

Order of Christian Funerals

Planning Guide

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)



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Planning the Mass

The staff and parish community of St. Charles would like to extend to you our deepest sympathy during this time of sorrow. We wish to be with you and assist you in any way we can. This booklet has been prepared to help your family in planning the Mass of Christian Burial for your loved one. We hope that by choosing the readings and music you and your family might share more fully in the liturgy and express your love for the deceased. This time for planning also allows family members and friends to assume responsibility for different roles in the liturgy.

*Included on the last page of this booklet is a funeral planning worksheet.
Please fill it out and return it as soon as possible to the office.*

The Order of Christian Funerals is celebrated by prayerfully recalling, petitioning, and awaiting. The Christian funeral rites honor these three ritual moments.

- Beginning with the **vigil or wake service**, we gather to share our sympathy and faith. At this time, **we recall** all the love that shaped our relationship with the one who has died by telling stories of the individual and sharing our family traditions.
- At the **funeral Mass**, the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection, **we petition** God for the departed and thank Him for this gift of life which has now been returned to Him. We realize that our loved one's life is changed but not ended in death.
- The **committal or burial** is the time when **we await** the final reunion. The prayers that are said remind us that our beloved will be raised body and soul at the end of time, just as Jesus rose from the dead.

Scheduling a Funeral Mass

The usual time for funerals is 11:00 am; (consult the parish if you wish to request a different time.) According to the guidelines of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, funeral Masses and memorial Masses can be held on any day of the year **except the following**:

- Sunday
- Holy Days (Christmas, Easter, etc.)
- Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday).

*The pastor is generally unavailable on Wednesdays.

The family will be contacted by the parish staff to arrange a planning meeting with the presiding priest and members of the Worship team. (This meeting can take up to an hour and a half)

Cremation

The Order of Christian Funerals, which describes the rite of Christian burial, says the following about cremation:

The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains **should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains on the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires.**

The cremated remains may be brought into the church for the funeral liturgy. If desired, a picture of the deceased may be placed at the entrance of the church. Other items of remembrance should not be near the urn in the church, such items are best left at the funeral home or a gathering after the funeral Mass.

Please choose an urn that is designed for funeral use. Toolboxes, tackle boxes, and other vessels which, though they may have personal relevance, are not appropriate for use in a Catholic church.

Mass Booklets or Worship Aids

St. Charles Parish will provide a worship aid at no cost for your loved one's funeral. When you meet with the priest who will be presiding at the service and the Worship Team, they will assist the family in choosing the readings and will ask about which music the family wishes to have at the funeral. All music, reading citations and Mass parts will be included in the worship aid. If you have special requests (ex. a favorite poem of the deceased) or any questions, please contact Elizabeth Thompson, Pastoral Associate, at 262-367-6704.

Memorial Offerings

Masses for the intentions of the deceased can be requested through our parish or any other parish. The suggested donation for a Mass intention is \$10. Please contact the parish office.

Priest-Celebrant

Ordinarily, the pastor or associate pastor is the celebrant for the funeral. If a priest is a family member or a friend, he is most welcome to (con)celebrate the funeral and/or to preach. Please notify the pastor about other priests who may be present at the funeral.

Deacon

If you would like to invite a deacon to assist at the liturgy, please inform the pastor in advance and indicate it on the liturgy planning form. The deacon typically proclaims the Gospel and offers the Universal Prayers. He may also be invited to preach.

Liturgical Ministry Roles

- **Lectors:** Family members or friends are encouraged to proclaim the readings at the funeral Mass and, if there is no deacon, to announce the Universal Prayers (petitions). Please choose individuals with clear speaking voices, as the Word proclaimed is meant to bring comfort to those who have gathered to pray. We will provide a copy of the reading in advance. The parish may also provide lectors if necessary.
- **Musicians:** The Parish Music Director will be available for the funeral. Any musicians from outside the parish serve at our discretion. A soloist should have experience singing for Catholic liturgies. If you prefer another pianist/organist to play for the funeral, please make sure to inform the parish music director as soon as possible.
- **Servers:** The Liturgist will contact the altar servers for the funeral Mass.
- **Gift Bearers:** Family members or friends are invited to present the bread and wine, at Mass.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** If needed, family members or friends who are commissioned Extraordinary Ministers are welcome to assist at this time. The parish can provide ministers if needed.

