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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

A CELEBRATION  
OF  
NEW LIFE

(name)

To Life: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date of birth)

To Eternal Life: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date of death)

CHURCH OF ST. GENEVIEVE

(date)

## FUNERAL VIGIL & LITURGY

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

(Please join in all the singing.)

Sprinkling of the Body

Placing of the Pall

Gathering Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Opening Prayer

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm: (to be sung) \_\_\_\_\_

New Testament Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel Acclamation \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel \_\_\_\_\_

Homily

General Intercessions

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Table and Gifts

Preparation Music: \_\_\_\_\_

Eucharistic Acclamations

Holy, Holy

Memorial Acclamation

Amen

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

### RITE OF DEPARTURE

Remarks of Remembrance

Incensing of Body

Song of Farewell

Prayer of Commendation

Procession to the Place of Committal

Departure Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Presider: \_\_\_\_\_

Pall Bearers carry in casket \_\_\_\_\_

Placing of Pall: \_\_\_\_\_

Lectors: \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_

Preparation of Table and Gifts: \_\_\_\_\_

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sacristan:

Body Present or Cremation:

Visitation:                      Time:

Funeral Home:

Family Contact Person:

Telephone:

Principal Survivors: (name, relationship & phone)

Music:

Betsy Sandstrom - 651.433.3955

Funeral Luncheon:  
before or after burial \_\_\_\_\_  
estimated number: \_\_\_\_\_

Jean Peters 651.430.2218 [jean\\_pet@hotmail.com](mailto:jean_pet@hotmail.com)  
Fortin Hall (Not Handicap Accessible)

Mary Lou Wilharber 651.429.2140 [mwilharber@msn.com](mailto:mwilharber@msn.com)  
Parish Community Center (Handicap Accessible)

Burial:  
when: \_\_\_\_\_  
where: \_\_\_\_\_

Bob Barrett: 651.206.3565



## **Planning A Funeral**

**Guide for Families  
Church of St. Genevieve  
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## **Planning a Funeral Guide for Families**

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#### **INITIAL CONTACT PERSONS FOR ANOINTING AND FUNERALS**

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- \* Kathy Rodel-Mezzenga or Susie Irlbeck-Office Staff  
651.429.7937

**I. Options for Vigil for the Deceased (Order of Christian Funerals)**

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 on Availability**

1. St Genevieve Church or Parish Community Center in Centerville with a luncheon at the Parish Community Center (Handicapped accessible)
2. St. Genevieve (East) St. John's Church - Hugo with a luncheon in Fortin Hall (not Handicapped accessible)

**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 Mass at Church**

1. Usual Times for Funeral Masses are:
  - a. 10:00 am with an hour visitation prior
  - b. 11:00 am with an hour visitation prior
2. DATE of funeral:

This is dependent on the schedule of the family, funeral home, priest and building availability.  
When there is a cremation there is a little more flexibility in time and date.
3. Reading Selections
  - a. Select one reading from Old Testament
  - b. Select one reading from New Testament
  - c. Select one Gospel reading  
(See Appendix (A) for suggested readings)



### **III. Cost for Funeral**

The church asks for a donation of \$400.00 to help cover costs. From this amount we pay the accompanist and other expenses. This amount is a donation and is often collected by the Funeral Home. If a family finds this amount burdensome, we ask the family to make a donation to the church for whatever they can afford.

### **IV. Funeral Luncheon options and 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 would purchase food, prepare and serve the meal with all 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 Community Center or Fortin Hall.  
The funeral luncheon committee will serve the meal.

- C. Combination of Catered Main Entrée & provided salads and desserts:  
Some families choose to have the meat catered and the other items provided by the funeral luncheon committee.

- D. Funeral Luncheon Contacts & Locations:

Parish Community Center (Handicap Accessible)  
Mary Lou Wilharber - 651.429.2140  
mwilharber@msn.com

Fortin Hall - Jean Peters - 651.430.2218  
jean\_pet@hotmail.com

## **V. Involvement of Families in Planning:**

Families are invited to be involved with choosing the music and readings for the funeral Mass. They will meet with the Pastor prior to the funeral; he will assist the family in selecting the music and readings and notify all necessary personnel. Families, relatives and friends are often involved as: lectors, gift bearers, pall bearers, giving a short reflection, assisting with the placement of the pall, and the incensing of the body. 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. Displaying of Memorabilia and Pictures:**

Many families choose pictures and memorabilia to display in the Church entrance during the visitation, we highly encourage this tradition. Easels and tables are available if requested.

