

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

PLANNING THE FUNERAL MASS & BURIAL

Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Date of Death _____

Contact Person's name and phone number: _____

Date /Time & Place of Visitation & Parish Prayers _____

Funeral Mass Time _____ Burial place: _____

Number of Guests (250 max) _____ Family going to cemetery? yes no

CHOOSING MINISTERS FOR THE FUNERAL

** Readers should be present at least 50 minutes before the funeral. Communion ministers must be practicing Catholics who are familiar with that ministry. If you cannot provide for these ministries from among your family and friends, we can easily arrange for some of our ministers from the parish to do so.*

____ CLOSING OF THE CASKET --if reviewal is in church before the Mass

If reviewal has taken place in church, the casket is closed 5 minutes before Mass. A prayer is led by the priest at the closing. We encourage family members to assist with this. We know it is difficult, but it is a way of coming to terms with loss.

____ PLACING OF THE CROSS (optional)

The family is encouraged to bring the family cross or crucifix from home. It will be placed on top of the casket at the beginning of the Mass. Cross is carried into church and placed by _____

____ READINGS & READERS

Reading 1-Old Testament reading # ____ (from 1st section of book) Read by _____

Reading 2-New Testament reading # ____ (from 2nd section of book) Read by _____

Gospel Reading # ____ (from 3rd section of book) Read by priest

Petitions # ____ (from 4th section of book) Read by _____

____ COMMUNION MINISTERS (Parish will provide).

____ SINGER & KEYBOARD PERSON

Musicians are hired through the parish because they know how to use the sound system, microphone set-up and procedures. Any other special musician? _____

LIST SOME OF THE IDEAS YOU HAVE FOR HYMNS/MUSIC:

Processional - (*instrumental or solo*)

Response Psalm (*sung by soloist*) - _____

Alleluia will be sung one time by soloist

Homily Hymn - (*optional solo*) _____

Eucharistic Acclamations will be recited

Song during Communion (*instrumental or solo*) _____

Song of Farewell (*solo*)

Closing Song - (*instrumental or solo*) _____

We encourage eulogies at the time of Parish Prayers. However, on occasion some families choose to have someone speak words of testimony at the Funeral Mass (especially if there has not been visitation the night before). We ask that these be carefully crafted and written (no off the cuff remarks) and delivered.

Words of Remembrance ___no ___yes *Given by* _____

Parish Prayers

TIME OF PARISH PRAYERS: _____

TIME OF VISITATION Family gathers at _____

The public is welcome from _____.

PRAYERS BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS: _____ **TIME:** _____

**We encourage the family to ask other parish organizations to take part in the parish prayers rather than to schedule another time for their individual organization.*

MINISTERS FOR PARISH PRAYERS

A. **Reader of the Scripture Lesson:** _____

Reading # ____ (*from either 1st or 2nd section of reading booklet*)

B. **People who give a testimony** about _____ 1. _____
the life of the deceased (eulogy) or read a _____ 2. _____
special poem/non scripture reading or play CD _____ 3. _____

C. **Special musical requests:** _____

(we use booklet from funeral home)