Funeral Luncheon

The Borromeo Room may be available for luncheons or receptions after the funeral, depending on the parish calendar. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Funeral Fees

Church + Priest - \$175 (made payable to St. Charles Parish)

Musician - \$200

Cantor - \$150

Server - \$25

The Order of the Mass

Introductory Rites

Greeting
Sprinkling with Holy Water
Placing of the Pall and Christian Symbols
(casket only)
Entrance Hymn
Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading ~ Old Testament
Responsorial Psalm (sung)
Second Reading ~ New Testament
Acclamation (sung)
Gospel
Homily
General Intercessions

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Hymn during the Offertory
Offertory Procession
Eucharistic Prayer
Communion

Final Commendation

Song of Farewell
Prayer of Commendation
Recessional Hymn

Introductory Rites

Prelude

The musician can provide instrumental music for five minutes before the scheduled start time. Any pieces selected by the family are subject to approval by the Parish Music Director.

Greeting

The priest, ministers, and the assembly greet the body or cremains at front of the church.

Sprinkling with Holy Water, Placing of the Pall and Christian Symbols

After the body has been greeted at the entrance to the church, it is blessed with holy water. The holy water calls to mind the deceased's baptism and initiation into the community and the newness of life into which he or she is now called.

A white cloth or "pall" is placed on top of the casket. This cloth symbolizes the baptismal garment of our Catholic faith. Family members are encouraged to take part in this ritual by placing the pall on top of the casket. The casket is then processed to the front of the church near the Paschal Candle, the sign of the light of Christ and the eternal life into which we are born.

If cremated remains are present, the pall and crucifix are omitted.

Entrance Hymn

Please choose a hymn from the list below. Music and lyrics are available on our website.

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| 1. The Lord is My Light | 6. Here I Am Lord | 11. Lord, Whose Love in |
| 2. Amazing Grace | 7. How Great Thou Art | Humble |
| 3. As We Gather At Your
Table | 8. I Heard the Voice of Jesus
Say | 12. Sing With All the Saints in
Glory |
| 4. Be Not Afraid | 9. I Know that My Redeemer
Lives | 13. Come, Follow Me |
| 5. Come to Me, O Weary
Traveler | 10. Lord of All Hopefulness | 14. Our God is Here |

Liturgy of the Word

Please choose readings from each category. *Note:* On the day of the funeral, a binder will be at the ambo with the appropriate readings printed inside. Those proclaiming the readings do not need to bring up their copy with them when it is time for them to read.

First Reading

The first reading is from the Old Testament. The text of the readings may be found on pages 9-13.

A-1	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8	A-5	Isaiah 65:17-21	A-9	Psalm 91
A-2	Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9	A-6	Lamentations 3:17-26	A-10	Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16
A-3	Isaiah 40:28-31	A-7	Proverbs 6:20-23a	A-11	Wisdom 3:1-6, 9
A-4	Isaiah 43:1b-3a	A-8	Proverbs 31:10-21, 25-29	A-12	Wisdom 4:7-15

Responsorial Psalm

The Psalm is properly sung. Verses are found on pages 13-16.

