

St. Monica Church

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Funeral Mass Planning Sheet

A Guide for Family Participation

We have provided this "Funeral Planning Sheet - A Guide for Family Participation" in order to assist bereaved family members in the preparation of the funeral Mass. When completed, this sheet is either given to the Parish Staff Member at the funeral home following the prayer service, or can be faxed to the parish by the funeral director. **Fax: 216-662-1245**

Name of Deceased: _____

Phonetic Spelling of Last Name: _____

What form of the deceased's name should be used during the Mass? _____

Arrival at the Church: As the funeral begins, the funeral pall is placed upon the casket as a reminder of the baptismal garment. Family members are asked to assist in placing the funeral pall on the casket.

Scripture Readings: Family members may select scripture readings from below, and also come forward to proclaim the reading during the funeral Mass. Only one readings is necessary and may be taken from either the Old Testament or the New Testament. If two readings are to be used, then please choose one of each. Scriptural readings at Mass may only be taken from the Catholic Lectionary and may not be altered in any way. Readings from any other versions of the Bible are not permitted by liturgical law. Only one reader is permitted for each reading. A single reading may not be divided up into parts among readers.

Old Testament Readings

- ___ *Wisdom 3:1-6,9* "The souls of the just are in the hand of God and no torment shall touch them."
- ___ *Isaiah 26:6a,7-9* "The Lord will destroy death forever, let us rejoice in that he has saved us."
- ___ *Lamentations 3:17-26* "It is good to wait in silence for the Lord God to save."
- ___ *Ecclesiastes 3:1-11* "There is an appointed time for everything..."
- ___ *Other* (if you wish to choose another reading from the Catholic Lectionary, you may do so)

New Testament Readings

- ___ *Acts 10:34-36, 42-43* "God has appointed Jesus as the judge of all people living or dead."
- ___ *Romans 6:3-4,8-9* "Let us walk in newness of life."
- ___ *I Corinthians 15:51-57* "Death is swallowed up in victory."
- ___ *Philippians 3:20-21* "Our citizenship is in heaven."
- ___ *Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7* "There will be no more death."
- ___ *Other* (if you wish choose another reading from the Catholic Lectionary, you may do so) _____

Who will read the above passages? _____

Offertory Gifts: Two Family members may come forward with the gifts of bread and wine. The gifts are on a table near the first pew. The presider will indicate the appropriate time to bring the gifts forward.

Names of Presenters: _____

Words of Remembrance: Eulogies may only be done with advanced permission of the presiding minister. By Diocesan Policy, this is to be done by only one person. The content should be no more than one type written page and must be submitted to the presiding minister the evening before the funeral.

Notes on the Life of the Deceased: Below please include any notes about the deceased that would be helpful to the presider in preparing the homily on a separate sheet.

Be sure to fax both sides of this sheet!

Suggested Songs and Hymns Families may choose from each category below, if they so wish. Any category left blank will be filled in by the Presider or Music Director. *This is not an exhaustive list, and other appropriate suggestions may be made.* Given the shortness of notice, we cannot guarantee requests that do not appear on this sheet, but we will make every effort to accommodate your need.

Gathering Song

- ___ All Creatures of Our God and King (*not during Lent*)
- ___ All I Ask of You
- ___ Amazing Grace
- ___ Be Not Afraid
- ___ Eye Has Not Seen
- ___ Gather Us In
- ___ Here I Am, Lord
- ___ Hold Us in Your Mercy
- ___ Remember Your Love
- ___ **Other** _____

Responsorial Psalm

- ___ Be With Me, Lord (Ps. 91)
- ___ Center of My Life (Ps. 16)
- ___ How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place (Ps. 84)
- ___ My Shepherd is the Lord (Ps. 23 trad.)
- ___ My Soul is Thirsting (Ps. 63)
- ___ On Eagle's Wings (Ps. 92)
- ___ Remember Your Love (Ps. 130)
- ___ Shepherd Me, O God (Ps. 23 modified)
- ___ The Cry of the Poor (ps. 34)
- ___ The Goodness of the Lord (Ps. 27)
- ___ To You, O Lord (Haugen) (Ps. 25)
- ___ To You, O Lord (Soper) (Ps. 25)
- ___ **Other** _____

Gospel Acclamation

Setting from the "Mass of Creation"

Presentation Song

- ___ Above All
- ___ All I Ask of You
- ___ As the Deer Longs
- ___ Breathe
- ___ Earthen Vessels
- ___ Eye Has Not Seen
- ___ I Have Loved You
- ___ Only in God
- ___ Parable
- ___ Prayer of St. Francis
- ___ Precious Lord
- ___ Softly and Tenderly
- ___ The Servant Song
- ___ There is a Longing
- ___ These Alone are Enough
- ___ Thy Word
- ___ Turn To Me

Mass Parts

Setting from the "Mass of Creation"

Communion Song

- ___ Be Not Afraid
- ___ Behold the Lamb
- ___ Center of My Life
- ___ Gift of Finest Wheat
- ___ I Am the Bread of Life
- ___ Now We Remain
- ___ On Eagle's Wings
- ___ Remember Your Love
- ___ There is a Longing
- ___ Ubi Caritas (Rosania)
- ___ We Have Been Told
- ___ We Remember
- ___ **Other** _____

Reflection Song (Optional)

- ___ Angelsco Cescenje (Slovenian)
- ___ Ave Maria (Schubert)
- ___ Hail Mary, Gentle Woman
- ___ Holy is Your Name
- ___ On This Day, O Beautiful Mother
- ___ Serdeczna Matko (Polish)
- ___ **Other** _____

Final Commendation

Setting from "Songs of the Angels"

Sending Forth

- ___ Amazing Grace
- ___ City of God
- ___ Glory and Praise to Our God
- ___ Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
- ___ How Can I Keep From Singing
- ___ How Great Thou Art
- ___ Jesus, Remember Me
- ___ O God, Our Help in Ages Past
- ___ On Eagle's Wings
- ___ The Strife is O'er (*not during Lent*)
- ___ Though the Mountains May Fall
- ___ We Will Rise Again
- ___ You are Mine
- ___ **Other** _____