

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Friends and family members of deceased parishioners often have questions about making gifts to the parish in honor of their loved one. No gift is ever expected. Our parish freely offers its support at this time and desires to provide your loved one with a Catholic funeral liturgy as a final ministry of the Church. Should you wish to make a gift in memory of your loved one, we are happy to provide resources to ensure that the legacy gift will both honor your loved one's faith life and further the parish's mission, which includes proclaiming the Gospel, providing Catholic education, and aiding and serving those in spiritual or material need.

Memorial gifts may be made to St. Joseph's endowment funds (general parish or educational endowment), school or religious education scholarship funds, a specific ministry (e.g., Youth Ministry, Music Ministry), a particular need (e.g., building improvements, outreach to the poor and homebound) or for the parish's general needs, of which there are many.

We recommend considering your loved one's faith life, interests, or what he or she cherished most about the parish. Our parish commits to good stewardship of any gift entrusted to us. Be assured of the gratitude and prayers of those blessed by your gift. Please contact Patrick Menke at 651-789-8349.

FUNERAL PLANNING GUIDE

"Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother/sister in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he/she will rise with him on the last day."



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“In the face of death, the church confidently proclaims that God has created each person for eternal life and that Jesus, the Son of God, by his death and resurrection, has broken the chains of sin and death that bound humanity.

At the death of a Christian, whose life of faith was begun in the waters of baptism and strengthened at the eucharistic table, the Church intercedes on behalf of the deceased because of its confident belief that death is not the end nor does it break the bonds forged in life. The Church also ministers to the sorrowing and consoles them in the funeral rites with the comforting work of God and the sacrament of the eucharist.”

From the Order of Christian Funerals (OCF)

NOTE FROM OUR PARISH

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family.

It's our honor and privilege to serve and support you in this difficult time of grief.



Funeral Mass Planning Worksheet

Opening (Song): _____

First Reading (Old Testament): _____

Lector: _____

Psalm (Sung): _____

Second Reading (New Testament): _____

Lector: _____

Gospel: _____

Priest or Deacon (if present) followed by Homily

Prayers of the Faithful:

Lector: _____

Preparation of the Gifts (Song): _____

Gift Bearers:

Communion (Song): _____

Meditation (Optional Song): _____

Closing (Song): _____

Pall Bearers:

Seasonal Music Options

ADVENT

- ◆ My Soul in Stillness Waits (missalette)
- ◆ O Come, O Come Emmanuel 492
- ◆ On Jordan's Bank 503
- ◆ People Look East 501
- ◆ Return To Me (missalette)

CHRISTMAS

- ◆ Angels We Have Heard on High 524
- ◆ Go Tell it on the Mountain 530
- ◆ Hark! The Herald Angels Sing 550
- ◆ It Came Upon a Midnight Clear 531
- ◆ Joy to the World 518
- ◆ Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming 515
- ◆ O Come, All Ye Faithful 521
- ◆ O Little Town of Bethlehem 523
- ◆ Silent Night 527
- ◆ What Child Is This 552

LENT

- ◆ Crown Him with Many Crowns 669
- ◆ Were You There 600
- ◆ What Wondrous Love Is This 807

EASTER

- ◆ A Song of Praise
- ◆ At the Lamb's High Feast 613
- ◆ Christ the Lord is Risen Today 608
- ◆ Jesus Christ is Risen Today 614
- ◆ Sing to the Mountains (missalette)
- ◆ The King of Love My Shepherd Is 820
- ◆ The Strife is O'er 617

FUNERAL FEES

*No one will be denied a funeral if unable to pay.
Please discuss any concerns with the priest or pastoral care staff.*

CHURCH FEE	\$250.00
SACRISTAN	\$ 20.00
2 ALTAR SERVERS	\$ 10.00/each
MUSICIANS	\$125.00 piano/organ \$125.00 vocalist

LUNCHEON CATERED BY OUTSIDE VENDOR:

Always available

Recommended for more than 125 \$1.00/per person

Funeral hospitality will provide the setup, serving, cleanup, table-coverings, plates, napkins, silverware, beverages (coffee, lemonade, water), bars & cookies.