B-1	Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.	B-8	Psalm 103 The Lord is kind and merciful. (Haugen)
B-2	Psalm 23 Shepherd Me, O God	B-9	Psalm 103 The Lord is kind and merciful. (Cotter)
B-3	Psalm 25 To You, O Lord (Haugen)	B-10	Psalm 103 The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.
B-4	Psalm 25 To You, O Lord (Soper)	B-11	Psalm 116 I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.
B-5	Psalm 27 The Lord is my light and my salvation.	B-12	Psalm 122 Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
B-6	Psalm 63 My soul is thirsting (Joncas)		
B-7	Psalm 84: How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place (Joncas)		

Second Reading

The second reading is always taken from the New Testament. The text of the readings may be found on pages 16-19.

C-1	1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a	C-5	Revelation 21:1-5,6	C-9	Romans 8:31-35, 37-39
C-2	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	C-6	Romans 5:5-11	C-10	Romans 13:8-9, 10b
C-3	Ephesians 3:16-21	C-7	Romans 6:3-4, 8-9	C-11	Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12
C-4	Philippians 3:20-21	C-8	Romans 8:14-23		

Gospel

The Gospel is always proclaimed by a priest or deacon. The text of the readings may be found on pages 19-22.

D-1	Matthew 5:1-12a	D-5	Luke 23:33, 39-43	D-9	John 14:1-6
D-2	Matthew 11:28-30	D-6	John 6:51-58	D-10	John 15:9-17
D-3	Matthew 14:22-33	D-7	John 11:17-27		
D-4	Luke 6:35-37	D-8	John 13:33-35		

Homily

The homily is always preached by a priest or deacon. The homilist will strive to make it personal and uplifting.

Universal Prayer

Universal prayers will be written by the Parish. The priest will introduce and conclude the intercessions with a prayer. These may be led by a family member or friend, or by the deacon.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory

Please choose a hymn from the list below. Music and lyrics are available on our website.

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| 1. Be Not Afraid | 7. Hail Mary: Gentle Woman | 13. On Eagle's Wings |
| 2. In Every Age | 8. Here I Am Lord | 14. Prayer Of St. Francis |
| 3. Eye Has Not Seen | 9. Prayer of St. Francis | 15. Precious Lord |
| 4. The King of Love My Shepherd Is | 10. I Know That My Redeemer Lives | 16. You Are Near |
| 5. 10,000 Reasons | 11. I Have Loved You | 17. Amazing Grace: My Chains Are Gone |
| 6. Come, Follow Me | 12. Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling | 18. You Raise Me up |

Gift Bearers

Family members or friends may present the gifts of bread and wine during the offertory. You may choose more than two people to present the gifts, but there are only 3 gifts to carry. Please indicate their names on the funeral planning worksheet.

Eucharistic Prayer

The texts for the Eucharistic prayer are chosen by the priest-celebrant.

Acclamations are sung during this prayer and are from the Mass of Christ The Savior by Dan Schutte due to its familiarity to regular Mass-goers. Other options for musical settings of the acclamations are available; please consult the music director.

Communion Rite

All Catholics who are properly disposed for reception of the sacrament may receive communion. Non-Catholics are invited to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn

Please choose a hymn for communion from the list below. Music and lyrics are available on our website.

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| 1. Center of My Life | 7. I Am the Bread of Life | 12. Bread of Angels |
| 2. Eat This Bread | 8. Behold the Lamb | 13. Panis Angelicus |
| 3. Eye Has Not Seen | 9. Taste and See (Moore) | 14. Unless a Grain of Wheat (Farrell) |
| 4. Gift of Finest Wheat | 10. One Bread, One Body | 15. We Remember |
| 5. O Sacrament Most Holy | 11. How Great Thou Art | 16. On Eagle's Wings |
| 6. Ave Maria | 12. The Body of Christ | |

Final Commendation

The final commendation is when we say the last farewell. The casket or urn is incensed, and a song of farewell is sung. Other prayers follow the song of farewell.

Song of Farewell

Please choose a hymn from the list below.

1. O Loving God (O Danny Boy)
2. Song of Farewell (Old 100th)
3. Quietly, Peacefully
4. Go in Peace (Hart)
5. May the Angels Be Your Guide

Concluding Rites and Procession to the Place of Committal

The casket is escorted out of the church to a hymn or instrumental music.

