

Funeral Arrangements



Catholic Parishes of Jennings County

St. Ann ~ St. Joseph ~ St. Mary

This Arrangement Belongs to: _____

The death of a loved one is one of the most difficult experiences a person and a family can go through. A funeral is a time for the family to grieve, as well as to spend time in deep prayer and reflection on the mystery of the life promised by Christ to faithful disciples. Our goal, our ministry, is to help grieving families and to assist the deceased through our prayers and rituals to journey towards heaven.

Because your loved one was a member of our parish family, and to allow us the opportunity to carry out a corporal work of mercy, we take utmost care in making sure that the Funeral Rites are celebrated worthily and well, according to our liturgical traditions and customs of our parishes.

We have provided this booklet to help families with the planning of the funeral liturgy and to inform them of our parish policies.

When a funeral is celebrated in a parish, it reflects the liturgical style and procedures of that specific parish. Although Mother Church has Universal Norms for funerals, each parish is given the right to work within those norms, adapting them to the personality of the parish. By choosing St. Ann, St. Joseph, or St. Mary, you are agreeing to abide by our parish policies for the celebration of Funeral Rites.

Pax,

Fr. Byrd, Pastor

Funeral Planning Sheet

Basic Data

Name: _____

Preferred Funeral Home: _____ Pre-Arrangements: yes/no(*circle one*)

Full Body Burial

Cremation

Name/City of Cemetery for Burial: _____ Plot Location: _____

Vigil / Rosary service

The Vigil / Rosary service is part of the Church's prayer for the deceased. It consists of prayers for the deceased, scripture readings, a short reflection, or in place of the reflection the praying of the Holy Rosary, and an option for a Eulogy or Words of Remembrance. This is typically offered at the beginning of the viewing, prior to the Mass of Christian Burial.

Mass of Christian Burial

Priest Celebrant/ Homilist – Ordinarily the Pastor of the parish will be the Celebrant / Homilist of the funeral. If for some reason the Pastor is unavailable another Priest will be contacted **by the Pastor** and asked to be the celebrant and homilist.

Pall Bearers – Individuals who carry the casket to the church and from the church to the grave.

Names: _____

The Pall -The casket is greeted in the back of the church and covered with a white cloth which represents your baptismal garment. Whom would you like to place the Pall?

Names: _____

Scripture - At Holy Mass there are two Readings and a Gospel Reading. Please use the attached sheet to select your readings. The responsorial psalm is sung/chanted by the musicians.

1st Reading: _____

2nd Reading: _____

Gospel: This will be chosen by the Priest

Readers -You may also select people to read these passages of sacred scripture. Readers must be practicing Catholics, who have some experience reading during Mass. You can have one person or multiple. You may also have the church provide a reader if you do not desire to select a family member or friend. The Gospel will be read by the Priest or the Deacon if he is assisting.

Name(s): _____

Prayers of the faithful – The Prayers of the faithful will be provided by the Parish. They may be read by the Priest, or another person can be chosen to read them. If a Deacon is present, it is most appropriate for him to read the Prayers of the Faithful.

Music - Only sacred music that is based on scripture is allowed to be sung during the Mass. The Church provides certain texts set to music that we will use at every funeral, which are the Entrance Antiphon (Eternal Rest grant unto them) and the song during the procession to the place of burial (In Paradisum). You may choose a hymn or song from the list for the preparation of the Altar, Holy Communion, and a post Communion meditation (this is strictly optional). Prelude music is not permitted prior to a funeral Mass. Pre-recorded music is not permitted at Mass. Secular music is not permitted during the Mass. Secular music may be played at the vigil/calling or at another suitable time.

Procession into Church: Funeral Entrance Antiphon with verses

Preparation of the Altar: _____

Communion Hymn: _____

Post Communion Meditation: _____ *** optional, not required**

Procession to the Place of burial: In Paradisum*

*This piece is the traditional processional chant that accompanies the body of the deceased out of the Church to their place of burial.

Other liturgical music will be selected by the musicians themselves.

Musicians and cantors - The parish will provide an accompanist and cantor for the funeral.

Altar Servers – The parish will provide Altar Servers for the funeral Mass.

Funeral Meal- The parish often provides a funeral meal after the funeral Mass. Would you like this option for your living family members and friends?