Outside vendor must have proof of insurance.

Vendor suggestions:

- ◆ Casper's Cherokee Phone: (651) 454-6744
- ◆ DiGidio's Phone: (651) 291-7105
- ◆ Magnolia's Phone: (651) 774-3333
- ◆ Tinucci's Phone: (651) 459-3211
- ◆ Cossetta's Phone: (651) 224-8419

PARISH LUNCHEON* Suggested Donation
\$ 4.50/per person

LUNCHEON MENU*:

Meat & Cheese trays, variety of breads, fruit, potato salad, relish tray, chips, bars & cookies, lemonade, water and coffee

Meatless menu on Fridays during Lent

(*Available to Parishioners only)

Presence of the Body at the Funeral Liturgy

Christian faith has always believed in the resurrection of the dead. This includes not only the soul, but also the body. In the Eucharistic Prayer in Masses for the Dead, the Church prays:

Grant that he/she who was united in a death like [Christ's], may also be one with him in his Resurrection, when from the earth he will raise up in the flesh those who have died, and transform our lowly body after the pattern of his own glorious body.

The Church prays that the whole person (body and soul) will share in Christ's Resurrection. Hence, the Church clearly prefers that the body of the deceased be present at funeral rites. The presence of the body expresses the truth that God willing, the Lord will transform our lowly body after the pattern of Christ's glorious body.

Respect for Cremated Remains of a Body

In the event that cremation must be chosen, the cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition.

The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping the cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS HYMNS

- ◆ Be Not Afraid 797
- ◆ Beautiful Savior
- ◆ Center of My Life 788
- ◆ Eye Has Not Seen 819
- ◆ Fly Like a Bird (solo)
- ◆ Prayer of St. Francis 912
- ◆ The Lord is Near (missalette)
- ◆ We Have Been Told 883
- ◆ We Walk By Faith 783
- ◆ We Will Rise Again
- ◆ Yes, I Shall Arise 1069

COMMUNION HYMNS

- ◆ Blest Are They 839
- ◆ Draw Near 1037
- ◆ Gift of Finest Wheat 1028
- ◆ How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place (missalette)
- ◆ I Am the Bread of Life (missalette)
- ◆ Jesus Come to Us (missalette)
- ◆ Let Us Break Bread Together (missalette)
- ◆ One Bread One Body 1027
- ◆ Taste and See 50 and 1031
- ◆ To Be Your Bread (missalette)
- ◆ Ubi Caritas 815
- ◆ You Are Mine 822

COMMUNION MEDITATION HYMNS

- ◆ Ave Maria (Schubert, Bach/Gounod, or Caccini)
- ◆ Ave Verum
- ◆ Go In Peace (Sarah Hart)
- ◆ Panis Angelicus
- ◆ Pie Jesu
- ◆ Quietly, Peacefully 834
- ◆ These Alone Are Enough 766

Music Options

PROCESSIONAL & RECESSIONAL HYMNS

- ◆ All Creatures of Our God and King 706
- ◆ Alleluia! Sing to Jesus 1030
- ◆ Amazing Grace 757
- ◆ Be Not Afraid 797
- ◆ Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life 761
- ◆ Come To Me 836
- ◆ Crown Him with Many Crowns 669
- ◆ For All the Saints 984
- ◆ Here I Am Lord 869
- ◆ Hosea (missalette)
- ◆ How Great Thou Art 730
- ◆ How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place (missalette)
- ◆ I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say 821
- ◆ I know that My Redeemer Lives 611
- ◆ I'll Fly Away
- ◆ Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 707
- ◆ Just a Closer Walk with Thee
- ◆ Lord of All Hopefulness 758
- ◆ Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 806
- ◆ My Shepherd Lord (Br James Air, Hardin arr)
- ◆ Now Thank We All Our God 743
- ◆ O God, Our Help in Ages Past 804
- ◆ Old Rugged Cross
- ◆ On Eagle's Wings 795
- ◆ Precious Lord Take My Hand 826
- ◆ The King of Love My Shepherd Is 820
- ◆ There's a Wideness in God's Mercy 755
- ◆ The Strife is O'er 617
- ◆ To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King 671
- ◆ Where Charity and Love Prevail 809
- ◆ Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones 989

PSALMS See Page 11

VISITATION ~ Vigil for the deceased

The vigil for the deceased is the principal rite celebrated by the Christian community in the time following death and before the funeral liturgy, when it keeps watch with the family in prayer to the God of mercy and finds strength in Christ's presence. (OCF)

The vigil may be celebrated in the funeral home, in the home of the deceased or another suitable place. It may also be celebrated before the funeral Mass in the church Gathering Space.

