



Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Matthew 5:4

At this time of your loss, we pray that the Lord will console and guide you as you prepare the funeral liturgy for your loved one. Our faith helps us to understand that the death of a person is a transition rather than simply an end. When Jesus rose from His death, he brought with Him the hope of eternal peace for each of us.

The information found here will assist you in planning the funeral liturgy including:

- Scripture readings from the Old Testament, New Testament and Gospels
- Catholic liturgical music for the Mass
- Other planning information that will assist with the planning of your loved one's funeral.

Please call the Parish Office at 651-388-1133 and ask for the Liturgy Coordinator to set up an initial time and date to meet with the Priest to help plan the funeral liturgy.



Church and Music Fees

When using a funeral home:

Church usage.....\$600.00

Priest

Church facility.....(\$400.00)

Pianist.....(\$125.00)

Cantor.....(\$75.00)

Lunch ladies.....\$100.00

Delayed burial.....\$75.00

Saturday funeral.....\$100.00

When not using a funeral home:

Church usage.....\$1,200.00

Priest Stipend..... (\$200.00)

Church facility..... (\$800.00)

Pianist..... (\$125.00)

Cantor..... (\$75.00)

Lunch ladies.....\$100.00



Words of Remembrance Policy and Guidelines:

Policy:

- If Words of Remembrance are shared at the funeral, they will take place at the end of mass, after the final prayer and only 2 eulogists. The priest will invite the eulogist forward.
- **Please keep Words of Remembrance during the Mass to 3-5 minutes.**

Guidelines:

- Words of Remembrance should focus on the virtues and faith journey of your loved one.
- Please keep in mind that your remarks should focus on the sacredness of the funeral and focus on the good news of the resurrection, faith in the promise of eternal life, and care for everyone in need.
- Strive to honor the deceased and to comfort those who mourn.
- Content should highlight what was most beloved about the deceased, including his/her Christian faith, hope, and love. How did they live out their faith and the Gospel call?
- Stories you share about their life and activities should be told within the context of their faith life, goodness, and spirituality.
- Offer thanks to God for the life of the deceased and how they shared their gifts with the world.
- The use of humor is acceptable, but it needs to be used prudently. While humor may be a blessing that helps heal a grieving soul, please avoid silliness.
- Please hold true to the allotted time of 3-5 minutes.

Memorials & Estate Gifts

"For we brought nothing into the world, just as we shall not be able to take anything out of it...Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share, thus accumulating as treasure a good foundation for the future, so as to win the life that is true life."

-1 Timothy 6:7, 18-19

Types of Gifts

Memorial Gifts

Perhaps someone you know has died recently which has made some new resources available to you. A great way to remember them is to direct some of those resources to the parish. Also, a note in an obituary which states "Memorials preferred to the Church of St. Joseph Legacy Foundation" allows friends and family to show their support for the parish in honor of the parishioner who has died.

Please contact Missy Kluesner for more memorial gift information:

Missy Kluesner
Parish Business Administrator
mkluesner@stjosephredwing.org

Mass Offerings

Many families also request a Mass to be said for their loved one. Our church secretary can assist you in scheduling dates for such Masses. For more information, please call the parish office: (651) 388-1133.

Funeral Dates and Times

Preferred dates and times for a funeral are Tuesday through Saturday at 11:00 A.M. Visitation can be at 10:00 A.M. in the foyer. Monday funerals at 11:00 A.M. are also available. The pastor at the Church of St. Joseph is not. The family will have to find a Catholic priest to preside over the Mass of Resurrection.

Worship Aid

A simple Mass worship aid will be provided by St. Joseph. Please bring a picture to the funeral preparation at the church or email it to the Liturgy Coordinator at awarner@stjosephredwing.org.

Liturgy Planning

Included are samples of the readings and music for the funeral. You can pre-read the readings <https://www.biblegateway.com/>. Also, included is a Family Liturgy checklist that will help you know what is helpful when planning the liturgy for the funeral.



Family Liturgy Check List

1st Reading:_____ Reader:_____

2nd Reading:_____ Reader:_____

Gospel:_____ Reader: Priest/ Deacon

Petitions: The Church will give you them. Reader:_____

Eulogy: 1._____ 2._____

Music

Processional:_____

Psalm:_____

Prep. Of Gifts:_____

Communion:_____

Recessional:_____

Other:_____

****Please read and let the Liturgy Coordinator know if there are any changes that are needed to be done.***

****If you plan on writing your own Petitions.***

Funeral Petitions

Petitions for the funeral of: _____
(Name) (Date of Funeral)

Presider: (...prayer...)

