



Planning A Funeral

**Guide for Families
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Dear Parishioners of St. Genevieve,

We are making this booklet available to families as a guide to assist you in planning a funeral of a loved one, or as you prepare and plan for your own death. We hope this booklet will be informational to you regarding the various options that are available for a funeral. Perhaps it will also give you ideas that you had not thought of before.

The planning of a funeral liturgy can also be done ahead of time and many people have chosen their readings and songs and reviewed them from time to time. At the time of death, a person who has written down ideas for their funeral gives their family a great gift. The funeral Mass becomes a true celebration of the life and faith of their loved ones.

If we can help you or a family member in any way to prepare for a funeral, please feel free to call the Parish Office, 651-429-7937 and we will be happy to assist you in this part of your journey Home.

Sincerely,



Father Gregory Esty

I. Options for Vigil for the Deceased

A Vigil service can include songs, scripture readings, psalms, prayers of intercession, the Lord's Prayer, closing prayers and blessing and an invitation to share memories of the deceased.

II. Options for the Celebration of the Order of Christian Funeral

A. Locations Depending upon Availability

1. St. Genevieve Church at 1683 Sorel St in Centerville
2. St. Genevieve Parish-St. John Site at 14383 Forest Blvd N in Hugo
3. Parish Community Center at 6995 Centerville Rd in Centerville

B. Type of Funeral

1. Mass with body present
2. Mass with cremated remains present
3. Mass with body present and cremation later
4. Visitation and Mass all on one day
5. Memorial Service without Mass at the Funeral Home or church

C. Funeral Date and Time

1. Date of Funerals:
This is dependent on the schedule of the family, funeral homes, priest and building availability.
2. Usual Times for Funerals:
 - a. 10:00 am
 - b. 11:00 am
3. Visitation Time:
There may be a visitation at the site of the funeral one hour before the funeral.
4. Access to the building will be available two hours before the funeral.

III. Funeral Costs

The church asks for a donation of \$400 to help cover costs. From this amount, the accompanist, cantor and other expenses are paid. This amount is often collected by the Funeral Home. If a family finds this amount burdensome, we ask the family to make a contribution for whatever they can afford.

IV. Options for Funeral Luncheon & Cost

- A. It is a ministry of St. Genevieve's Council of Catholic Women to coordinate a funeral luncheon after consulting with the family. CCW members purchase food, prepare and serve the meal with remaining food sent home with the family. The CCW requests payment for the food purchased following the luncheon.
(See Appendix D for Funeral Luncheon Menu Information)

- B. Catered Funeral Luncheon:
Sometimes a family chooses to have the meal catered and served by the funeral luncheon committee. The family is then responsible for ordering the meal and having it delivered to the dining room. The funeral luncheon committee would then serve the meal.

- C. Combination of Catered Main Entrée & Provided Salads and Desserts:
Some families chose to have the meat catered and the other items provided by the funeral luncheon committee

- D. Funeral Luncheon Locations and Contacts
 - 1. Parish Community Center – 6995 Centerville Rd in Centerville
Handicapped Accessible
contact: Mary Lou Wilharber - 651.429.2140
mlouwilharb@gmail.com
 - 2. Fortin Hall – 14363 Forest Blvd N in Hugo
Not Handicapped Accessible
contact: Jean Peters – 651.430.2218
jean_pet@hotmail.com

V. Family Involvement in Planning Process

Families are invited to be involved with choosing the music and readings for the funeral. They will meet with the Pastor prior to the funeral; he will assist the family in selecting the readings. Families, relatives and friends are often involved as lectors, gift bearers, pall bearers, giving a short reflection, and assisting with the placement of the pall.. We work with the family in making the funeral a celebration of the person's life in light of our faith and belief in the resurrection.

VI. Display of Memorabilia & Pictures

Many families choose pictures and memorabilia to display in the building entrance during visitation. Tables and two easels are available if requested prior to the day of the funeral. A TV and DVD player for displaying a slideshow of pictures is available only at the Parish Community Center. A TV and DVD player is available for use in Fortin Hall during a funeral luncheon. Any TV and DVD request must be made prior to the day of the funeral.

