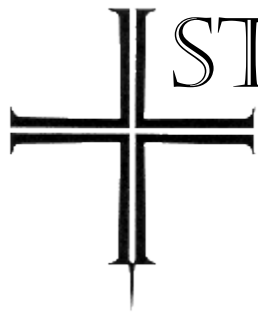


Funeral Planning Guide

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How to Get Started

This binder will help you get started in the decision-making process about funeral planning from beginning to end. As you consider these decisions, you may want to consult with family members or close friends about your wishes. When your plans are complete, we will be happy to keep a copy of your plan on file at the parish of your choice. If you want to make changes, feel free to contact us at anytime.

Funeral Pre-Planning

It is best to decide upon a funeral home/director in advance. Many funeral homes offer pre-planning services, and can help you through the many decisions you will need to make through the funeral home. Contact several funeral homes and compare their services and fees. You may also want to check with relatives and friends about their experiences with particular directors and homes. You should feel comfortable with the director and the home you choose. And always remember, the more decisions you make now, the less your family will have to decide later.

These pages are intended to serve as a guide to pre-plan the funeral. It is not intended to become a rigid rule and may be changed or revised at any time. It is intended to provide direction and suggestion, at a time when grief may make such thinking and decision-making difficult for you and those who love you. It is also a great opportunity to share your faith with your family, talking about what Jesus means to you and how you want that expressed at the Mass celebrating your life and faith.

After you have completed the required sheets needed to plan the funeral, please bring it to the parish office you are working with and they will make a copy for you and anyone else that you choose to have a copy, and we will keep a copy in our files in the parish office.

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Personal Information

*If you would like the church office can make a copy of this, and put on file at the Church. Otherwise please let your family know where to find this.

Date: _____

Full Legal Name: _____

Address:

Telephone number: _____

Date and Place of birth: _____

Date and Place of Baptism: _____

Date and Place of Confirmation: _____

Date of Death: _____

Fathers Name: _____

Mothers Name: (Maiden) _____

Marital Status (*circle one*) Single Married Divorced Widowed

Name of Spouse: _____

(*spouses maiden name*)

Date and Place of Marriage: _____

Present Church Membership: _____

Graduated High School Year: _____ School: _____

Graduated College Year: _____ School: _____

Degree: _____ Further Education/Degrees: _____

Military Service: _____

Principle Occupation: _____

Years worked there: _____

Hobbies, Interests: _____

Information necessary for an Obituary:

Life History (Schooling, Occupation/Employers, Volunteer Organizations, Associations, etc.)

Family Members

Siblings, Children, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren : _____

Family who have preceded you in death (please list name, relationship and year): _____

Estate Papers (This information is so that your family will know where to find the needed paper work.)

Location of Advance Directive/Living Will _____

Location of Insurance Policies _____

Location of Wills _____

Executor of Will _____

Location of Deed, other personal papers _____

Planning a Christ-Centered Funeral Mass or Service

Wake/Visitation

- _____ I want to have a wake the night before my Funeral Mass.
_____ I want to have my wake at the Parish.
_____ I want to have my wake at the Funeral Home.
_____ I do not want to have a wake, and would rather just have visitation prior to my Funeral Mass.

Funeral Mass

- _____ I want to have my Funeral Mass in the Abbey Church (if schedule allows).
_____ I want to have my Funeral Mass at the Parish Center.
_____ I want to have my Funeral Mass at St. Benedict's in Avon.

Cremation

We see cremation as a suitable alternative to funerals with a body and casket. There are slight variations to the service, as it becomes a "memorial service" not a Funeral.

Yes: _____ No: _____

Pall Bearers: _____

Presider

Name: _____

Christian Symbols

Bible: _____ Cross: _____ Other: _____

Lectors and Readings

Find either one or up to three lectors to read the readings and intercessions at the funeral Mass. If you are unable to provide a lector(s), let the priest know as soon as possible. Lectors should sit in a convenient place in church to access the lector stand when necessary.

