

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH
FUNERAL PLANNING FORM FOR FUNERAL OR MEMORIAL MASS

Selection of the readings and music for the Mass can be found in this binder. Please write the number of the reading that is at the top of each page in the binder on the form below.

**Please Note: No Popular/Secular Tape or CD Music is allowed during the service.
This music can be used at the funeral home or at the funeral luncheon.**

Placing of the Pall: *family members may place the large cloth (pall) that is used to cover the casket at the beginning of the funeral, the pall symbolizes the baptismal garments. Consult your Funeral Director about this.*

- Placing of a Christian symbol on the casket. *Once the pall is placed the family is invited to place on top of the casket a crucifix that may have hung in the home, or a rosary or bible. The Christian symbol is meant to be an object that reminds us of our faith and devotion and the devotion of the loved one we gather around.*
- Proclaiming the readings during the funeral mass. Those who read the Scriptures, ***must be fully initiated (Received the Sacrament of Confirmation) in the Catholic Church and practicing their faith.*** The texts for the Old Testament and New Testament will be on the pulpit and the Pastoral Associate will accompany the reader to the pulpit. The Pastoral Associate may proclaim these readings.
- Words of Remembrance: If offered, these **very brief** comments can be shared after communion. They are not to exceed 5-6 minutes and must be typewritten. These words at church are meant to reflect the deceased life of faith. These words should speak of how they lived their faith, inspired us and deepened our faith through his or her life on earth.

Shared by: _____

Consult the binder for appropriate readings.

OLD TESTAMENT READING NUMBER _____

READ BY: _____

PSALM – Shepherd Me, O God – sung by the choir and congregation

NEW TESTAMENT NUMBER _____

READ BY: _____

GOSPEL READING (this will be proclaimed by the Priest) NUMBER _____

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (bread and wine) FOR MASS (not more than 4 people)

MUSIC CHOICES: *Appropriate hymns should be chosen from our list of approved music in the book the Funeral Director gave to you to help in planning the funeral. St. Michael's Resurrection Choir will lead the singing.*

Please note: No Secular music is allowed during the service

Opening: _____

Offertory _____

Communion: _____

Recessional: _____

Any questions or concerns to talk about at the Funeral Planning Meeting?

Personal Information

NAME: _____

AGE: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

Please describe your loved one: _____

If you know, what church was s/he Baptized in?

What did s/he do for pleasure: _____

Military Service? Sports? Hobbies?

What do you remember about your loved one?

How would you explain his/her faith?

Any special devotions or religious customs?

Other things you would like to share: _____

Please bring this form to the Funeral Planning Meeting, and return the notebook to the Funeral Director after the meeting