The Standard hymn used at St. Charles is “In Paradisum”, and it is accompanied by bells. Should you wish to select a different hymn, then please choose from the list below. This may also be replaced by an instrumental solo played on piano or organ, subject to approval by the music director. Please note that underlined titles may not be used during the season of Lent.

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| 1. <u>Alleluia, Sing to Jesus</u> | 5. O God Beyond All Praising | 10. Sing with All the Saints |
| 2. <u>For All the Saints</u> | 6. Joyful, Joyful, We Adore | in Glory |
| 3. Go in Peace (Hart) | You | 11. On Eagle’s Wings |
| 4. Holy God, We Praise Thy | 7. How Great Thou Art | 12. <u>Soon and Very Soon</u> |
| Name | 8. We Shall Rise Again | 13. I Know that My |
| | 9. Day is Done | Redeemer Lives |

Funeral Readings

On the following pages are found options for the Liturgy of the Word. Please choose one each from A, B, C, and D (e.g., A-3, B-1, C-4, D-2). Other options from the Bible are allowed, consult the pastor for assistance.

The texts for the readings will be in a binder on the ambo.

First Reading - Old Testament

A-1 **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8** *There is an appointed time for everything.*

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant. A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build. A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces. A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away. A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and a time to speak. A time to hate, and a time to love; a time of war, and a time of peace.

A-2 **Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9** *There will be no tears on the Lord's Mountain.*

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 he has saved us!"

A-3 **Isaiah 40:28-31**

They will soar with eagles' wings. They will run and not grow weary.

Do you not know or have you not heard? The Lord is the eternal God, creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint nor grow weary, and his knowledge is beyond scrutiny. He gives strength to the fainting; for the weak he makes vigor abound. Though young men faint and grow weary, and youths stagger and fall, They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings; They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.

A-4 **Isaiah 43:1b-3a** *I have called you by name: you are mine.*

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine.

When you pass through the water, I will be with you; in the rivers you shall not drown. When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned; the flames shall not consume you. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your savior.

A-5 **Isaiah 65:17-21** *There shall be much rejoicing in the new Jerusalem.*

Lo, I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; The things of the past shall not be remembered or come to mind. Instead, there shall always be rejoicing and happiness in what I create; for I create Jerusalem to be a joy and its people to be a delight; I will rejoice in Jerusalem and exult in my people. No longer shall the sound of weeping be heard there, or the sound of crying; no longer shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not round out his full lifetime; he dies a mere youth who reaches but a hundred years, and he who fails of a hundred shall be thought accursed. They shall live in the houses they build and eat the fruit of the vineyards they plant.

A-6 **Lamentations 3:17-26**

I call this to mind as my reason to have hope. His mercies are not spent.

My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; I tell myself my future is lost, all that I hoped for from the Lord. The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall; Remembering it over and over leaves my soul downcast within me. But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope: the favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; They are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness. My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him. Good is the Lord to one who waits for him, to the soul that seeks him; It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

A-7 **Proverbs 6:20-23a**

Your parents' teaching will lead you. They will watch over you.

My child, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching. Bind them upon your heart always; tie them about your neck. When you walk, they will lead you; when you lie down, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk with you. For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light

A-8 **Proverbs 31:10-21, 25-29** ***A worthy wife is a priceless gift.***

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and makes cloth with skillful hands. Like merchant ships, she secures her provisions from afar.

She arises while it is still night, and distributes food to her household. She picks out a field to purchase; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. She is encircled with strength, and sturdy are her arms. She enjoys the success of her dealings; at night her lamp is undimmed. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle.

She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. She fears not the snow for her household, All her charges are doubly clothed. She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs at the days to come. She opens her mouth in wisdom, and on her tongue is kindly counsel. She watches the conduct of her household, And she eats not her food in idleness. Her children rise up and praise her; Her husband, too, extols her: "Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all."

A-9 Psalm 91 *Whoever clings to me I will deliver; whoever knows my name I will set on high.*

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, Say to the Lord, “My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust.” God will rescue you from the fowler’s snare, from the destroying plague, Will shelter you with pinions, spread wings that you may take refuge; God’s faithfulness is a protecting shield. You shall not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that roams in darkness, nor the plague that ravages at noon. Though a thousand fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, near you it shall not come. You need simply watch; the punishment of the wicked you will see. You have the Lord for your refuge; you have made the Most High your stronghold. No evil shall befall you, no affliction come near your tent. For God commands the angels to guard you in all your ways. With their hands they shall support you, lest you strike your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the asp and the viper, trample the lion and the dragon. Whoever clings to me I will deliver; whoever knows my name I will set on high. All who call upon me I will answer; I will be with them in distress; I will deliver them and give them honor. With length of days I will satisfy them and show them my saving power.

A-10 Sirach 26:1-4. 13-16 *The goodness of a gracious wife.*

Blessed the husband of a good wife, twice-lengthened are his days; A worthy wife brings joy to her husband, peaceful and full is his life. A good wife is a generous gift bestowed upon him who fears the Lord; Be he rich or poor, his heart is content, and a smile is ever on his face.

A gracious wife delights her husband, her thoughtfulness puts flesh on his bones; A gift from the Lord is her governed speech, and her firm virtue is of surpassing worth. Choicest of blessings is a modest wife, priceless her chaste soul. A holy and decent woman adds grace upon grace; indeed, no price is worthy of her temperate soul. Like the sun rising in the Lord’s heavens, the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home.

A-11 Wisdom 3:1-6, 9 *The just souls are with God. They are at peace.*

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; 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. 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.

A-12 **Wisdom 4:7-15** *One's life is not judged by the span of their years. They were perfected in a short time.*

Those who are just, though they die early, shall be at rest. For old age is not honored for length of time, nor measured in terms of years. Rather, understanding is like grey hair for people, and a blameless life is ripe old age. There was one who pleased God and was loved by God; and while living among sinners was taken up, lest evil change that person's understanding or guile deceive them. For the fascination of wickedness obscures what is good, and roving desire perverts the innocent mind. Being perfected in a short time, they fulfilled long years; for they were pleasing to the Lord. Therefore God took them away from the midst of wickedness. But the people saw and did not understand, nor did they take this into account.

Responsorial Psalms

This is the sung response between the first and second reading. For some of these, more than one response or refrain is available (e.g. Psalm 23 has either "The Lord is my shepherd..." or "Though I walk"). More than one option for musical settings is available for most of these; please ask the music director for assistance.

B-1 **Psalm 23**

R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. He guides me in right paths for his name sake. R/.
Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage. R/.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. R/.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come. R/.

B-2 **Psalm 23**

R/. Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, I walk by the quiet waters of peace. R/.

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, my spirit shall sing the music of your name. R/.

Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. R/.

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. R/.

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. R/.

B-3 Psalm 25

R/. To you, O Lord I lift up, I lift up my soul, my God.

Lord, make me know your ways, teach me your paths and keep me in the way of your truth, for you are God, my savior. R/.

For the Lord is good and righteous, revealing the way to those who wander, gently leading the poor and humble. R/.

To the ones who seek the Lord, who look to God's word, who live God's love, God will always be near, and will show them mercy. R/.

B-4 Psalm 25

R/. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Your ways O Lord, make known to me; Teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth, for you are my God, and for you I will wait. R/.

Good and upright is the Lord; he shows us the way. He guides the meek to justice, he teaches the humble to follow his ways. R/.

Your way, O Lord, is kindness to those who are true. Your friendship is with those who love you; you reveal to them your Word. R/.

B-5 Psalm 27

R/. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid? R/.

One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. That I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord and contemplate his temple. R/.

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call; have pity on me, and answer me. Your presence, O Lord, I seek. Hide not your face from me. R/.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord. R/.

B-6 Psalm 63

R/. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water. R/.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, for your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you. R/.

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you. R/.

You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me. R/.

B-7 **Psalm 84:**

R/. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord God of Hosts!

My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the Lord, My heart and my flesh cry out;
Even the sparrow may find a home, The swallow a nest for her young; Your altars, my
king and my God. R/.

How happy are they who may dwell in your courts, How happy when you are their
strength; Though they might go through the valley of death, They make it a place of
springs. Your first rain will bring it to life. R/.

O Lord of Hosts hear my cry, And harken, O God of Jacob; One day in your house is
worth much more to me Than ten thousand anywhere else. The Lord is my sun and
my shield. R/.

B-8 **Psalm 103**

&9 ***R/. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.***

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O
my soul, and forget not all his benefits. R/.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from
destruction, he crowns you with kindness and compassion. R/.

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever. Not according to our sins
does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes. R/.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward
those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our
transgressions from us. R/.

B-10 **Psalm 103**

R/. The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger, and abounding in kindness. Not
according to our sins

does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes. R/.

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who
fear him. For he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. R/.

Man's days are like those of grass; like a flower of the field he blooms; the wind
sweeps over him and he is gone, and his place knows him no more. R/.

But the kindness of the Lord is from eternity, to eternity toward those who fear him,
And his justice toward children's children among those who keep his covenant and
remember to fulfill his precepts. R/.

B-11 Psalm 116

R/. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gracious is the Lord and just; yes, our God is merciful. The Lord keeps the little ones; I was brought low, and he saved me. R/.

I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted"; I said in my alarm, "No man is dependable." R/.

Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. O Lord, I am your servant, you have loosed my bonds. R/.

B-12 Psalm 122

R/. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the Lord." and now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem. R/.

To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, according to the decree for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David. R/.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May those who love you prosper! May peace be within your walls, prosperity in your buildings. R/.

Because of my relatives and friends I will say "Peace be within you!" Because of the house of the Lord, our God, I will pray for your good. R/.

Second Reading - New Testament

C-1 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a *Love is patient; love is kind. Love never fails.*

Brothers and sisters: Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in human and angelic tongues, but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

C-2 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

We know that the one who raised Jesus will raise us also with Jesus.

Brothers and sisters, we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen, but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

C-3 Ephesians 3:16-21

What is the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ.

Brothers and sisters, I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

C-4 Philippians 3:20-21

He will transform our lowly body to conform with his glorified body.

Brothers and sisters, our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we also await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

C-5 Revelation 21:1-5,6

There shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.” The one who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

C-6 **Romans 5:5-11**

Hope does not disappoint. God died for us while we were still sinners.

Brothers and sisters: Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

C-7 **Romans 6:3-4, 8-9**

Death no longer has power over Him. We too might live in newness of life.

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized in 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. 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.

C-8 **Romans 8:14-23** ***Through our adoption we cry out “Abba! Father!”
Waiting for the redemption of our bodies.***

Brothers and sisters: Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

C-9 Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 *No thing will separate us from the love of Christ.*

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C-10 Romans 13:8-9, 10b *All other commandments are summed up in this "Love your neighbor as yourself"*

Brothers and sisters, Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love is the fulfillment of the law.

C-11 Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12 *If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord.*

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then each of us shall give an account of himself to God.

Gospel Reading

D-1 Matthew 5:1-12a *The Beatitudes (Blessed are the...for they will...)*

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."

D-2 **Matthew 11:28-30**

Come to me and I will give you rest. My yoke is easy and my burden light.

“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.”

D-3 **Matthew 14:22-33** ***Peter walks toward Jesus on the waves. Jesus immediately pulls Peter up when he falls.***

After the crowd had eaten their fill, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

D-4 **Luke 6:35-37** ***Love your enemies. Forgive and you will be forgiven.***

Jesus said to his disciples, "Love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven."

D-5 **Luke 23:33, 39-43** ***The good thief at Jesus' side. "Today you will be with me in Paradise"***

When the soldiers came to the place called the Skull, they crucified Jesus and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other man, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

D-6 John 6:51-58 *Whoever eats this my Flesh and drinks my Blood remains in me and I in him. They will live forever.*

Jesus said to the crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

D-7 John 11:17-27 *I am the resurrection and the life; whoever lives and believes in me will never die.*

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."

D-8 John 13:33-35 *How brief these moments before I leave you. Love each other as much as I love you.*

Jesus said to his disciples: "My dear, dear children, how brief are these moments before I must go away and leave you! Then, though you search for me, you cannot come to me - love each other just as much as I love you. Your strong love for each other will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

D-9 John 14:1-6 *I have prepared a place for you in God's house. I am the way the truth and the life.*

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."

As my father has loved me, so I have loved you. Live in my Love.

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Live on in my love. You will live in my love if you keep my commandments, even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and live in his love. All this I tell you that my joy may be yours and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer speak of you as slaves, for a slave does not know what his master is about. Instead, I call you friends, since I have made known to you all that I heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, it was I who chose you to go forth and bear fruit. Your fruit must endure, so that all you ask the Father in my name he will give you. The command I give you is this, that you love one another."

Music for the Funeral Liturgy

The introduction to the Order of Christian Funerals devotes four paragraphs to the question of Music in the Funeral liturgy (numbers 30-34). Number 30 is particularly relevant.

"Music is integral to the Funeral rites. It allows the community to express convictions and feelings that word alone may fail to convey. It has the power to console and uplift the mourners and to strengthen the unity of the assembly in faith and love. The texts of the songs chosen for a particular celebration should express the paschal mystery of the Lord's suffering, death, and triumph over death and should be related to the readings from Scripture.

"Thus, while Funeral music may express "convictions and feelings," its subject must always be the paschal mystery and it must be related to the readings from Scripture. Rather than adopting popular secular songs which are inappropriate to a liturgical setting, we should **seek out good liturgical music based on a paschal theme** which can "support, console, and uplift participants and help to create in them a spirit of hope in Christ's victory over death and in the Christian's share in that victory."

(Order of Christian Funerals, number 31).

Only sacred music is appropriate for the funeral. No exceptions, please. A popular song may mention God or faith, but that does not necessarily make it appropriate for the Mass. Other musicians who may provide music in our parish are asked to abide by this, and anything they play or sing is subject to approval by the Director of Worship and Music. Hymns should be chosen from the vast repository of sacred music found in Catholic hymnals or published by sacred music publishers such as GIA, OCP, ILP, etc. There is some allowance for solo/instrumental music if it is sacred in nature. An instrumental solo of a popular song is not sacred in nature.

Guidelines for a Funeral Eulogy

Thank you for coming forward to give the eulogy at your loved one's funeral. The eulogy takes place before the Mass. If there is a sung prelude, the eulogy comes after that. There is a time limit for eulogies, which is **three to five minutes**.

What makes a good eulogy?

The eulogy is meant to tell about your loved one's faith journey and how they lived their Catholic faith throughout their life. It is not a time to tell the person's life story, nor is it the time to talk about your relationship with them. The telling of the life story is done by the priest in his homily. The telling of funny stories is best done at the visitation or funeral lunch.

What are some good ideas for eulogies?

Think about the person and what their "mission" was.

How did they put their faith into action? Did they teach? Were they patient and kind? Did they serve the poor in some way? Did they sacrifice for their family and friends? Were they devout in their faith? Did they attend Mass, Adoration, or say the rosary?

Is there a quote or a poem that was significant to that person?

How did that person make your life and the lives of those around them better?