Choose the following;

Old Testament Scripture Reading: O.T.#- _____ (see pages 8-18 for blue page options)

Read by: _____

New Testament Reading: N.T.#- _____ (see pages 19-29 for pink page options)

Read by: _____

Gospel Reading: G#- _____ (see pages 30-40 for yellow page options)

and **CHOOSE 6-7 Prayers of the Faithful:** Numbers chosen: _____
(see page 41 for purple page options)

Read by: _____

Music

Music for both parishes can be found on pages:

Accompanist: _____ Cantor/Choir: _____

Choose one hymn for everything along with choosing **two** hymns for communion:

Prelude: _____

Processional: _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____

Gospel Acclamation: *Celtic Alleluia* or *Mass of Christ the Savior (Lent)*

Preparation of the Gifts: _____

Mass Parts: _____

Communion: _____

Recessional Hymn: _____

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The bread and wine which are to be used for consecration may be brought forth during the Preparation of Gifts. These individuals can be grandchildren, children, family or friends. Not everybody has to bring something up to be a part of the procession.

Gifts brought up by whom:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Family Wishes

Would you prefer (please check):

Flowers: _____

Memorials: _____

Some of Each: _____

Memorial Gifts designated to:

Organization: _____

Organization: _____

Organization: _____

Luncheon

Yes: _____ No: _____

If yes, how many people are you expecting for the luncheon? _____

Funeral Group # _____

The First Reading
From the Old Testament

Please choose one of the following blue page options
(all labeled O.T.#)

OLD TESTAMENT READING OPTIONS (First Reading):

O.T.#1 Proverbs 31:10-29 *A truly capable woman - who can find her?*

LECTOR: A Reading from the Book of Proverbs

She is far beyond the price of pearls.

Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her,
he will derive no little profit.

Advantage and not hurt, she brings him all the days of her life.

She selects wool and flax.

She does her work with eager hands

she is like those merchant vessels, bringing her food from far away.

She gets up while it is still dark,

giving her household their food.

She sets her mind on a field, then she buys it;

with what her hands have earned she plants a vineyard.

She puts her back into her work

and shows how strong her arms can be.

She knows that her affairs are going well;

her lamp does not go out at night.

She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle.

She holds out her hands to the poor,

she opens her arms to the needy.

Snow may come, she has no fears for her household,

with her people warmly clothed.

She makes her own quilts,

she is dressed in fine linen and purple.

She is clothed in strength and dignity,

she can laugh at the day to come.

When she opens her mouth, she does so wisely;

on her tongue is kindly instruction.

Her children stand up and proclaim her blessed,

Her husband, too, sings her praises:

Many women have done admirable things,

but you surpass them all.

The word of the Lord.

O.T.#2 Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 *A time for everything*

LECTOR: A Reading from Ecclesiastes

There is an appointed time for everything,

A time for every affair under the heavens.

A time to be born, a time to die;

A time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.

A time to kill, and a time to heal;

A time to tear down, and a time to build.

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;

A time to mourn, and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;

A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embraces.

A time to seek, and a time to lose:

A time to keep, and a time to cast away.

A time to rend, and a time to sew;

A time to be silent, and a time to speak.

A time to love, and a time to hate;

A time of war, and a time of peace.

God has made everything appropriate to its time.

The word of the Lord.

O.T.#3 Wisdom 3:1-9 *Their hope is full of immortality.*

LECTOR: A Reading from the Book of Wisdom.

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;
and their passing away was thought an affliction
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.

But they are in peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.

Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,
because God tried them
and found them worthy of himself.

As gold in the furnace, he proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:

Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,
and his care is with his elect.

The word of the Lord.

O.T.#4 Sirach 2:1-11 You who fear the Lord, trust him.

LECTOR: A Reading from the Book of Sirach

You who fear the Lord, wait for his mercy,
turn not away lest you fall.

You who fear the Lord, trust him,
and your reward will not be lost.

You who fear the Lord, hope for good things,
for lasting joy and mercy.

Study the generations long past and understand;
has anyone persevered in his fear and been forsaken?
has anyone called upon him and been rebuffed?

Compassionate and merciful is the Lord;
he forgives sins, he saves in time of trial.

The word of the Lord.