## **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 Mass before going to Fort Snelling for burial.
- C. Burial of the cremated remains is recommended by the Catholic Church either in the ground, or be placed in a columbarium or mausoleum.

### **VIII. Cemetery Costs & Policies:**

- A. Grave Sales: (includes \$200 perpetual care)
  - Adult - \$1000
  - Infant - \$125 (no perpetual care fee)
  - Cremated Remains - \$500
  
- B. Internment:
  - Casket burial - \$700, Child casket burial - \$450
  - Cremation with a vault - \$350
  - Cremation without a vault - \$250
  
- C. Marker Installation:
  - 12" x 24" or smaller - \$225
  - 12" x 36" or 15" x 30" companion marker - \$350
  - Bronze Marker - \$225
  - Bronze Marker on Granite - \$250

### **IX. Suggestions for Memorials**

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### **A. Suggestions for Funeral Readings**

#### **1. First Reading (Old Testament) Suggestions**

- a. A reading from the Prophet Micah (Mi.6: 6, 8)
- b. A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 43: 1-5)
- c. A reading from the Book of Wisdom (Wisdom 4: 7-15)
- d. A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 43: 1B-3)

#### **2. Second Reading (New Testament) Suggestions**

- a. A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans (Rm. 8:31, 38-39)
- b. A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 13: 4-13)
- c. A reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (Eph. 2: 4-10)

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## A. 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, nor 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*



## B. Funeral Music Selections by Mass Placement

### **Opening, Offertory, Recessional:**

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Amazing Grace

Be Not Afraid

Blest Are They

Canticle of the Sun

Center Of My Life

Come To Me

Covenant Hymn

Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled

Eye Has Not Seen

How Great Thou Art

I Have Loved You

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Jesus, Remember Me

Lead Me, Guide Me

Lead Me, Lord

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Like A Shepherd

No Greater Love On

Eagles Wings

Only This I Want

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Shelter Me, O God

Sing With All The Saints in Glory

The King Of Love My Shepherd Is

The Lord Is My Light

The Lord Is Near

The Servant Song

This Day God Gives Me

We Walk By Faith

You Are All We Have

You Are Mine

You Are Near

### **Psalm Responses:**

Psalm 23 – Shepherd Me O God

Psalm 23 – The Lord is My Shepherd

Psalm 25 – Remember Your Mercies

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

**Contact Music Coordinator, Betsy Sandstrom regarding availability at 651.433.3955.**



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## Subject: 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 mwilharber@msn.com

## E. List of Local Mortuaries and Funeral Homes

Mueller Lake Mortuary	4738 Bald Eagle Ave White Bear Lake	651.429.4944	<a href="http://www.muellermemorial.com">www.muellermemorial.com</a>
Bradshaw Funeral	4600 Greenhaven Dr. White Bear Lake	651.760.7991	<a href="http://www.bradshawfuneral.com">www.bradshawfuneral.com</a>
Johnson-Peterson Funeral	2130 2nd St. White Bear Lake	651.395.7719	<a href="http://www.johnsonpeterson.com">www.johnsonpeterson.com</a>
Honsa Family Funeral Home	2460 East County Rd E White Bear Lake	651.429.6172	<a href="http://www.honsafamilyfueral.com">www.honsafamilyfueral.com</a>
Mueller-Bies Funeral Home	750 Lake Drive Lino Lakes	651.784.3390	<a href="http://www.muellerbies.com">www.muellerbies.com</a>
Roberts Family Funeral Home	555 Centennial Drive SW Forest Lake	651.464.4422	<a href="http://www.roberts-eckert.com">www.roberts-eckert.com</a>
Mattson Funeral Home	343 North Shore Drive Forest Lake	651.464.3556	<a href="http://www.mattsonfuneralhome.com">www.mattsonfuneralhome.com</a>

### 1. Locations for funerals include:

St. Genevieve Church 7087 Goiffon Road, Centerville, 651.429.7937

St. John the Baptist Church, 14383 Forest Blvd. North, Hugo, 651.429.7937

### 2. Locations for the funeral luncheons include:

St. Genevieve Parish Community Center, 6995 Centerville Road, Centerville (Handicap Accessible)

St. John the Baptist Church, Fortin Hall, 143 Forest Blvd. North, Hugo (Not Handicap Accessible)