

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.

For more information about memorial gifts or to hear more about mission-critical needs at St. Joseph's, please contact Joe Lichy at 651-789-8367

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 161
- ◆ On Jordan's Bank 171
- ◆ People Look East 160
- ◆ Return To Me 706

CHRISTMAS

- ◆ Angels We Have Heard on High 196
- ◆ Go, Tell it on the Mountain 219
- ◆ Hark! The Herald Angels Sing 195
- ◆ It Came Upon a Midnight Clear 201
- ◆ Joy to the World 194
- ◆ Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming 168
- ◆ O Come, All Ye Faithful 193
- ◆ O Little Town of Bethlehem 207
- ◆ Silent Night, Holy Night 199
- ◆ What Child Is This 209

LENT

- ◆ Crown Him with Many Crowns (missalette)
- ◆ Were You There 279
- ◆ What Wondrous Love Is This 394

EASTER

- ◆ A Song of Praise 368
- ◆ At the Lamb's High Feast 307
- ◆ Christ the Lord is Risen Today 303
- ◆ Jesus Christ is Risen Today 312
- ◆ Sing to the Mountains (missalette)
- ◆ The King of Love My Shepherd Is 461
- ◆ The Strife is O'er 451

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	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

GREAT ROOM ONLY (catered by outside vendor)
\$ 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 Tavern Phone: (651) 457-2729
- ◆ Tinucci's Phone: (651) 459-3211
- ◆ Cossetta's Phone: (651) 224-8419

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 579
- ◆ Beautiful Savior 341
- ◆ Center of My Life 548
- ◆ Eye Has Not Seen (missalette)
- ◆ Fly Like a Bird (solo)
- ◆ Prayer of St. Francis 759
- ◆ The Lord is Near (misslette)
- ◆ We Have Been Told (missalette)
- ◆ We Walk By Faith (missalette)
- ◆ We Will Rise Again 577
- ◆ You Are Near 606

COMMUNION HYMNS

- ◆ Blest Are They (missalette)
- ◆ Draw Near and Take 337
- ◆ Gift of Finest Wheat 483
- ◆ How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place 546
- ◆ I Am the Bread of Life (missalette)
- ◆ Jesus Come to Us 732
- ◆ Let Us Break Bread Together 748
- ◆ One Bread One Body 668
- ◆ Taste and See (missalette)
- ◆ To Be Your Bread 605
- ◆ Ubi Caritas (Hurd)

COMMUNION MEDITATION HYMNS

- ◆ Ave Maria (Schubert, Bach/Gounod, or Caccini)
- ◆ Ave Verum
- ◆ Go In Peace (Sarah Hart)
- ◆ Panis Angelicus
- ◆ Pie Jesu
- ◆ Song of Simeon (Janet Whitaker)
- ◆ These Alone Are Enough (Schutte)

Music Options

PROCESSIONAL & RECESSIONAL HYMNS

- ◆ All Creatures of Our God and King 389
- ◆ Alleluia! Sing to Jesus 369
- ◆ Amazing Grace 460
- ◆ Be Not Afraid 579
- ◆ Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life 419
- ◆ Come To Me 608
- ◆ Crown Him with Many Crowns 393
- ◆ For All the Saints 471
- ◆ Here I Am Lord 528
- ◆ Hosea 608
- ◆ How Great Thou Art 456
- ◆ How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place
- ◆ I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say 476
- ◆ I know that My Redeemer Lives 416
- ◆ I'll Fly Away
- ◆ Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 379
- ◆ Just a Closer Walk with Thee 775
- ◆ Lord of All Hopefulness 415
- ◆ Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 391
- ◆ My Shepherd Lord (Br James Air, Hardin arr)
- ◆ Now Thank We All Our God 339
- ◆ O God, Our Help in Ages Past 405
- ◆ Old Rugged Cross
- ◆ On Eagle's Wings 532
- ◆ Precious Lord Take My Hand 572
- ◆ The King of Love My Shepherd Is 461
- ◆ There's a Wideness in God's Mercy 432
- ◆ The Strife is O'er 451
- ◆ To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King 417
- ◆ Where Charity and Love Prevail 429

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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:** *The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall lack.*
- ◆ **Psalm 25:** *To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*
- ◆ **Psalm 27:** *The Lord is My Light and my salvation.*
- ◆ **Psalm 42:** *My soul longs for you, O God.*
- ◆ **Psalm 43:** *You, O God, are my strength.*
- ◆ **Psalm 63:** *O God, you are my God—it is you I seek!*
- ◆ **Psalm 103:** *The Lord is Kind and Merciful.*
- ◆ **Psalm 116:** *I shall walk before the Lord in the land of the living.*
- ◆ **Psalm 122:** *Let us go to rejoicing to house of the Lord.*
- ◆ **Psalm 130:** *I wait for the Lord, my soul waits and I hope for his word.*
- ◆ **Psalm 136:** *Praise the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.*
- ◆ **Psalm 143:** *Lord, hear my prayer.*

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: