



ST. MARY
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

***“If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe
that we shall also live with him.”***

Romans 6:8

Funeral Liturgy Planning for Parishioners

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General Information

Full name of deceased _____

Name phonetically pronounced _____

Name to use when speaking of deceased _____

Date of birth _____

Date of death _____

Who is the contact point person for funeral planning?

Name _____

Relationship _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Which funeral home is handling arrangements?

Name _____

Contact person _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Name and address of cemetery _____

Information about the Deceased

Might you provide some information about your loved one that will allow the presiding priest to prepare his homily? There is space below to add this important information.

- What are some unique stories about your loved one?
- How would you describe him/her?
- Since your loved one is having your funeral at St. Mary's or Sacred Heart, please share the connection or involvement with the parish.
 - ◇ How long has he/she/the family been parishioners?
 - ◇ What Mass did he/she typically attend?
 - ◇ What areas of the parish was he/she involved in through the years?
 - ◇ Were there significant life events that occurred here — baptized, children baptized, marriage, children's marriage, etc.

Notes:

Memorials and Gifts to Our Parishes

For Funeral Planning

Many families wish to designate their parish as a memorial option in their loved one’s obituary. Here is wording, along with the appropriate address, that can be used.

Memorials in memory of (deceased) can be made to:

St. Mary’s Catholic Church	Sacred Heart Catholic Church
2208 4th Avenue	2810 5th Avenue
Rock Island, IL 61201	Rock Island, IL 61201

For Pre-Funeral Planning

Our parishes have long enjoyed the financial support of parishioners who are passionate about our ministries. Thanks to the generosity of past parishioners, our parishes have been able to grow through the years — physically and spiritually. Past gifts have ensured the ongoing support for our buildings and our ministries, including our children’s religious education and schooling, as well as scholarships.

Please consider leaving a gift in your will to St. Mary’s or Sacred Heart, which assists our parishes in continuing these great works.

All gifts are welcome and greatly appreciated. For ideas and help formulating language about gift/memorial options, please feel free to contact the pastor through our parish office. Additionally, if desired, we would be happy to connect you with an attorney who can assist with legal questions that arise, as well as helping with legal language that assures your wishes are carried out according to your preferences.

Will there be a Visitation?

Yes _____ No _____

Date and time of Visitation

Where will Visitation be held?

For families wishing to have a Visitation in church prior to the funeral, arrangements can be made for the entryway or gathering spaces. For larger Visitations, special arrangements can be made with the pastor’s permission.

Are tables/easels needed for photos?

Yes _____ No _____

If there is to be a prayer service/rosary/eulogy at the Visitation, please describe what is desired and who is to lead/preside.

When during the Visitation will this take place? (Beginning, end, etc.)

Planning the Funeral Mass

Note: With daily 12:10 p.m. Masses at our parishes, morning funerals should begin at 10 a.m. If the family wishes to include remarks/eulogies or the burial is not in Rock Island, morning funerals should begin at 9 a.m. Afternoon funerals can begin at 1 p.m. or later.

Date and Time of Funeral: _____

Main Priest Celebrant/Homilist: _____

Will a casket be present? Yes _____ No _____

Will an urn be present with cremains? Yes _____ No _____

Designating People for Mass Involvement

The family may wish to serve in these ways; if not, volunteers or staff from the parish will be happy to serve.

Placing of the Pall (the white cloth that goes over the casket; 2 to 6 people)

Placing of Religious Objects (crucifix, rosary, prayer card, etc.; 1 to 3 people)

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion — Up to three (These should be individuals currently serving in this role at Sacred Heart, St. Mary’s or their parish)*

**Gift Bearers at Offertory — as many family members as you wish*

Will the family have altar servers? If so, please provide names (2 to 4 people)

** If permitted by current safety protocols*

Would you like to have a Funeral Luncheon?

Schroeder Hall at St. Mary’s is available to use for a Funeral Luncheon for members of either St. Mary’s or Sacred Heart — contact the parish office for more information. All local and Diocesan safety regulations on gatherings and size limits must be followed.

All food should be catered, which needs to be handled by the family. The St. Mary’s Altar Society will set up the Hall and help with clean up.