VII. Burial

- A. Burial at St. Genevieve or St. John the Baptist cemetery usually occurs immediately after the funeral. If the option of a funeral with the body present and cremation later was chosen, then the burial of the cremains is done at a later date.
- B. Fort Snelling internments are scheduled by the Funeral Home and Fort Snelling. Burials there are by appointment. If a burial is to take place at Fort Snelling, the luncheon usually occurs immediately after the Funeral.
- C. Burial of cremated remains is recommended by the Catholic Church in a cemetery or placed in a columbarium or mausoleum.

VIII. Cemetery Policy & Costs

- A. Grave Sales: (includes \$200 perpetual care fee)
 - Adult (Parishioner) \$1000
 - Adult (Non-Parishioner) \$1300
 - Infant \$125
 - Cremation (Parishioner) \$500
 - Cremation (Non-Parishioner) \$700

B. Internment Fees:

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| Adult | \$900/\$1000 winter* |
| Child Casket Burial | \$450/\$550 winter* |
| Infant | \$250/\$250 winter* |
| Cremation | \$350/\$450 winter* |
| Cremation with vault | \$450/\$550 winter* |

*winter surcharge when ground is frozen

Checks are made payable to St. Genevieve Church when making payment for grave site or internment at either St. Genevieve Cemetery or St. John the Baptist Cemetery. Payment is due upon purchase and/or burial.

IX. Considerations if You Do Not Employ a Funeral Home

Funeral Homes take care of a lot of details surrounding a funeral. If you do not employ a Funeral Home, please arrange for:

- Publishing an obituary in the newspaper (include the address of the funeral site)
- Programs for the service (include the address of the luncheon and cemetery)
- A guest book and pen
- A basket for cards
- Memorial cards or envelopes
- Extra easels for poster boards
- Determine who will carry the urn
- Determine who will arrange any flowers given by family and friends

X. Appendix

- A. Planning Sheet for Funeral Mass
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Appendix A: FUNERAL LITURGY PLANNING SHEET

Site of Funeral: _____

Cantor: _____

Opening Hymn: # _____

Opening Prayer

First Reading: _____

Read by: _____ Relationship: _____

Psalm (to be sung): # _____

Second Reading: _____

Read by: _____ Relationship: _____

Gospel Acclamation: _____

Gospel Reading: _____

Homily: _____

Intercessions read by: _____ Relationship: _____

Presentation of the Gifts by: _____

Offertory Hymn: # _____

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Eucharistic Ministers _____

Communion Hymn: # _____

Brief Reflection/Remembrance read by: _____

Prayer of Commendation

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: # _____

Appendix B: SUGGESTIONS FOR FUNERAL READINGS

1. Suggested First Readings

a. A reading from the **Prophet Micah** (Mi.6: 6, 8)

With what gift shall I come into the Lord's presence and bow down before God on high? Shall I come with holocausts and sacrifices?

What is good has been explained to you, this is what the Lord asks of you: only this, to act with justice, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with God.

The Word of the Lord.

b. A reading from the **Prophet Isaiah** (Isaiah 43: 1-5)

But now, says the Lord, who created you, who formed you. Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name, you are mine. Should you pass through the sea, I will be with you; or through rivers, they will not swallow you up.

Should you walk through fire, you will not be scorched and the flames will not burn you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

You are precious in my eyes, you are honored and I love you. Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

The Word of the Lord.

c. A reading from the **Book of Wisdom** (Wisdom 4: 7-15)

The virtuous person, though they die early, shall be at rest. Length of days is not what makes age honorable, nor number of years the true measure of life; rather understanding is the crown of humanity, and a virtuous life, this is ripe old age.

The person who sought to please God, God loved. Coming to perfection in a short while, they achieved long life,

for their souls were pleasing to the Lord.

The people saw but found this all hard to understand, for they did not take into account, that grace and mercy await the chosen of the Lord, and protection, God's holy ones.