Y Yes Number of guests : _____

Y No

Eulogies / Words of Remembrance – Eulogies are not permitted during the Mass of Christian Burial. If a Eulogy is requested it must take place during the Vigil/ Rosary service at the Funeral home prior to the Mass of Christian Burial, or following the committal service. If you desire a Eulogy or words of remembrance during the Vigil /Rosary service, please inform the Priest or Deacon ahead of time. A Eulogy can also be part of the Funeral Meal following the Rites of Committal.

Sacred Scripture Readings

FIRST READING – Old Testament

1. Job 19:1, 23-27

Then Job answered and said: “Oh, would that my words were written down! Would that they were inscribed in a record: that with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the rock forever! But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives, and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust; whom I myself shall see: my own eyes, not another's, shall behold him, and from my flesh I shall see God; my inmost being is consumed with longing.”

2. Wisdom 3:1-9 or 3:1-6. 9

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; they shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the LORD shall be their King forever. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with the elect.

3. Wisdom 4:7-14

But the just man, though he dies early, shall be at rest. For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age. He who pleased God was loved; he who lived among sinners was transported-- snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile his soul; for the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind. Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a long career; for his soul was pleasing to the LORD, therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness. But the people saw and did not understand, nor did they take this into account.

4. Isaiah 25: 6. 7-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"

SECOND READING – New Testament

4. Romans 5:1-11

Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

5. Romans 6:3-9 or 6:3-4. 8-9

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

6. Romans 14:7-9. 10-12

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So (then) each of us shall give an account of himself (to God).

7. 1 Corinthians 15:20-24. 25-28

But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet." But when it says that everything has been subjected, it is clear that it excludes the one who subjected everything to him. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will (also) be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

8. 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality. And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: "Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

9. 2 Corinthians 5:1. 6-10

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven. So we are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

10. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

11. Revelation 20:11-21:1

I, John, saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for them. I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. Then another scroll was opened, the book of life. The dead were judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the scrolls. The sea gave up its dead; then Death and Hades gave up their dead. All the dead were judged according to their deeds. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire. (This pool of fire is the second death.) Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the pool of fire. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Music Selections

Below is a list of Music that can be used. This is not an exhaustive list. You may also choose music selections from the Source and Summit Missal, which is our parish music supplement. We no longer hold a copyright license for certain songs because they are not in our music supplement, and we are no longer able to use them. **(Please note if you are viewing this online, please click on the hymn title to listen to what it sounds like.)**

[Abide With Me](#)
[All Creatures of our God and King](#)
[All You Who Seek a Comfort Sure](#)
[Alleluia, Alleluia Let the Holy Anthem rise *](#)
[Alleluia Sing to Jesus *](#)
[Amazing Grace](#)
[Ave Maria](#)
[Ave Verum](#)
[Be Still My Soul](#)
[Be Thou My Vision](#)
[Blest are They](#)
[Christ the Lord is Risen Today](#)
[Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life](#)
[Crown Him With Many Crowns](#)
[Ecce Panis Angelorum \(Chant\)](#)
[For All the Saints](#)
[God We Praise You](#)
[Godhead Here in Hiding](#)
[Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above](#)
[Hail Mary, Gentle Woman](#)
[Hail To The Lord's Anointed](#)
[Hail, True Victim, Life and Light](#)
[He, Who Gave for Us His Life](#)
[Holy God We Praise Thy Name](#)
[How Great Thou Art](#)
[I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say](#)

[I Know that My Redeemer Lives](#)
[Immaculate Mary](#)
[In Paradisum \(Chant\)](#)
[Jesus Christ is Risen Today *](#)
[Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All](#)
[Joyful, Joyful We Adore You](#)
[Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence *](#)
[Love Divine All Love Excelling](#)
[Lux Aeterna](#)
[My Shepherd Will Supply My Need](#)
[Nunc Dimittis \(Chant\)](#)
[O God Beyond All Praising](#)
[O God Our Help in Ages Past](#)
[O Lord, I Am Not Worthy](#)
[O Sacrament Most Holy](#)
[Panis Angelicus](#)
[See Us, Lord, About Thine Altar](#)
[Shepherd of Souls](#)
[Soul of My Savior](#)
[The King of Love My Shepherd Is](#)
[The Strife is O'er *](#)
[There's a Wideness in God's Mercy](#)
[To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King](#)
[What Wondrous Love is This?](#)

*Only outside of the season of Lent