

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Assumptions about family in heaven

**Question:** Often on Facebook and other sites, people speak of deceased loved ones as being in heaven. What are we to think of this sort of expression, and how should we speak of the deceased?

**Answer:** On the one hand, we can see expressions like this as a hopeful and polite way of speaking of the dead. Theologically, however, simply declaring or assuming a person is in heaven is wrong for a number of reasons. First, we take the judgment seat that belongs to Christ. Second, we may well engage in presumption. Third, we often mislead people into dubious hope or presumption. Fourth, we often deprive the dead who are in purgatory the prayers they need and deserve from us.

Scripture does not say that we die and go straight to heaven. We have a little appointment to keep: the judgment seat of Christ (cf. 2 Cor 5:10; Heb 9:27). This is certainly worth praying about! And even if the judgment is not about hell, a second judgment concerns the imperfections and sorrows that must be purged (cf. 1 Cor 3:12-15), for nothing imperfect can enter heaven (cf. Rv 21:27). It isn't just our sins or the effects of them that need to be removed, but we also carry things we know we can't take to heaven, such as regrets, past hurts, sorrows, etc. Christ must wipe these tears from our eyes (cf. Rv 7:17; 21:4).

Therefore, it is proper to assume that when our loved ones die, they go through some period of purification and purgation. How lengthy this is and how time here relates to "time" in purgatory or heaven is unknown.

Perhaps a better way of speaking of our loved one is the traditional way: "Uncle Joe died two years ago. May he rest in peace." This avoids fake canonizations and inspires prayer. It reminds others that Uncle Joe is in the care of God, who knows what is right, just, best and necessary.

**Mass intention envelopes can be found in the back of the church on the table. Suggested offering is \$10.00. Just fill one out and place it in the regular collection basket or drop off at the office.**

**We are getting low on Mass Intentions so please send in your requests.**

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### WEBSITE

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### FACEBOOK/Mass Livestream

www.facebook.com/St.James.Mead  
9:00 am every Sunday



### Weekend Mass Schedule

5:30 pm Saturday  
9:00 am Sunday

### Weekday Mass Schedule:

7:00 am Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday, Friday

### Confessions:

Saturdays 4:30-5:00 pm  
Sundays 8:00-8:30 am  
or by Appointment

### Eucharistic Adoration

First Saturdays/Sundays  
between weekend Masses.

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# St. James Catholic Church October 18, 2020

## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**RCIA** For those wishing to learn more about their faith, or those of another faith considering joining the Faith, please contact **Fr. Gross by email or phone (see contact info above).**

### New Parishioners & Visitors

We are grateful you are here! In our parish community, all families and individuals are welcome! If this is your new parish, you are asked to pick up a registration form in the back of the church on the bulletin board and return and place it in the collection basket.

### Mass Intentions

Monday	Oct 19	No Mass	
Tuesday	Oct 20	7:00 am	†Axel Ericson
Wednesday	Oct 21	7:00 am*	†Craig Casey
Thursday	Oct 22	7:00 am	†Ted Dolinski
Friday	Oct 23	7:00 am	†Rosemary Koranda
Saturday	Oct 24	5:30 pm	For the Parish
Sunday	Oct 25	9:00 am	†Julia Cecilia Cuchra

**Bulletin Submissions** You may offer submissions to the bulletin by calling the rectory by noon on Wednesday or email: [office@stjamesmead.com](mailto:office@stjamesmead.com) or [fr.gary-gross@lincolndiocese.org](mailto:fr.gary-gross@lincolndiocese.org)

#### October 10-11 Collections

Adults	\$1930.00
Second Collection	54.00
Online Giving	<u>377.00</u>
Total:	\$2361.00

### Parish Notes

**GREETERS BEFORE MASS:** The council would like have volunteers sign up to greet parishioners and visitors before each mass. It would be for 20 minutes before each mass. Greeters can be single, couples and families. It is a great way to meet new people and make people feel welcomed to our community. We would ask people to sign up on the sheet in the back of the church. It involves no long-term commitment because it would only be for the times you sign up and can change every week.

**COFFEE and ROLLS:** Looking to start back up in November.

**PANCAKE FEED:** Has been postponed until possibly March/April time frame.

**LIVE-STREAM MASSES:** We would like to continue livestreaming our Mass. A committee has been formed to explore the cost for equipment to do it well. Also, we are exploring the feasibility to have a wall projection system that would post the hymns, responses, etc. to better facilitate singing and participation. More to follow.

**We have sent out** Vocations Appeal letters. Our Parish goal is \$4100. Please pray and help support our future priests. If you have not received one or would like to make a donation, please contact Fr. Gross. Extra pledge cards are on the table in the back of the church.

**Now Hiring a Full-Time Cook—**St. John Nupomucene School in Weston is accepting applications for full-time cook. The position is for every day school is in session, approximately six hours per day. Duties include transporting supplies from Bishop Neumann to St. John’s, meal preparation, cooking, serving, and clean up. Travel time and mileage paid. Must be able to lift 50lbs, and clean to food preparation standards. Training and certification available. Contact Carolyn Haberman at 402-607-9513 for more information or to apply.

There is an **American Red Cross Blood Drive** scheduled for Wednesday, October 21 from 12:00 to 6:00 pm and Thursday, October 22 from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. at the Wahoo State Bank Building, 164 E. 5th in Wahoo. For more information, contact:

[www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter WAHOONEB to schedule an appointment or call Verna at 402-277-6243

**LDCCW October Diaper— Drive Due to COVID-19,** we are **not** collecting the diapers but ask you to make a donation for the amount **you would have spent** on diapers. You may make your check out payable to **LDCCW** and drop it into the collection basket or the safe box by the bulletin board in the Parish entry. If you prefer, you may mail it directly to Kay Wessel at 3600 W. Wittstruck Rd, Martell, NE 68404. She is the LDCCW Diaper Drive Coordinator. Include a note mentioning "St James, Mead", as we get recognition for our donations. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

**3-Part Evangelization Series:** Matt Simmons, Director of Evangelization & Spiritual Formation, will present talks on Repentance & Faith; October 28, The Meaning and Value of the Cross; and November 18, Experiencing the Resurrection from 7-8:30pm on ZOOM. The workshop is free. Registration is required if you wish to participate on ZOOM. To register please visit: [lincolndiocese.org/evangelization](http://lincolndiocese.org/evangelization)

Questions? Email Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net

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