

**AMENDMENT  
FOR THE DIOCESE OF DES MOINES COMPENSATION  
FOR ACTIVE PRIESTS**

*(Effective July 1, 2026)*

**MASS STIPENDS/OFFERINGS**

The Mass stipend is a free will offering (not required) for a particular Mass intention given to a priest. According to Canon Law, the offering is to be retained by the priest who offers the Mass.

As made effective on January 1, 2026 by Decree of The Metropolitan of The Province Of Dubuque In Iowa, *On The Offerings For And On The Intentions Of The Holy Masses on (November 19, 2025)*, for the entire Province of Dubuque in Iowa, any new offering/stipend to be given for the celebration and application of Mass is set at \$10.00.

**Effective July 1, 2026, within the Diocese of Des Moines, any actively assigned priest may voluntarily elect to take a set amount of \$250 per month and remit all the Mass offerings to the parish/institution he serves.**

***Notations:***

1. The \$250.00 a month option only applies to active priests assigned within the Diocese of Des Moines.
2. This option is to be utilized and renewed on an annual basis in line with the fiscal year parish/institutional budgeting.
3. In either option, these Mass offerings are to be included in taxable wages.
4. Retired and visiting priests are entitled to retain the individual Mass offerings whatever the amount but are not eligible for the \$250.00 monthly option.

*Submitted by Very Rev. David Fleming, Vicar General on January 28, 2026*

*Approved by the Diocese of Des Moines Presbyteral Council and Bishop William Joensen on Friday, January 30, 2026.*

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