2, at 7:00pm, we offer a beautiful All Souls Memorial Mass, remembering the faithfully departed. You are invited to come support or be supported by our parishioners at this Mass for all of the deceased.

May God bless us with hope filled hearts,