O.T.#5 Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9 The Lord God will destroy death.

LECTOR: A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts
will provide for all peoples,
A feast of rich food and choice wines,
juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.

On this mountain he will destroy
the veil that veils all peoples,
The web that is woven over all nations;
he will destroy death forever.

The Lord God will wipe away
the tears from all faces;
The reproach of his people he will remove
from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken.

On that day it will be said:
“Behold your God, to whom we looked to save us!
This is the Lord for whom we looked;
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

The word of the Lord.

O.T.#6 Isaiah 35:4-8, 10 *God himself will come and save you.*

LECTOR: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Say to those whose hearts are frightened:

Be strong, fear not!

Here is your God,

he comes in vindication;

With divine recompense

he comes to save you.

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,

the ears of the deaf be cleared;

Then will the lame leap like a stag,

then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Streams will burst forth in the desert,

and rivers in the steppe.

The burning sands will become pools,

and the thirsty ground, springs of water;

The abode where jackals lurk

will be a marsh for the reed and papyrus.

A highway will be there,

called the holy way;

It is for those with a journey to make,

and on it the redeemed will walk.

Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return

and enter Zion singing,

crowned with everlasting joy;

They will meet with joy and gladness,

sorrow and mourning will flee.

The word of the Lord.

O.T.#7 Isaiah 40:25-31

LECTOR: A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

Do you not know?
or have you not heard?
The LORD is the eternal God,
Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.
He gives strength to the weary;
and increases the power of the weak.
Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young people stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the Lord,
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

The word of the Lord.

O.T.#8 Isaiah 40:25-31

LECTOR: A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

I, the Lord, have called you for the victory of justice,
I have grasped you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you
as a covenant of the people,
a light for the nations,
To open the eyes of the blind,
to bring out prisoners from confinement,
and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

The word of the Lord.

O.T.#9 Isaiah 61:1-5, 9

LECTOR: A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly,
to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives
and release the prisoners,
To announce a year of favor from the Lord
and a day of vindication by our God,
to comfort all who mourn;
To place on those who mourn in Zion
a diadem instead of ashes,
To give them oil of gladness in place of mourning,
a glorious mantle instead of a listless spirit.
All who see them shall acknowledge them as a people the
Lord has blessed.

The word of the Lord.

O.T.#10 Ezekiel 37:12-14 *I will put my spirit in you that you may live.*

LECTOR: A Reading from the Book of the prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord God:

O my people, I will open your graves
and have you rise from them,
and bring you back to the land of Israel.

Then you shall know that I am the Lord,
when I open your graves and have you rise from them
O my people!

I will put my spirit in you that you may live,
and I will settle you upon your land;
thus you shall know that I am the Lord!

I have promised, and I will do it, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

The Second Reading

From the New Testament

**Please choose one of the following pink page options
(all labeled N.T.#)**

New Testament Readings Options:

N.T.#1 Romans 5:5-11

Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved by God's anger through him.

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the holy Spirit who has been given to us. At the appointed time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for us godless people, It is rare that anyone should lay down his life for a just person, though it is barely possible that for a good person someone may have the courage to die. It is precisely in this that God proves his love for us: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Now that we have been justified by his blood, it is all the more certain that we shall be saved by him from God's wrath. For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him by the death of his Son, it is all the more certain that we who have been reconciled will be saved by his life. Not only that; we go so far as to make God our boast through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation."

The word of the Lord.

N.T.#2 Romans 6:3-9

Let us walk in newness of life.

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Are you not aware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Through baptism into his death we were buried with him, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. If we have been united with him through likeness to this death, so shall we be united with him in the resurrection. This we know: our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed and we might be slaves to sin no longer. One who is dead has been freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

The word of the Lord.

N.T.#3 Romans 8:31b-35,37-39

Who can ever come between us and the love of Christ?

Reader: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

N.T.#4 Corinthians 15:51-57

Death is swallowed up in victory.

Reader: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with incorruptibility and that which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

N.T.#5 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

We have an everlasting home in heaven.

Reader: A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

So we are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.

Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The word of the Lord.

N.T.#6 *Philippians 3:20-21*

Jesus will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours to be like his glorious body.

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

As you well know, we have our citizenship in heaven; it is from there that we eagerly await the coming of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will give a new form to this lowly body of ours and remake it according to the pattern of his glorified body, by his power to subject everything to himself.

The word of the Lord.

N.T.#7 *Thessalonians 4:13-18*

We shall stay with the Lord forever.

Reader: A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers & sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.

N.T.#8 Timothy 2:8-13

If we have died with him, we shall live with him.

Reader: A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy:

If we have died with him
 we shall also live with him;
if we persevere
 we shall also reign with him.
But if we deny him
 he will deny us.
If we are unfaithful
 he remains faithful,
 For he cannot deny himself.

The word of the Lord.

N.T.#9 Revelation 21:1-5a,6b-7

There will be no more death.

Reader: A reading from the Book of Revelation.

Then I saw new heavens and a new earth. The former heavens and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no longer. I also saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of the heaven from God, beautiful as a bride prepared to meet her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne cry out: “This is God’s dwelling among mortals, He shall dwell with them, and they shall be his people and he shall be their God who is always with them. He shall wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, crying out or pain, for the former world has passed away.”

The One who sat on the throne said to me, “See I make all things new!...To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who win the victory will inherit these gifts; I will be their God and they will be my children.”

The word of the Lord.

The Gospel Reading

Proclaimed by the Celebrant

Please choose one of the following yellow page options

(all labeled Gospel #)

Gospel #1 Matthew 5:1-2a

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

When he saw the crowds, Jesus went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land,

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #2 Matthew 11:25-30

Come to me...and I will give you rest.

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew:

On one occasion Jesus spoke thus: “I will praise to you, Father Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #3 Matthew 25:31-46

Come, you whom my Father has blessed.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’ And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least of mine, you did for me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.’ Then they will answer and say, ‘Lord when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs? He will answer them, ‘Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.’ And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #4 Luke 12:35-40

Be prepared.

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants who the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have then recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #5 **Luke 24:13-16, 28-35**

Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke:

Now that very day the first day of the week two of the disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.

As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened, that, while he was with them at table he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #6 John 6:37-40

All who believe in the Son will have eternal life and I will raise them to life again on the last day.

A reading from the Gospel according to John:

Jesus said to the crowd:

“Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #7 John 6:51-58

All who eat this bread will live for ever, and I will raise them up on the last day.

A reading from the Gospel according to John:

Jesus said to the crowd:

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

The people quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us flesh to eat?” Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats of my flesh and drinks of my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #8 *John 11:21-27*

I am the resurrection and the life.

A reading from the Gospel according to John:

Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, If you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise.” Martha said to him, “ I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus told her, “ I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #9 John 12:23-26

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

A reading from the Gospel according to John:

Jesus told his disciples:

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel #10 John 14:1-6

There are many rooms in my Father's house.

A reading from the Gospel according to John:

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way.”

Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful

**Please choose 6-7 of the numbered options below
More personal prayers may be written, please ask
Parish Office for guidance.**

1. In baptism _____ received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead (him/her) over the waters of death.
We pray to the Lord:
2. Our (brother/sister) _____ was nourished at the table. Welcome (him/her) into the halls of the heavenly banquet.
We pray to the Lord:
3. Many people die by violence, war, and famine each day. Show your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly these sins against your love, and gather them to the eternal kingdom of peace.
We pray to the Lord:
4. Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting home with your son,
We pray to the Lord:
5. Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give refreshment, rest, and peace to all whose faith is known to you alone.
We pray to the Lord:
6. For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again, especially _____ that they may see God face to face.
We pray to the Lord:
7. For those who mourn the loss of _____, that their grief may be lightened by the Risen Christ and his promise to unite us again in our heavenly home.
We pray to the Lord:
8. For the grace of a well-prepared death, that, when God calls, we will be ready with the lamp of faith alight and our baptism robe unstained.
We pray to the Lord:
9. For the sick, the recovering, and they dying, that the compassion of Jesus may be present to them in our prayers.
We pray to the Lord:
10. For all who have served their country in the military; may their efforts to establish peace on earth succeed.
We pray to the Lord:
11. For the doctors, nurses and staff who attended to _____, may God strengthen them in their work and bless their lives with health and peace.
We pray to the Lord:
12. We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our (brother/sister). Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your Son's coming.
We pray to the Lord:

Prayers of the Faithful Template

For Office Use Only:

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for his Church. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust the Lord, we join our prayers to his:

Lector: 1.

Celebrant: God of our salvation,
You reward the just and console those who mourn.
Hear our prayers in the name of your Risen Son, Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Recommended Music for Funerals

The music list below is recommended for Funerals. Any music not found within this list must be approved by the Music Coordinator.

Everything listed below is approved for the Licensure at the Church of St. Benedict (Avon) along with St. John the Baptist (Collegetown).

If there is a song we are not licensed for, there is an additional fee if you would like it for the Funeral (see note above regarding approval).

OneLicense.net License fee: \$95.00

CCLI.com License fee: \$111

Song Title	Composer	Source	Publisher	Opening Song	Offertory	Communion	Song of Praise
Alleluia No. 1	Fishel	GC 443	GIA		X	X	
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus		GC 853	GIA	X			X
All That We Have	Ault	GC 601	GIA		X	X	
Amazing Grace	Newton	GC 612	GIA	X		X	X
At the Table of Jesus	Alonso	-	GIA			X	
Behold the Lamb	Willett	GC 823	OCP			X	
Be Not Afraid	Dufford	GC 608	OCP		X	X	X
Blest Are They	Haas	GC 659	GIA			X	
Come to Me	Joncas	GC 647	GIA		X	X	
Come to the Water	Foley, SJ	GC 502	OCP		X	X	
Eternal Father, Strong to Save		-	OCP	X			X
Eye Has Not Seen	Haugen	GC 638	GIA		X	X	
For All the Saints		GC 793	OCP	X			X
Gift of Finest Wheat	Kreutz	GC 815	OCP			X	
Healer of Our Every Ill	Haugen	GC 882	GIA		X	X	
Here I Am, Lord	Schutte	GC 686	OCP		X	X	
How Can I Keep from Singing?	Lowry	GC 603	GIA	X	X		
How Great Thou Art	Hine	GC 494	OCP	X			X
I Am the Bread of Life	Toolan	GC 828	GIA			X	
I Have Loved You	Joncas	GC 504	OCP		X	X	
I Receive the Living God	Geoffroy	GC 851	GIA			X	
I Will Live On (Ps. 118)	Haas	-	GIA		X		
Jesus, Heal Us	Haas	GC 875	GIA			X	
Lift High the Cross		GC 791	GIA	X			X
Now We Remain	Haas	GC 694	GIA		X	X	
O God beyond All Praising		-	GIA	X			X

Song Title	Composer	Source	Publisher	Opening Song	Offertory	Communion	Song of Praise
Only A Shadow	Landry	-	OCP		X	X	
On Eagle's Wings (Ps. 91)	Joncas	GC 611	OCP	X	X	X	X
Only This I Want	Schutte	GC 695	OCP		X	X	
Prayer of St. Francis	Temple	GC 726	OCP		X	X	
Precious Lord, Take My Hand	Dorsey	GC 874	GIA	X		X	X
Quietly, Peacefully	True	-	GIA			X	
Shelter Me, O God	Hurd	GC 636	OCP		X	X	
Sing a New Song	Schutte	GC 537	OCP	X			
Sing with All the Saints in Glory		GC 442	GIA	X	X		X
Steal Away to Jesus		GC 773	GIA			X	X
The King of Love My Shepherd Is	Baker	GC 635	GIA		X		
The Living Bread of God	Haas	GC 826	GIA			X	
The Servant Song		-	OCP		X	X	
Though the Mountains May Fall	Schutte	GC 602	OCP	X			X
We Are Many Parts	Haugen	GC 733	GIA		X	X	
We Have Been Told	Haas	GC 699	GIA		X	X	
We Remember	Haugen	GC 593	GIA		X	X	
We Shall Rise Again	Young	GC 772	GIA				X
We Walk by Faith	Haugen	GC 590	GIA	X	X		X
We Will Rise Again	Haas	-	OCP		X	X	
You Are Mine	Haas	GC 649	GIA		X	X	
You Are Near	Schutte	GC 604	OCP		X	X	