How were they a role model? What virtues did they exemplify?

What qualities did they instill in you that you hope to carry on?

Remember that we will be in a **sacred space**, preparing for the celebration of the Mass.

A good eulogy should put us in a prayerful mindset, and help us to reflect on the reality of the person's passing, the gifts that they left to us while they lived, and the belief that they are now in the presence of God in Eternal Life.

It is always good to **practice out loud**. Be mindful of taking your time and pausing to help the message sink in. You may feel emotional on the day of the funeral, so preparing in advance will help you to feel less stressed and more in control. It would also be wise to time yourself to make sure the length is appropriate. It may also help to practice in front of a trusted person who can give honest feedback.

We are here for you if you have any questions, or need guidance or feedback as you prepare. We are praying for you as you grieve this loss and prepare for the upcoming funeral.

Blessings,

The St. Charles Worship Team

What If We Don't Have a Funeral Home?

If you are not using a funeral home:

- Call Saint Charles Parish (262/367-0800) and ask to speak to a member of the Worship Team.
- The Worship Team will assist you in choosing a date and time for your loved one's funeral, and will coordinate with the parish clergy to preside.
- Please be advised that the date will be determined by both the priest's schedule and the availability of the church and other rooms that are usually needed for a funeral. We cannot guarantee that the date you would like for your loved one's funeral will be available.
- When you call, please keep the following in mind:
 - Do you want a visitation before the funeral Mass?
 - Do you want a meal at the parish following the funeral Mass?
 - When and where do you want your loved one inurned or buried?
- The Worship Team will arrange for a day and time for you to meet with the presiding priest and the Worship Team to plan your loved one's funeral. This meeting usually takes place a few days before the scheduled services.
- If you choose to have a meal after the funeral, the Worship Team will arrange for you to be contacted by the Funeral Meal Coordinator. She will then work with you on selecting meal options.
- The Worship Team will draft and print a worship aid for your loved one's funeral at no charge. However, we are not able to provide:
 - Prayer Cards
 - Envelopes
 - Guest Registries
 - Picture Boards
- Saint Charles Parish has a few easels and plant stands available for you to use during the visitation.
- The family is responsible for both setting up for the visitation and cleaning up afterwards.
- A member of the Worship Team will be available to help you set up for the visitation and answer any questions you may have.
- Any flowers must be taken home by the family.

St. Charles Funeral Planning Worksheet

Funeral Liturgy Wishes for: _____

Funeral Date: _____

I wish to have: (please check all that apply)

- ___ a funeral liturgy in Church
- ___ a visitation in Church prior to the liturgy (same day)
- ___ a visitation in the funeral home prior to the funeral (usually the evening prior)
- ___ please include a vigil service at the funeral home
- ___ I prefer no vigil service at the funeral home

If opting for cremation, I wish to have: (please check all that apply)

- ___ a funeral liturgy with my body prior to cremation
- ___ a funeral liturgy with my cremains after cremation
- ___ a memorial Mass without my remains

The following are my wishes for my funeral liturgy or Memorial Mass:

(Liturgical binders are available to check out from the Parish Office to help aid in picking the Readings and Gospels ahead of time.)

First Reading: _____ to be read by: _____

Second Reading: _____ to be read by: _____

Gospel Reading: _____

Petitions to be read by: _____

The gifts to be brought up by: _____

The pall to be placed by (in the case of a funeral liturgy with the body present in Church):

Music Selections:

Prelude (Optional): _____

Gathering Song: _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____

Preparation of the Altar: _____

Communion: _____

Meditation (Optional): _____

Song of Farewell: _____

*Sending Song: In Paradisum (with bells)

**This is a standard selection included in all funeral Masses at St. Charles.*

***We use Dan Schutte's Mass of Christ the Savior, Marty Haugen's Mass of Creation, or Curtis Stephan's Mass of Renewal for the Mass setting.*