The family may choose to assemble photographs or other articles to display.

Options of parish involvement in vigil:

1. Short prayer led by the priest, deacon or lay minister at the beginning of the vigil or during the visitation.
2. Rosary led by the priest, deacon or lay minister.



THE FUNERAL LITURGY

Introductory Rites

- ◆ Greeting
- ◆ Sprinkling with Holy Water
- ◆ Placing of the Pall
- ◆ Entrance Procession
- ◆ Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

- ◆ First Reading
- ◆ Responsorial Psalm
- ◆ Second Reading
- ◆ Gospel
- ◆ Homily
- ◆ General Intercessions

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Final Commendation

- ◆ Invitation to Prayer
- ◆ Song of Farewell
- ◆ Prayer of Commendation

RITE OF COMMITTAL ~ Prayers at the Cemetery

At the conclusion of the funeral liturgy, the procession is formed and the body is accompanied to the place of committal. This final procession of the funeral rite mirrors the journey of human life as a pilgrimage to God's kingdom of peace and light, the new and eternal Jerusalem. (OCF)

The Rite of Committal can be lead by the priest, deacon or lay person.

RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ~ Select One

- ◆ **Psalm 23:** Shepherd Me, O God 39
- ◆ **Psalm 25:** To you, O Lord 42
- ◆ **Psalm 27:** The Lord is My Light 43
- ◆ **Psalm 33:** Let Your Mercy Be on Us
- ◆ **Psalm 34:** The Cry of the Poor 52
- ◆ **Psalm 63:** My Soul Is Thirsting 63
- ◆ **Psalm 84:** Happy Are They 70
- ◆ **Psalm 103:** The Lord is Kind and Merciful 84
- ◆ **Psalm 122:** Let Us Go Rejoicing 99
- ◆ **Psalm 130:** With the Lord There Is Mercy 105
- ◆ **Psalm 145:** I Will Praise Your Name 112
- ◆ **Psalm 147:** Bless the Lord, My Soul

GOSPEL READINGS ~ Select One

- ◆ **Matthew 5:1-12a** *The Beatitudes*
- ◆ **Matthew 11:25-30** *"Come to me . . . and I will give you rest."*
- ◆ **Matthew 25:1-13** *"Behold the bridegroom. Come out to meet him."*
- ◆ **Matthew 25:31-46** *"Come, you who are blessed by my Father."*
- ◆ **Mark 15:33-39, 16:1-6 or 15:33-39** *"Truly this man was the Son of God!"*
- ◆ **Luke 7:11-17** *"Young man, I tell you arise."*
- ◆ **Luke 12:35-40** *"Be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect."*
- ◆ **Luke 23:33, 39-43** *"Today you will be with me in paradise."*
- ◆ **Luke 23:44-46, 50, 52-53; 24:1-6a or 23:44-46, 50, 52-53** *"Father into your hands I commend my spirit."*
- ◆ **Luke 24:13-35 or 24:13-16, 28-35** *"Stay with us."*
- ◆ **John 5:24-29** *"Whoever hears my word and believes..."*
- ◆ **John 6:37-40** *"I will raise him on the last day."*
- ◆ **John 6:51-58** *"I am the living bread come down from heaven."*
- ◆ **John 11:17-27 or 11:21-27** *"I am the resurrection and the life."*
- ◆ **John 11:32-45** *"See how he loved him."*
- ◆ **John 12:23-28 or 12:23-26** *"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground..."*
- ◆ **John 14:1-6** *"Do not let your hearts be troubled."*
- ◆ **John 17:24-26** *"I wish that where I am they also may be with me."*
- ◆ **John 19:17-18, 25-30** *"Behold, your mother."*