Lector:

- For _____, who in baptism was given the pledge of eternal life, may s/he now be admitted to the company of the saints.

We pray to the Lord:

- For the family and friends of _____, may they be Consoled in their grief by the Lord, who wept at the death of his friend, Lazarus.

Lord:

We pray to the

- For those who cared for _____:

_____ and family members.

We pray to the Lord:

- For all those who are grieving, may God give them the strength and hope to live in the love of God.

We pray to the Lord:

Other Petitions:

- For : _____,
_____.

We pray to the Lord:

- For : _____,
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We pray to the Lord:

- For : _____,
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We pray to the Lord:

1st Reading
Old Testament

Please pick one reading from this list.

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| 1. | Job 19:1,23-27 | <i>I know that my Redeemer lives.</i> |
| 2. | Wisdom 3: 1-9 | <i>He accepted them as a holocaust.</i> |
| 3. | Wisdom 4: 7-15 | <i>A blameless life is a ripe old age.</i> |
| 4. | Isaiah 25: 6a, 7-9 | <i>The Lord God will destroy death for ever</i> |
| 5. | Isaiah 43: 1-5 | <i>Restoration and Protection Promised</i> |
| 6. | 2 Maccabees 12: 43-46 | <i>It is good and holy to think of the dead rising again.</i> |
| 7. | Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8ff | <i>There is an appointed time for everything.</i> |
| 8. | Proverbs 31: 10-31 | <i>Ode to a capable wife.</i> |
| 9. | Sirach 6:14,26: 1-4, 30:4-5,22 | <i>Ode to the Father</i> |
| 10. | Sirach 3:1-8 | <i>Duties toward Parents</i> |

2nd Reading
New Testament

Please pick one reading from this list.

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| 1. | Romans 6:3-9 | <i>Let us walk in newness of life.</i> |
| 2. | Romans 8:31b-35,37-39 | <i>Who can ever come between us and the Love of Christ.</i> |
| 3. | Romans 14:7-12 | <i>Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.</i> |
| 4. | 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 | <i>Death is swallowed up in victory.</i> |
| 5. | 2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1 | <i>What is seen is transitory; what is unseen is eternal.</i> |
| 6. | 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 | <i>We shall stay with the Lord for ever.</i> |
| 7. | 2 Timothy 2:8-13 | <i>If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.</i> |
| 8. | 1 John 3:1-2 | <i>We shall see God as he really is.</i> |
| 9. | Revelations 21:1-5a,6b-7 | <i>There will be no more death.</i> |
| 10. | Colossians 3:12-17,23-24 | <i>The New Life in Christ</i> |

Church of St. Joseph Gospels

Please pick one reading from this list.

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| Matthew 5:1-12a | <i>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.</i> |
| Matthew 11:25-30 | <i>Come to me...and I will give you rest.</i> |
| Matthew 25:31-46 | <i>Come, you whom my Father has blessed.</i> |
| Mark 15:33-39, 12:1-6 | <i>Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.</i> |
| Luke 12:35-40 | <i>Be prepared.</i> |
| Luke 23:33, 39-43 | <i>Today you will be with me in paradise.</i> |
| Luke 24:13-16, 28-35 | <i>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?</i> |
| John 3:16-18 | <i>God so loved the world he gave his only Son.</i> |
| John 6:37-40 | <i>All who believe in the Son will have eternal Life and I will raise them to life again on the last day.</i> |
| John 11:17-27 | <i>I am the resurrection and the life.</i> |
| John 12:23-28 | <i>If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies it yields a rich harvest.</i> |
| John 14:1-6 | <i>There are many rooms in my Father's house.</i> |
| John 17:24-26 | <i>The prayer of Jesus.</i> |
| John 20:1-16 | <i>The empty tomb.</i> |



Music Selections for the Funeral Mass

Please pick out one song under each section.

Processional

Be Not Afraid...# 596
Here I Am Lord...# 671
Jesus, Remember Me...# 422
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say...# 622

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 19: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life...
Ps 23: Shepard Me, O God...# 23
Ps 91: On Eagles Wings...# 593
Ps. 103: The Lord Is Kind And Merciful...# 59

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

Presentation of Gifts

We Gather Together...# 549
Eye Has Not Seen...# 616
We Walk by Faith...# 583
Come to the Water...# 502

Communion

I Am the Bread of Life...# 822
Taste and See...# 827
Seed, Scattered, and Sown...# 830
Unless a Grain of Wheat...#699
Hail Mary, Gentle Women

Song of Farewell

The Hand of God Shall Hold You...# 862

Recessional

Amazing Grace...# 586
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name...# 519
How Great Thou Art...# 496
On Eagles Wings...# 593