Responsorial Psalms

Song Title	Composer	Source	Publisher
Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God	Haugen	GC 31	GIA
Psalm 25: To You, O Lord	Haugen	GC 36	GIA
Psalm 27: The Lord Is My Light	Haas	GC 39	GIA
Psalm 40: Here I Am	Cooney	GC 49	OCP
Psalm 63: My Soul Is Thirsting	Joncas	GC 61	GIA
Psalm 91: On Eagle's Wings	Joncas	GC 611	OCP
Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind and Merciful	Cotter	GC 99	GIA

Gospel Acclamation

Song Title	Composer	Source	Publisher
<i>Celtic Alleluia</i>	Walker	-	OCP
Lent: Mass of Christ the Savior	Schutte	-	OCP

Mass Setting (Holy, Memorial Acclamations, Amen, Lamb of God)

*Choose one for the entire Liturgy

Song Title	Composer	Source	Publisher
<i>Mass of Christ the Savior</i>	Schutte	-	OCP
<i>Mass of Creation</i>	Haugen	-	GIA
<i>Mass of Joy and Peace</i>	Alonso	-	GIA

Song of Farewell

Song Title	Composer	Source	Publisher
Saints of God	Haas	-	GIA
Song of Farewell (Old Hundredth)		-	GIA

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The Funeral Eulogy

What is a Eulogy?

In the Catholic Funeral Rite, the eulogy is short speech in honor of a person who has died and is given by a family member or a friend. Think of it as a short “word picture” of your loved one’s most important qualities and personality.

In the Catholic ritual, the eulogy, if given, can be placed either at the very beginning of the Mass (this is the recommend time) or after Communion just before the final commendation. Longer stories and remembrances can be part of the Wake or the meal after the funeral.

The eulogy need not be longer than five or six minutes. (When reading aloud at a moderate pace that equals about 2 single spaced pages in the font this paper is using: Times New Roman, 12 point). When carefully prepared, an enormous amount of very important qualities of your loved one can be spoken of in this time and will be better remembered by those listening to you than a longer eulogy.

Please do not fall into the trap of thinking that a long eulogy is a sign of how much the family loved the deceased. Everyone at the Mass will better remember a moderate five-minute eulogy that concentrates on one or two things.

Preparing the Eulogy

The preparation of the eulogy can be a wonderful time for the family to gather and discuss it together. Individual members of the family can suggest important qualities or details that they would like mentioned and everyone can agree on the general form of the final text. This ensures that when the eulogy is given it truly represents the thoughts of everyone.

Who is to present the Eulogy?

By far the most effective eulogy is one speech delivered by a family member or a friend on behalf of the whole family. A unified and balanced eulogy is a powerful message.

For some important reason, the family may choose to have a few members read different sections of the eulogy. If this is done, it is very important that each section be part of a unified whole. Make sure that the eulogy would sound like one text if only one person were to read it aloud. Try to avoid repeating the same information and concentrate on the one thing that each member wishes to say.

Important Practicalities

It is essential that the speaker has a strong voice and reads the text at a reasonable pace. The speaker needs to speak clearly into the microphone. There is nothing more disappointing than a eulogy that no one can hear. Choose the person who is most likely to deliver the eulogy without being overcome with emotion. Have a backup person ready to take over if the original speaker cannot continue.

Please make sure that the person who is to give the eulogy writes it down and practices it aloud. Print the text in size 14 font so that it is easy to read aloud. Do not rely on just notes: this is both a formal and an emotional moment: a written text will be a big help in allowing you to honor your loved one with dignity and grace.

Avoid too many details, examples or dates. Do not blur your message with too much information. Be selective of the facts and details you present.

It is not appropriate in a formal religious ceremony to ask if anyone else present would like to say a few words. That is best suited to the less formal setting of the Wake or dinner.

