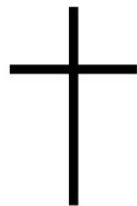


ST. JUDE OF THE LAKE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Funeral
Planning
Guide*



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**Lord God,
Whose days are without end
And whose mercies beyond counting,
Keep us mindful that life is short and the hour of death unknown.
Let your Spirit guide our days on earth
In the ways of holiness and justice,
That we may serve you in union with the whole Church,
Sure in faith, strong in hope, perfected in love.
And when our earthly journey is ended,
Lead us rejoicing into your Kingdom,
Where you live for ever and ever.
Amen.**



The Funeral Liturgy

A Catholic Funeral Mass is a beautiful commemoration of the faithfully departed in which the Church, alongside the loved ones of the deceased, commend the deceased to the mercy of God and commend ourselves to the comfort and peace of Christ during this time of grief through worship, praise, and thanksgiving. The Mass is not simply a 'celebration of life', but is a liturgy with depth and meaning, reminding us that even death itself has been overcome by Jesus our Lord. St. Jude of the Lake is honored to walk with you during this time of grief to assist you in praying for your deceased loved one and commending them to God.

Family Participation in the Liturgy

Several opportunities are offered for family involvement in the funeral Mass. These include placement of the funeral pall at the beginning of the Liturgy, bearing the gifts of bread and wine at the offertory procession, selecting the Readings from Scripture to be used at the Mass, and assisting in choosing music for the liturgy.

Pall Bearers & Gift Bearers

Please inform us if you will be having pall bearers or gift bearers. Two or three adults/children can participate in the funeral Mass by carrying the gifts of bread and wine in the offertory procession. Additionally, 2+ pall bearers are invited to participate.

Readings

The Church allows for the choice of **two readings** in a funeral liturgy: an Old Testament reading and a New Testament reading. You may select one passage from each group. The Gospel reading will be selected by the presiding priest/deacon. Consider how your reading choices reflect the life of your deceased loved one.

I. First Reading: Old Testament (* = First Reading options during Easter season)

Job 19:1, 23-27 *"I know that my Vindicator lives."*

Wisdom 3:1-9 *"The souls of the just are in the hand of God..."*

Wisdom 4:7-15 *"The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest."*

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9 *"He will destroy death forever."*

Lamentations 3:17-26 *"It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord."*

Daniel 12:1-3 *"Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake."*

II. Second Reading: New Testament (* = to be used as First Reading during Easter season)

*Acts 10: 34-43 *"He is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead."*

*Revelation 14:13 *"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord..."*

*Revelation 20:11- 21:1 *"The dead were judged according to their deeds..."*

*Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7 *"There shall be no more death..."*

Romans 6:3-9 *"We too might live in newness of life."*

Romans 8:14-23 *"We also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption..."*

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 *"Nothing can come between us and the love of God..."*

2 Corinthians 5: 1, 6-10 *"We have a building from God, eternal in heaven..."*

Philippians 3: 20-21 *"He will change our lowly bodies to conform to his glory."*

1 Corinthians 15:51-57 *"Where, O Death is your victory?"*

1 John 3:1-2 *"That we may be called children of God..."*

Musical Selections

St. Jude of the Lake invites you to participate in the selection of funeral music by selecting **three songs** from the list below. Please direct any music questions to our Director of Music, Mary Scherber. Mary is aware of Church guidelines governing liturgical music, and can answer any questions with regards to selecting these three songs. An accompanist and cantor will be provided by St. Jude of the Lake for the musical leadership of all funerals as part of the basic funeral fee.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Amazing Grace | <input type="checkbox"/> The King of Love My Shepherd Is |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Here I Am, Lord | <input type="checkbox"/> How Great Thou Art |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quietly, Peacefully | <input type="checkbox"/> Softly and Tenderly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On Eagle's Wings | <input type="checkbox"/> I Know that My Redeemer Lives |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say | <input type="checkbox"/> Praise to the Lord |
| <input type="checkbox"/> There's a Wideness in God's Mercy | <input type="checkbox"/> Immaculate Mary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hail Mary/Gentle Woman | <input type="checkbox"/> Servant Song |
| <input type="checkbox"/> For the Beauty of the Earth | <input type="checkbox"/> Only You, O God |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eye Has Not Seen | <input type="checkbox"/> Jesus, Remember Me |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make Me a Channel of Your Peace/Prayer of St. Francis | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Be Still My Soul | <input type="checkbox"/> Be Thou My Vision |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jerusalem, My Happy Home | <input type="checkbox"/> Abide With Me |

Visitation

The purpose of a visitation is for loved ones to spend some brief moments of silence with the deceased, to console the family, to remember fond times, and to strengthen the bonds of friendship the deceased brought together within the community. Visitations normally occur one hour prior to the funeral liturgy in our Gather Space. Two tables and easels are available for flowers, photo boards, and mementos that a family may wish to display.

