

Special Considerations / Pertinent Information

Sacred Heart Parish

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Funeral Planning Sheet

Donations in Memory of

Often, family and friends want to remember the person who has died. At Sacred Heart this is done in the following ways.

Sacred Heart Memorial Fund is a way of remembering the deceased in the prayer life of Sacred Heart. These monies are used to purchase sacred vessels and vestments and for the upkeep of Sacred Heart Church. Donations can be made to the Sacred Heart Memorial Fund in any amount.

Sacred Heart Trust Funds were set up during Sacred Heart’s Centennial Year of 1993. One fund benefits **Sacred Heart Church**, the other benefits **Sacred Heart School**. The trust funds support the church and provide tuition assistance to our parish children’s education.

Donate To

Funeral Home

_____ Tel ____ - ____ - ____

Wake

Date __/__/__ Day _____

Time: From _____ to _____ From _____ to _____

Offerings for a Funeral

The customary offering for a funeral is \$400, which includes a \$100 donation to Sacred Heart Parish and \$150 each for the singer and the organist. If this offering is a burden for the family, please speak with one of the priests.

Funeral

Date __/__/____ Day _____ Time _____

Cemetery

Dear Friends and Family,

We offer our sympathy and support at this time. You have lost someone you have cared for and loved. Grieving is painful. The loss touches some of our deepest emotions. Feeling helpless and lost is common.

Our faith in God does not leave us alone. Our families, friendships, parish support, prayer and our worship at Sacred Heart speak to us in our sorrow. You may not be able to pray at this time. You may be angry. You may be fearful. Fear not. Sacred Heart Parish prays for you these days.

If you are not now facing the death of a loved one, please consider this brochure as a help for future preparation. Choices, plans and discussions now will be of help later.

As you begin to plan a wake and funeral, please realize that we stand ready to help you. To comfort the sorrowing and bury the dead are simple acts of charity. Here is some practical advice about how you can participate in the wake and the Funeral Mass.

Sincerely,

Rev Msgr Francis H Kelley

Name of Deceased: _____

Family Contact:

Name Relationship to Deceased

Tel ____ - ____ - ____ Cell ____ - ____ - ____

Funeral Liturgy

Catholics bury their dead with a wake, a Funeral Mass, and a grave side burial service. The funeral services not only pray for the repose of the soul of the deceased person, but also offer comfort and support for the family and friends. We encourage your active participation at the wake and the Funeral Mass.

A family participates in the funeral liturgy in a number of ways. This participation invites all to express their sorrow through these religious activities. Please take every opportunity to mourn. Let us know how we can help you. You can participate in the following ways.

Funeral Pall

During the Funeral Mass we completely cover the coffin with a funeral pall. This cloth reminds us that the deceased was given the promise of eternal life at baptism. Now at death he or she prepares to enter eternal life. We ask that family members place the pall on the casket.

Pallbearers	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Deceased</i>
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

Reading the Bible / Liturgy of the Word

At a Funeral Mass we have three readings from the Bible. A family member or friend may do the first and second readings. The cantor sings the Psalm between these two readings. The priest will do the third reading, the Gospel.

Friends and family are encouraged to do the first and second readings. Ask one of your family or friends who lectors in their parish to read at the Funeral Mass. Please ask your funeral director for the funeral book which Sacred Heart Parish has provided them. The funeral director has the book of readings available.

First Reading

(Old Testament)

Name *Relationship to Deceased*

Second Reading

(New Testament)

Name *Relationship to Deceased*

Prayers of the Faithful

Prayers of intercession are offered for the deceased, for the family, all who mourn, and for all who are gathered at this mass.

Name *Relationship to Deceased*

Offertory Gifts

Two or three family members or friends may bring the offertory gifts to the altar.

Name *Relationship to Deceased*

Gifts Bearers

Personal Reflections / Words of Remembrance

A family member or friend may offer personal reflections about the deceased after communion. These reflections are very helpful in the grieving process. We suggest a few guidelines for the speaker(s).

- Write out what you will say.
- Check with the priest who is celebrating the Funeral Mass.
- Keep the remarks to a couple of minutes.
- Dress appropriately, in a suit, coat and tie, dress or pant suit. Please, no jeans.

Name *Relationship to Deceased*

Music Selections

There is much church music which is helpful in our grieving. We have given the funeral director the list of appropriate hymns. You may also speak with our musicians concerning choices.

Entrance/Processional Hymn: _____

Responsorial Hymn: _____

Offertory Hymn: _____

Communion Hymn: _____

Recessional Hymn: _____