

Instructions for Using the Funeral Planning Kit

If you are using this kit to pre-plan a family funeral, our bereavement ministers will be happy to answer your questions. If you are using this kit following the death of a loved one, you have our deepest sympathy. We realize that the days before and following a family death can be very challenging, so please know that you have the full support of our faith community.

Included in the hard copy binder are a number of small pamphlets. You may keep any of them which are helpful to you, but please return the kit at the planning session or to the office at your convenience.

For the Mass you will need to choose two readings—one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. The binder has a series of tabs to lead you through the selections, or you may wait for our planning session to make final decisions, since the planning team is experienced in helping families make appropriate choices. You may pick a Gospel or the priest will pick one after listening to your family's stories. If we are doing this by email, the tabbed sections were sent as additional files. Online you should see highlighted links for various parts of the kit.

Your choice for the first (Old Testament) reading: _____
Name a reader or a bereavement person will cover. _____

Your choice for the second (New Testament) reading: _____
Name a reader or bereavement will cover. _____

Your choice for the Gospel _____ -
The priest or deacon reads the Gospel.

You may choose a reader for the petitions, the prayer of the faithful. _____

You will need to choose five pieces of music. There is a sheet in the binder with commonly used selections for funerals and tabs with the actual music, in case the songs are unfamiliar. By email or online, we usually do not have the printed music. Hymnals are available at the church.

Hymn 1: OPENING _____

Hymn 2: RESPONSORIAL PSALM _____

Hymn 3: OFERTORY/PREPARATION _____

Hymn 4: COMMUNION _____

Hymn 5: CLOSING _____

If there are pallbearers, please list their names for the program. (Six to eight pallbearers)

We need at least two gift bearers to carry up the offertory bread and wine. Others may escort the main gift bearers. (We have not been carrying up gifts during Covid.)

The bereavement contact is Julie Weaver at 937-428-9226 or cell 937-344-9226.