The Word of the Lord.

d. A reading from the **Prophet Isaiah** (Isaiah 43: 1B-3)

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by your name, you are mine.
Should you pass through the sea,
I will be with you; or through rivers, they will not swallow you up.
Should you walk through fire, you will not be scorched and the
flames will not burn you.
For I am Yahweh, your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.*

The Word of the Lord.

2. Suggested Second Readings

a. A reading from **Paul's Letter to the Romans** (Rm. 8:31, 38-39)

*With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not
spare his own Son, but gave Him up to benefit us all, we may be
certain, after such a gift, that God will not refuse
anything He can give.*

*I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels or demons,
neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor
depth, no anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us
from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

The Word of the Lord.

b. A reading from **Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians**
(1 Cor. 13: 4-13)

*Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous;
Love is never boastful or conceited;
it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offense,
and it is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other
people's sins but delights in the truth;
it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to
endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end.
We are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror
but when the perfect comes we shall be seeing face to face.
The knowledge that I have now is imperfect;
but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there
are three things that last;
Faith, Hope and Love, and the greatest of these is Love.*

The Word of the Lord.

c. A reading from **Paul's First Letter to the Ephesians**
(Eph. 2: 4-10)

*But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us,
even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with
Christ (by grace you have been saved),
raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in
Christ Jesus,
that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of
his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.
For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from
you; it is the gift of God;
it is not from works, so no one may boast.
For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works
that God has prepared in advance,
that we should live in them.*

The Word of the Lord.

3. Suggested Gospel Readings

a. A reading from the **Gospel of Matthew** (Matt. 5: 1-12a)

*When Jesus saw the crowds he went up on the Mountainside.
After He had sat down His disciples gathered around Him,
and He began to teach them.*

*"How blest are the poor in spirit:
the reign of God is theirs.
Blest too are the sorrowing:
they shall be consoled.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst for holiness;
they shall have their fill.
Blest are they who show mercy;
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are the single-hearted for they shall see God.
Blest too are the peacemakers;
they shall be called children of God
Blest are those persecuted for holiness' sake; the reign of God is theirs.
Blest are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of slander
against you
because of me; Be glad and rejoice, for your reward is great in heaven*

The Gospel of the Lord.

b. A reading from the **Gospel of John** (John 14: 1-6)

Jesus said to His disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith in God and faith in Me.

In My Father's house there are many dwelling places; otherwise,

how could I have told you that

I was going to prepare a place for you?

I am indeed going to prepare a place for you, and then I shall come back to take you with Me that where I am you also may be.

You know the way that leads where I go."

"Lord," said Thomas, "we do not know where You are going.

How can we know the way?"

Jesus told him: "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life;

no one comes to the Father but through Me.

The Gospel of the Lord.

c. A reading from the **Gospel of John** (John 16: 20-22, 28)

"Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn,

while the world rejoices; you will grieve,

but your grief will become joy.

When a woman is in labor, she is in anguish

because her hour has arrived;

but when she has given birth to a child,

she no longer remembers the pain because of her joy

that a child has been born into the world.

So you also are now in anguish.

But I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice,

and no one will take your joy away from you.

I came from the Father and have come into the world.

Now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father".

The Gospel of the Lord

APPENDIX C: FUNERAL MUSIC SELECTIONS BY MASS PLACEMENT

Opening, Offertory, Recessional:

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| Amazing Grace | No Greater Love |
| Be Not Afraid | On Eagles Wings |
| Blest Are They | Only This I Want |
| Canticle of the Sun | Precious Lord, Take My Hand |
| Center of My Life | Shelter Me, O God |
| Come to Me | Sing with All the Saints in Glory |
| Covenant Hymn | The King of Love My Shepherd Is |
| Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled | The Lord is My Light |
| Eye Has Not Seen | The Lord is Near |
| How Great Thou Art | The Servant Song |
| I Have Loved You | This Day God Gives Me |
| I Know That My Redeemer Lives | We Shall Rise Again |
| Jesus, Remember Me | We Walk By Faith |
| Lead Me, Guide Me | You Are All We Have |
| Lead Me, Lord | You Are Mine |
| Let There Be Peace on Earth | You Are Near |
| Like a Shepherd | |

