

SAINT CLARE FUNERAL MINISTRY

Saint Clare Funeral Ministry provides assistance in arranging and planning funeral services for a deceased loved one or family member. The following are services offered at Saint Clare.

1.) Vigil for the Deceased (optional)

This is a rite celebrated between the time of death and the funeral liturgy. Many people mistakenly call this a “Rosary” or that the praying of the Rosary is part of the vigil service. The vigil rite is commonly in the form of the liturgy of the word which consists of the introductory rites, the liturgy of the word, the prayer of intercession, and a concluding rite. The rosary or a decade of the rosary may be recited if the family requests it especially specially if the deceased or family has a devotion to the rosary.

The vigil may be celebrated in the home of the deceased, in the funeral home, parlor or chapel, or in the church. It can be presided by a deacon or a priest. In the absence of an ordained minister, a lay person can lead the celebration.

2.) Funeral Liturgy

The funeral liturgy is the central liturgical celebration of the Christian community for the deceased. There are two forms of this liturgy that we offer here at St. Clare:

a. Funeral Mass

1. The Funeral Mass is held in the church at a date and time requested by the family of deceased
2. The Funeral Mass is presided by a priest in the church
3. Weekdays only – Monday thru Saturday.
4. The funeral liturgy can also be celebrated at the regular weekday 8:30 am mass

b. Funeral Liturgy Outside Mass

1. presided by a priest or a deacon in the church or at a funeral home
2. Weekdays only – Monday thru Saturday.

3.) Rite of Committal

The Rite of Committal is the conclusion of all funeral services.

- a. It is typically celebrated at the site of committal (burial), that is, beside the open grave or place of interment.
- b. A priest or deacon can preside at the rite of committal.