Would you like to have a luncheon at Schroeder Hall?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, estimated number attending _____

If there will be a burial, will be the luncheon be

Before burial _____ After burial _____

Responsorial Psalms

Shepherd Me, O God
The Lord is My Shepherd
To You, O Lord
The Lord is My Light and My Salvation
The Lord is Kind and Merciful
With the Lord There is Mercy

Choir Selections — *These can be used as preludes or during the liturgy*

Amazing Grace, Alleluia The Last Journey
I Know That My Redeemer Lives Go, Silent Friend
A Clare Benediction Song of Simeon
God Will Wipe Away Every Tear Saints of God
Make Me a Channel of Your Peace Coming Home

Remarks of Remembrance (Eulogy)

Although not part of the Catholic burial rite, a brief eulogy may take place in this order of preference: before the Gathering hymn; at the conclusion of a wake service; at a luncheon/reception following the Mass; or following the prayers of committal at the cemetery. It is important to plan remarks with as much reverence and reflection as all the other components of the funeral. Suggested length is 3 to 5 minutes. In order that the priest homilist will be able to complement his homily with the remarks made by the family representative, the priest kindly requests to read the remarks prior to the funeral.

Optional:

Who will be providing the Remarks of Remembrance?

When will these be given?

Selecting the Readings for the Funeral Mass

- *A reader can be anyone you choose. If the family does not have specific readers in mind, parishioners of the church are honored to fill those roles.*
- *The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website has a comprehensive listing of the many readings from both the Old and New Testaments that can be selected for the three Readings. Go to usccb.org and search "Bereavement and Funerals" to find the full list.*
- *For your convenience, you'll find the three or four of the most-often selected Scriptures for each reading on the following pages.*

First Reading _____

Reader _____

Second Reading _____

Reader _____

Gospel Reading _____

Read by Priest

General Intercessions:

Please list any special requests to be included in the General Intercessions/ Prayers of the Faithful. (Additional space is available at the end of this brochure, in the Notes area.)

Reader or Priest _____

The Three Most Often-Selected First Readings

Wisdom 3:1-9

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before men, indeed they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; They shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the LORD shall be their King forever. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.

Wisdom 4:7-15

The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest. For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding is the hoary crown for men, and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age. He who pleased God was loved; he who lived among sinners was transported—Snatched away, lest wickedness pervert his mind or deceit beguile his soul; For the witchery of paltry things obscures what is right and the whirl of desire transforms the innocent mind. Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a long career; for his soul was pleasing to the LORD, therefore he sped him out of the midst of wickedness. But the people saw and did not understand, nor did they take this into account.

Isiah 25:6a, 7-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, The web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces; The reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"

Please review the list below of some hymns and songs to consider. This list is not complete. All music requests, especially for any music not listed here, are subject to approval by the parish musicians. Additionally, we will be happy to select music for any slot left empty. All music should be sacred as is fitting for a liturgy in our churches.

Songs to Consider

Amazing Grace	Be Not Afraid
Ave Maria	Blest Are They
Crown Him With Many Crowns	Eye Has Not Seen
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	Here I Am, Lord
I Know That My Redeemer Lives	How Can I Keep From Singing
I Want to Walk as a Child of Light	Jesus, Remember Me
The King of Love My Shepherd Is	On Eagle's Wings
Lord of All Hopefulness	The Servant Song
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	Though the Mountains May Fall
Now the Green Blade Rises	We Walk by Faith
O God, You Died That All Might Live	We Will Rise Again
Sing With All the Saints in Glory	

Especially Appropriate for Communion

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
I Am the Bread of Life
I Received the Living God
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
One Bread, One Body

Other Appropriate Hymns and Songs

How Great Thou Art
Just a Closer Walk With Thee
In the Garden
Surely the Presence of the Lord
Be Still My Soul

Selecting Music for the Funeral Mass

- Requests for musicians and cantors are coordinated through the parish office.
- We are happy to recommend musicians who are familiar with our parishes and Catholic funeral liturgies.
- Outside musicians are welcome, provided they are familiar with Catholic funeral liturgies.
- Stipends for musicians, cantors, and minister are typically handled by the funeral home. (If there is no funeral director, please speak with the parish office for information regarding stipends.)

Are there any specific cantors you would like to request?

Are there any outside musicians you would like to have?

What hymns do you wish:

Opening _____

Responsorial Psalm _____

Offertory _____

Communion _____

Meditation (optional) _____

Closing _____

The Three Most Often-Selected Second Readings

Romans 6:3-9

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

2 Corinthians: 5:1, 6-10

Brothers and sisters: We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven. We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

1 John 3:1-2

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

The Four Most Often-Selected Gospel Readings

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus answered: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

John 11:17-27

When Jesus arrived in Bethany, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

John 14:1-6

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way."

Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."