The Vigil/Wake held at the funeral home and the funeral luncheon are ideal opportunities for family members and friends to share reflections about the deceased. Within reason, there are no limitations of time or content in these settings. The priest celebrant or deacon will make every effort to reflect knowledge of the deceased in the homily after the Gospel, and weave that knowledge into the Christian message based on the Scriptures. In light of this, eulogies are not permitted at the funeral Mass itself.



Presence at the Burial Site

If you wish for a priest/deacon to be present at the burial, please let us know. We will check with their schedules to see if this is possible. Funeral homes may also provide burial site services. Please be sure to have a burial scheduled before the Funeral Mass takes place. It is important to do this, as, in baptism the body was marked with the seal of the Trinity and became the temple of the Holy Spirit. It is necessary to respect and honor the body committed to Christ by burying it in a sacred place.

Family members and those making funeral arrangements are to be reminded that the clear desire of the Catholic Church, both in Canon Law and the Order of Christian Funerals (the Church's funeral ritual book), is that the body be present for the funeral Mass and then be properly interred. This reflects the dignity of the human body according to the teachings of the faith. Cremation is permitted, but it is not preferred.

Funeral Fees and Luncheon options

Basic Fee: \$650

Included in this fee is the use of the church facilities, worship aids, staff assistance, and musicians.

An honorarium for the priest is optional, but appreciated.

Worship Aids are created by office staff to assist with following the order of the Liturgy. Because the purpose of this is to assist with worship, names of participants/family members will not be included.

Please note that a funeral luncheon is not included in the basic fee. *An additional administrative fee of \$100 will be charged if no funeral home staff will be present.*

Luncheon

A funeral reception or luncheon may follow immediately after the liturgy in Kohler Hall. A luncheon hosted by our funeral committee includes three options: (a) turkey, ham, and cheese deli tray, (b) pulled pork sandwiches or (c) shredded beef sandwiches. Buns and condiments are included. Salads and desserts are provided by parishioners. Also included are coffee, lemonade, water, paper products and plastic ware. The cost of this luncheon is \$4.50 per person. This cost is added to the funeral home bill.

If no funeral home is used, a check is needed, payable to St. Jude of the Lake Catholic Church.

A second option is to have the luncheon catered by a vendor and served in Kohler Hall. Salads and desserts from parishioners may supplement a catered lunch. A few local vendors who provide delivery service to St. Jude of the Lake are Donatelli's, Roma's, and Kowalski's Market, but you are free to choose any vendor you want. There is no fee for a catered luncheon, even if you request salads and desserts from the church.

Please see the Funeral Mass Planning Worksheet on the following page to assist you in your planning process. Please review the form before attending the Funeral Planning Meeting with Deacon Frank.

Funeral Mass Planning Worksheet

Deceased's Name: _____

Funeral Mass Date: _____ Time: _____

Funeral Visitation Time: _____

Primary Point of Contact (name, relation to deceased, phone number, email, mailing address):

First Reading: _____

Second Reading: _____

How do these readings reflect the life of your deceased loved one?

Music Selections (please select 3 choices):

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Number of Gift Bearers: _____ Number of Pall Bearers: _____

Luncheon Menu Selection: _____

Expected Mass Attendance: _____ Expected Luncheon Attendance: _____

Names of Deceased Loved Ones for Petitions: _____

Leave a Lasting Legacy...



St. Jude of the Lake Catholic Church and School Endowment Funds

The St. Jude of the Lake Endowment Fund and the St. Jude of the Lake School Endowment Fund were established to ensure that the mission, values, and ministries of the St. Jude of the Lake community will continue in perpetuity.

By giving to the Endowment Funds, you create a legacy of stewardship based on your faith, values, and commitment to the St. Jude community. Your gifts are invested to yield a consistent source of income - year after year - forever. Our funds are invested with the Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota (CCF), which follows the Socially Responsible Investment Guidelines developed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. To uphold the Church's teachings, these guidelines are based on three key pillars: Avoid Doing Harm, Actively Work for Change, and Promote the Common Good.

For more information on the Endowment Funds, or to leave a lasting legacy, please visit our website at stjudeofthelake.org/electronic-giving.

Deacon Frank Pavlick, Funeral Coordinator

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Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

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