



Funeral Luncheon at Mary Mother

At these difficult times in life, it is important for families to gather and share stories, remember their loved one, and connect with each other.

We are pleased to offer the Mary Center for catered funeral lunches up to 250 people. We work solely with:

ABC Catering – email: abccatering@comcast.net; 952-887-9607

*recommended caterer for hot meal

Hy-Vee - email: 1356cateringmgr@hy-vee.com;

Store (952) 423-9340, Direct (952) 423-9345

Lunds/Byerlys – catering.lundsandbyerlys.com/catering-menu/menus/celebration-life; 952-897-9800

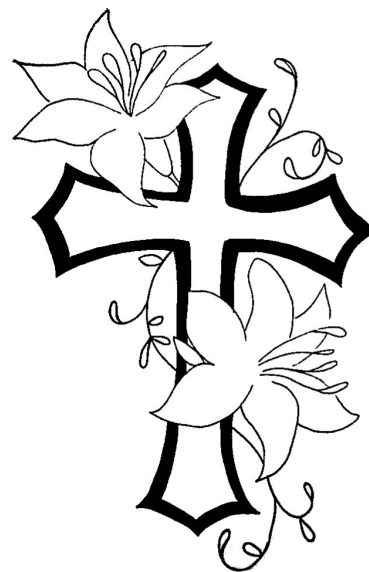
Casper's – casperscherokee.com; 651-454-6744

CUB—cold only. Family picks up and delivers to Church.

- The family contacts the caterer, arranges the menu, and pays the caterer directly. All luncheon food must be provided by the caterer.
- Immediately after caterer is chosen, family contacts Roxanne or Anne at the Parish with caterer phone # and menu so that we can coordinate the lunch with our Funeral Ministry.
- The Church will provide a room set-up based upon the guest number you provide, as well as disposable plates, napkins, silverware, cups, and dispensers of chilled water.
- Our funeral ministry team will serve your family by preparing the tables with seasonal centerpieces and scalloped paper placemats, assisting the caterer, serving the meal, and cleaning up. Thank you for allowing them to share in the luncheon after they serve your guests.
- The luncheon will be served immediately following the funeral service. We welcome you to eat and visit for up to 2 hours after the service. *Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.*
- Mary Center Room Fee for Lunch: \$150

State of Minnesota and Archdiocesan directives related to COVID-19 and gatherings may impact our ability to host a lunch. We will communicate any of those changes to you as quickly as possible.

Celebrating a Funeral at



Mary, Mother of the Church

**SOME GUIDELINES AND HELPFUL TIPS TO
ASSIST YOU IN YOUR PLANNING**

**MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH
3333 CLIFF RD E, BURNSVILLE, MN 55337**

Funeral Visitation at Mary Mother

The visitation is a time for family and friends to gather and pay respect for the one who has passed away to new life in Christ, as well as to share memories and offer support.

Some general guidelines for a visitation include:

- Assure that pall bearers arrive at the time designated by the funeral home to assist with the casket.
- We are able to provide easels for posters or photo collages as well as tables for personal displays.
- We are able to provide audio/visual equipment for picture presentations provided the storage media is compatible.
- Your funeral director will handle positioning your loved one, arrangement of flowers, printed matter, (except the worship aid) ushering of guests, and movement from sanctuary to luncheon.

Funeral Fees at Mary Mother

Funeral Fee: \$150

Musicians: \$250

Funeral without an onsite funeral director: \$150 additional
Mary Center Room Fee for Lunch: \$150

Fees are payable to Mary Mother of the Church
and are due by the date of the funeral.

A stipend payable directly to the presider is customary.

Mass of Christian Burial at Mary Mother

You may choose family members and/or close friends to take active roles (see folder insert for guidelines) within the Mass for your loved one, including:

- 1 Cross Bearer
- 1 Urn Bearer (ashes only)
- 1 Speaker for Words of Remembrance (optional) at the start of Mass.
- 1-3 readers: First Reading, Second Reading, Prayer of the Faithful (see folder insert for selections)
- 2 people for the presentation of the gifts (bread, wine)
- 2 Eucharistic Ministers

A staff member will practice with each person who shares a role in the Mass to make sure they are comfortable and well prepared.

Family should sit in the first pews, left-center of the church, we/funeral directors will assist you.

A worship aid will be printed by Mary Mother for the funeral. You may personalize the cover with a picture of your loved one, or choose from a pre-printed selection.

Music/Musicians

The sacred and communal nature of liturgy requires care in the selection of music (See folder insert). This planning will insure the ability of all those gathered to actively participate in the celebration. Because of the sacredness of the Mass, recorded music of any kind may not be used.

We welcome family participation but require at least one musician be part of Mary Mother's Music Ministry to ensure an effortless flow of liturgy. All singer/musician additions must be approved by the Music Director.