



Funeral Planning Selection Sheet for St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church

Funeral Mass for _____

Nick Name _____ Include in worship aid

Date _____ Weekday Time 11am

Time _____ \$600 Funeral Donation

Date of Birth _____

Date of Death _____

Casket Urn

Burial Preference

Local Cemetery StMM Columbarium Niche Out of State Cemetery

Cemetery Name/State _____

All Sacraments, including Last Rites Yes No

Name of Funeral Home/Cremation Services

Name _____

Contact Information _____

Readings – Choose 1 of each

First Reading pages 26-34

Reading _____

Name of the reader _____

Relationship to the Deceased _____

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 23)

Sung by Cantor

Second Reading pages 45-55

Reading _____

Name of the reader _____

Relationship to the Deceased _____

Gospel Reading pages 59-78 _____

Two Gift Bearers

bread paten

Name _____

Relationship to the Deceased _____

wine carafe

Name _____

Relationship to the Deceased _____

Prayers of the Faithful

Name of the reader _____

Relationship to the Deceased _____

Remarks of Remembrance (See Attached Guidelines)

- not required

Name _____

Relationship to the Deceased _____

Liturgical Music Selections (See Suggested Music List)

Entrance/Opening Song _____

Preparation Song _____

Communion Song _____

Song of Farewell - Saints of God

Recessional/Closing Song _____

Other Decisions

Floral Arrangements _____

Display Photos _____

Pallbearers (2 for Ossuary (urn), 6 for casket) _____

Rosary before Mass _____

Military Honors

Nearest relative

Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

Guidelines for Remarks of Remembrance

The Mass of Catholic Burial is a liturgical celebration that honors the deceased and commends their soul to God's mercy. It's a central act of worship where the Church gathers with family and friends to offer praise, thanks, and prayers for the deceased. The Mass includes a celebration of the Eucharist, readings, hymns, and a final commendation.

During the Mass, we offer to one of the family members, the opportunity to share brief words of remembrance about the deceased to those in attendance. This document helps to provide guidelines for the person who will deliver those words.

These words should be **limited to no more than 3 minutes** as not to intrude upon the sanctity of the Mass, nor to disrupt the final blessing and commendation for the soul of the deceased. To ensure adherence to allocated time for these words, Church funeral ministry personnel will provide visual clues of time left for speaking before the Mass resumes.

We suggest that the words be focused on a message (or two) that the deceased would want those in attendance to take out of the Church in their heart and remember them by. What are the legacy, the impact, and the connection of the deceased to the family and friends? This time is not to be used as an eulogy nor a chronology of the life of the deceased. A more appropriate time for those words would be at the wake or in the post funeral gathering/reception. Adherence to the allocated time for these words will allow the Church and those in ministry to meet other obligations/events of the day.