Psalm Responses:

Psalm 23 – Shepherd Me O God
Psalm 23 – The Lord is My Shepherd
Psalm 25 – To You, O Lord
Psalm 27 – The Lord is My Light
Psalm 63 – My Soul is Thirsting
Psalm 89 – Forever I Will Sing
Psalm 91 – Be With Me

Commendations

The Hand of God Shall Hold You

May the Angels Lead You Into Paradise

Jesus Remember Me

Communion

I Am the Bread of Life

Now in This Banquet One Bread, One Body Song of the Lord's Supper

Taste and See

We Shall Rise Again

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

FUNERAL LITURGY MUSIC CONTACT:

Betsy Sandstrom phone: 651.433.3955

email: csandstrom@frontiernet.net

A Staff Accompanist will play the piano at the funeral. A member of the choir will cantor. If you would like someone else to provide music, know that the cost of the funeral includes pay for only staff musician and choir cantor. If you invite other singers or instrumentalists with liturgical music experience and Funeral Liturgy Music Contact approval, their fees, if any, will be incurred by the family.

Appendix D: FUNERAL LUNCHEON MENU INFORMATION

The Council of Catholic Women will offer a Funeral Luncheon for family and friends with the following guidelines.

- The family is required to reimburse the Council of Catholic Women for groceries purchased for the luncheon menu.
- Donations from the family to the Council of Catholic Women are appreciated for the continued mission work of the Council of Catholic Women.

Luncheon Menu

Au Gratin Potatoes
Baked Beans
Cabbage Salad (may change with season)
Ham or Turkey (or both if requested)
Rolls and butter
Cheese (optional)
Pickles and Olives (optional)
Vegetable Tray with Dip (optional)
Potato Chips (optional)
Bars, Cakes or
cookies
Coffee
Lemonade
Milk (if requested)

Council of Catholic Women will provide the following:
Prepare the food
Set-up and Clean-up
Dishes and utensils
Members to facilitate luncheon

If family and friends wish to bring other food items they are very welcome to do so. Please advise the luncheon coordinator to allow for appropriate set-up and preparation.

If the family chooses to have the luncheon catered the Council of Catholic Women members will facilitate the luncheon if requested. If you are interested in having a catered luncheon please advise the luncheon coordinator of your plans.

Thank you,

Jean Peters - Fortin Hall
(Not Handicap Accessible)
651.430.2218 jean_pet@hotmail.com

Mary Lou Wilharber - Parish Community Center
(Handicap Accessible)
651.429.2140 mlouharb@gmail.com

Appendix E: LOCAL MORTUARIES AND FUNERAL HOMES

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| Bradshaw Funeral | 4600 Greenhaven Dr White Bear Lake | 651.760.7991 | www.bradshawfuneral.com |
| Honsa Family Funeral Home | 2460 East County Rd E White Bear Lake | 651.429.6172 | www.honsafamilyfuneral.com |
| Johnson-Peterson Funeral | 2130 2 nd St. White Bear Lake | 651.429.7661 | www.johnsonpeterson.com |
| Mattson Funeral Home | 343 North Shore Drive Forest Lake | 651.464.3556 | www.mattsonfuneralhome.com |
| Mueller Lake Mortuary | 4738 Bald Eagle Ave White Bear Lake | 651.429.4944 | www.muellermemorial.com |
| Mueller-Bies Funeral Home | 750 Lake Drive Lino Lakes | 651-784.3390 | www.muellerbies.com |
| Roberts Family Funeral Home | 555 Centennial Dr SW Forest Lake | 651.464.4422 | www.robertsfamilyfh.com |
| Sandberg Funeral Home | 2593 7 th Ave E St. Paul | 651.777.2600 | www.sandbergfuneralhome.com |