If you desire to share with people a more in depth story of your loved one's life, consider making available copies of a written biography that people can take home and read at length in their own time.

GUIDELINES FOR A EULOGY

Some elements to consider

Introduction:

Introduce yourself and mention if you are speaking for the whole family.

Main Body of the Eulogy

These are suggestions of elements that can be included:

Childhood- Place of birth, parents, siblings, growing up, etc.

Occupation(s), field of work, military service

Family life- spouse, children, vacations

Special interests, hobbies, involvement in clubs/groups

Name one or two of the most important personal qualities of your loved one.

What are some of the aspects of the deceased's life that you really want to say "thank you" for? Is there a brief example of a time or event that best expresses that quality?

This is what most people will take away from your eulogy. Consider it carefully and choose the quality that you would like people to remember.

Closing:

A simple thank you to those present and a request for prayers for the deceased and the family is a good way to close.

Saint John's Abbey Cemetery

All cemetery inquiries should be directed to **Josie Stang, Cemetery Manager**.

Cemetery lots may be purchased on a pre-need basis, or at the time of need.

Pre-need lots are either recorded with section, row and lot number, using the most current available space in the row that is open. Or the purchase receipt can list your space as “to-be-determined.” This process gives you a receipt that confirms your lot is paid for. When the interment is needed, the next open lot is assigned.

Parish Lot Price: 650.00

Only parish members may purchase a lot in the Saint John the Baptist Parish section. Non-parish members may purchase a lot in the Alumni and Friends section of the cemetery.

A headstone may be placed on a pre-need lot with all but the final date added. Or the headstone may be placed after burial. A handout on size and material requirements for all headstones is available from the cemetery office. All headstone designs must be approved by the cemetery office.

Contact information

E-mail: info@saintjohnsabbeycemetery.org

Mailing address:

Saint John's Abbey Cemetery
Quad 117 P.O. Box 2400
Collegeville, MN 56321

Office location:

Inside Great Hall, Quadrangle 117

Phone: (320) 363-3434

Fax: (320) 363-3519

Web: www.saintjohnsabbeyceemtery.org

Visiting the cemetery office: parking is available to the left and right of the square in front of the Abbey Church. Saint John's Information Desk is located inside the Great Hall, which is the building adjacent to the Abbey Church. The Cemetery Office is down the first hallway from inside the Great Hall, Quadrangle Office #117.

The Luncheon following the Funeral

The parish provides a luncheon to all deceased active members of the Parish following the Funeral/burial. The funeral meal is a well-balanced, nutritional offering for you to share with your guests. A group of volunteers from the parish prepare and serve the meal. There is no cost to the family for the luncheon. The office does ask however, that you estimate the number of attendees for planning purposes.

If you prefer to have your funeral meal catered that is also an option, however all arrangements will have to be made by the caterer to provide all aspects of delivering and serving the meal. We ask that the family make all of these arrangements as well as provide payment directly to the caterer.

Fees

The parish does require a fee of \$250 for the use of the Parish Center. This fee aids in covering the costs incurred during the use of the building (supervisor, paper products, cleaning, etc.) This fee is the same whether you choose to have one or any of the following here: wake, funeral mass or luncheon.

Pastor - If the deceased is an active member of St. John's Parish, the honorarium is left up to the family (typically \$100). For non-active members the suggested honorarium is \$200.

Organist/Pianist – Jason Prigge: \$100

Choir - The Parish choir is a group of volunteers who gather to honor the deceased of our parish through liturgical song. Please see the music options on page 43-45. There is no fee for the Parish Choir.

Cantor - If you prefer to incorporate a cantor for the Funeral Mass, please let the parish office know in advance so the information can be included in the worship aid. Please have all songs pre-approved by the Music Coordinator. The cantor fee is: \$50.

Worship Aids - The Parish office will publish a worship aid for the Funeral Mass at no charge.

Presider Announcement

The family of *Bill Cofell* Would like to invite you all to a luncheon at the Parish Center on Fruit Farm Road following internment at St. John's Cemetery.