Mass Reading Options

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS ~ Select One

- ◆ **2 Maccabees 12:43-46** *"He made atonement for the dead."*
- ◆ **Job 19:1, 23-27** *"I know that my vindicator lives."*
- ◆ **Wisdom 3:1-6, 9 or 3:1-9** *"The souls of the just are in the hand of God."*
- ◆ **Wisdom 4:7-15** *"The Righteous One, though he die early, shall be at rest."*
- ◆ **Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9** *"He will destroy death forever."*
- ◆ **Lamentations 3:17-26** *"My portion is the Lord, says my soul."*
- ◆ **Daniel 12:1-3** *"The wise shall shine brightly."*

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS ~ Select One

- ◆ **Acts 10:34-43 or Acts 10:34-36, 42-43** *"Everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins."*
- ◆ **Romans 5:5-11** *"We were reconciled to God through the death of his Son."*
- ◆ **Romans 5:17-21** *"Through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all."*
- ◆ **Romans 6:3-9 or 6:3-4, 8-9** *"If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall live with him."*
- ◆ **Romans 8:14-23** *"Those who are led by the Spirit of God are Children of God."*
- ◆ **Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39** *"If God is for us, who can be against us?"*
- ◆ **Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12** *"This is why Christ died and came to life."*
- ◆ **1 Corinthians 15:20-23, 24b-28 or 15:20-23** *"In Adam all die, so too if Christ shall all be brought to life."*
- ◆ **1 Corinthians 15:51-57** *"Death where is your victory?"*
- ◆ **2 Corinthians 4:14—5:1** *"The one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us."*
- ◆ **2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10** *"We would rather leave the body and go home."*
- ◆ **Philippians 3:20-21** *"He will change our lowly body..."*
- ◆ **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** *"If we believe that Jesus died and rose..."*
- ◆ **2 Timothy 2:8-13** *"Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead."*
- ◆ **1 John 3:1-2** *"Beloved, we are God's children now."*
- ◆ **1 John 3:14-16** *"We know that we have passed from death to life."*
- ◆ **Revelation 14:13** *"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."*
- ◆ **Revelation 20:11—21:1** *"Another scroll was opened, the book of life."*
- ◆ **Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7** *"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes."*

ROLE of FAMILY & FRIENDS

Whenever possible, family and close friends may be involved in planning the funeral Mass and participate in the following roles:

- ◆ Placement of the Pall
- ◆ Readings
- ◆ Prayers of the Faithful (General Intercessions)
- ◆ Gift Bearers
- ◆ Selection of Music



WORSHIP AIDE (Program)

St. Joseph's provides a very simple one page worship aid with the order of the Mass, the readings, responses and songs. If a more elaborate program with photos and in color is desired, the family may design and print the programs.



FUNERAL LUNCHEON

A funeral luncheon can be served following the liturgy and is arranged with the Director of Pastoral Care. St. Joseph's is blessed with a dedicated group of parishioners who provide the setup, food preparation, clean up and hospitality. Please see additional details on page 3.

Desserts are made by our volunteer funeral bakers. Family and friends of the deceased may also bring desserts.

Please note that there are times that the Great Room is not available due to a previously scheduled event.

MUSIC

At the Church of St. Joseph, most liturgical music is based on sacred text. Secular music is not appropriate for the Sacred Liturgy but may be used during the luncheon. There are many hymns, psalms, choral and instrumental music well-suited for the funeral Mass. A list is included in this guide.

MUSICIANS

The parish arranges for a cantor and a pianist/organist for the funeral Mass. If a different soloist or additional musicians (violin, flute, guitar, etc.) are desired, please discuss your wishes with the parish staff.



Reflections

Please share some thoughts of your loved one.

Brief biography (background, occupation, hobbies, interests):

What particular aspect(s) of your loved one inspired you or others?

Please share a little about the faith life of your loved one.

Other information that would help us serve you & your family: