

St. Jude Thaddeus Parish

ALL ARE WELCOME



ALL ARE WELCOME

FUNERAL PLANNING GUIDE

Please be assured of our parish family's prayers for your family as your journey through this decision making process. If you have any questions as you make selections from this guide, please do not hesitate to call the parish office at (989) 894-2701.



Please note: the date and time of the funeral mass must be confirmed with both the parish and your family's funeral home of choice, prior to any death notices being published on TVS, in the newspaper, or on any funeral home website. Once confirmed and published, we will share your loved one's obituary on our parish Facebook page. Thank you for your understanding.

Regarding eulogies: The proper place for eulogy is at the funeral home, the night prior to Mass during the vigil. Alternative places to share a meaningful eulogy would be at the graveside, or during a reception.

Due to changing time and volunteer availability, we regrettably are unable to offer a luncheon / meal following the funeral, or the facilities for such. We will be revisiting this in September of 2021.

Please note: The parish requests visiting be kept to no more than one hour prior to Mass, with an additional half-hour prior for private family time. If additional visiting time is requested or needed for your family, the appropriate venue for the visiting would be a local funeral home of your choice.



St. Jude Funeral Planning To-Do List

I. Would you like the church to read the readings or a family member(s) / friend(s)?

If a family member/friend, who will read the:

1st Reading _____

2nd Reading _____

Petitions _____

*Note: Readers should be to church
at least a half-hour prior to Mass*

II. First Reading Selection: OT _____

III. Second Reading Selection: NT _____

IV. Gospel Selection (read by Father): _____

V. Petition Selections: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

VI. Gathering Hymn Selection _____

VII. Psalm Hymn Selection _____

VIII. Communion Hymn Selection: _____

IX. Dismissal Hymn Selection: _____

Unless otherwise desired by your family, the parish will provide Eucharistic Ministers. If your family wishes to have family/friends serve as Eucharistic Ministers, please let us know. There must be a commissioned Eucharistic Minister with the Diocese of Saginaw. St. Jude will provide a piano player for Mass, no outside piano players are permitted.

Funeral of _____ Please circle: CASKET or URN

Date of Birth, _____ Date of Death _____ Family Contact _____

Relationship _____ Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Phone # _____

Day/Date/Time /Location of Vigil _____

Day/Date/Time of Mass at St. Jude _____

Is a reception top be announced at the conclusion of Mass? YES NO

If yes, reception location: _____

Cemetery _____ Day/Date/Time of Burial _____

Additional remembrances of your loved one, in addition to information listed in the obituary:

Family Contact _____ Relationship _____

Address _____

City, State, Zipcode _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Hymns

GATHERING HYMNS

Amazing Grace
Be Not Afraid
Here I Am, Lord
Joyful, Joyful
Let There Be Peace on Earth
We Remember
We Walk By Faith

PSALMS

Ps. 16 Center of My Life
Ps. 16 You Are All We Have
Ps. 23 Shepherd Me, Oh God
Ps. 23 Because the Lord is My Shepherd
Ps. 24 I Have Loved You
Ps. 91 On Eagle's Wings
Ps. 97 Sing A New Song
Ps. 118 Sing to the Mountains
Ps. 139 You Are Near

COMMUNION HYMNS

I Am the Bread of Life
One Bread, One Body
Taste and See
We Remember

DISMISSAL HYMNS

We Walk By Faith
Jerusalem, My Destiny
Let There Be Peace on Earth
Here I Am, Lord
Sing A New Song
Sing to the Mountains
Though the Mountains May Fall
Prayer of St. Francis (Make Me a Channel of Your Peace)
Amazing Grace
How Great Thou Art

The First Reading

*Please select one reading from the
following selections*

*Appropriate selections for the first
reading are noted with “OT” at
the top right corner of the reading*

A reading from the Book of Proverbs:

My child, forget not my teaching,
keep in mind my commands;
For many days, and years of life,
and peace, will they bring you.

let not kindness and fidelity leave you;
bind them around your neck;
Then will you win favor and good esteem
before God and people.

Trust in the lord with all your heart,
on your own intelligence rely not;
In all your ways be mindful of God
and he will make straight your paths.

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Proverbs:

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.
She picks out a field to purchase;
out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.
She is girt about with strength, and
sturdy are her arms.
She enjoys the success of her dealings;
at night her lamp is undimmed.
She reaches out her hands to the poor,
and extends her arms to the needy.
Her husband is prominent at the city gates
as he sits with the elders of the land.
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 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."
Charm is deceptive, and beauty fleeting;
the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
Give her a reward of her labors,
and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes:

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 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 love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

God has made everything appropriate to its time, and
has put things that are timeless into our hearts,
without our ever discovering, from beginning to end,
the work which God has done.

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Wisdom:

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 people, 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.
As gold in the furnace, God proved them,
and as sacrificial offerings God took them.
Those who trust in God shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with God in love:
Because grace and mercy are with the holy ones,
and the Lord's care is with the elect.

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the Book of Wisdom:

The just person, though dying 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 ancient crown for us
and an unsullied life, the attainment of old age.
The one who pleased God was loved.

Having become perfect in a short while,
one reached the fullness of a long career;
For this one was pleasing to the Lord,
and therefore was delivered out of the midst of
wickedness.

But the people saw and did not understand,
nor did they take this into account.

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah:

But now, thus says the Lord,
 who created you and formed you:
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, your savior.
You are precious in my eyes and glorious,
 and I love you.
Fear not, for I am with you.

The Word of the Lord.

The Second Reading

*Please select one reading from
the following selections*

*Appropriate selections for the second
reading are noted with “NT” at the top
right corner of the reading*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

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 a new 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.

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

If God is for us, who can be against us? Is it possible that God who did not spare Jesus but handed him over for the sake of us all will not grant us all things besides? Who shall bring a charge against God's chosen ones? God, who justifies? Who shall condemn them? Christ Jesus, who died or rather was raised up, who is at the right hand of God and who intercedes for us?

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Trial, or distress, or persecution, or hunger, or nakedness, or danger, or the sword?

Yet in all this we are more than conquerors because of God who has loved us. For I am certain that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor powers, neither height nor depth nor any other creature, will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

'The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

None of us live as our own master, and none of us die as our own master. While we live, we live for Christ, and when we die, we die as Christ's servants. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we belong to Christ the Lord. That is why Christ died and came to life again, to be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

We shall all appear 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 each of us shall give an account of ourselves before God.

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

If I speak in the tongues of human beings and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord,

A reading from second letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

We know that when the earthly tent in which we dwell is destroyed we have a dwelling provided for us by God, a dwelling in the heavens, not made by hands but to last forever.

Therefore we continue to be confident. We know that while we dwell in the body we are away from the Lord. We walk by faith, not by sight. I repeat we are full of confidence and would much rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. This being so, we make it our aim to please God whether we are with God or away from God.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that all may receive recompense, good or bad, according to our life in the body.

- The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians:

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body.

And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God,

And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians:

We would have you be clear about those who sleep in death, otherwise you might yield to grief, like those who have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, God will bring forth with Jesus from the dead those also who have fallen asleep believing in him.

We say to you, as if the Lord himself had said it, that we who live, who survive until his coming, will in no way have an advantage over those who have fallen asleep. No, the Lord himself will come down from heaven at the word of command, at the sound of the archangel's voice and God's trumpet; and those who have died *in* Christ will rise first. Then we, the living, the survivors, will be caught up 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 this message.

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy:

For I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for His appearance.

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from first letter of John:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us in letting us be called children of God! Yet that is what we are. The reason the world does not recognize us is that it never recognized the Son.

Dearly beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall later be has not yet come to light. We know that when it comes to light we shall be like God, for we shall see God, as God is.

The Word of the Lord.

A reading from the first letter of John:

Beloved, let us love one another because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten of God and has knowledge of God.

The person without love has known nothing of God, for God is love. God's love was revealed in our midst in this way: God sent His only Son to the world that we might have life through Christ.

Love, then, consists in this: not that we have loved God, but that God has loved us and has sent His Son as an offering for our sins.

The Word of the Lord.

The Gospel Reading

Please select one reading from the following selections.

Appropriate selections are the Gospel reading are noted with "Gospel" at the top right corner of the reading.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

"Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart; Your soul will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light."

The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:

Jesus said to the crowd:

"All that the Father gives me shall come to me;
no one who comes will I ever reject,
because it is not to do my own will
that I have come down from heaven,
but to do the will of the one who sent me.
It is the will of the One who sent me that I should lose
nothing of what has been given to me;
rather, that I should raise it up on the last day.
Indeed, this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who looks upon the Son and
also believes, shall have eternal life. That
person I will raise up on the last day."

The Gospel of the Lord

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:

Jesus said to the crowd:

"I myself am the living bread come down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread they shall live forever; the bread that I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world!"

At this the Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can Jesus give us his flesh to eat?" Thereupon Jesus said to them:

"Let me solemnly assure you, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. The one who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has life eternal, and I will raise them up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood real drink. The person who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the Father who has life sent me and I have life because of the Father, so the person 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 died nonetheless, the person who feeds on this bread shall live forever.

The Gospel of the Lord

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:

When Jesus arrived at Bethany, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. The village was not far from Jerusalem, just under two miles, and many Jewish people had come out to console Martha and Mary over the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming she went to meet him, while Mary sat at home.

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would never have died. Even now, I am sure that God will give you whatever you ask." "Your brother will rise again." Jesus assured her. "I know he will rise again", Martha replied, "in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus told her:

"I am the resurrection and the life: whoever believes in me, even though they should die, will come to life; and whoever is alive and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord," she replied. "I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God; the one who is to come into the world."

The Gospel of the Lord

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Have faith in God and faith in me.
In my Father's house there are many dwelling places;
otherwise, how could I have told you that I was going
to prepare a place for you? I am indeed going to
prepare a place for you, and then I shall come back
to take you with me, that where I am you also may be.
You know the way that leads where I go."

"Lord," said Thomas, "we do not know where you are
going.
How can we know the way?"

Jesus told him: "I am the way, and the truth, and the
life; no one comes to the Father but through me."

The Gospel of the Lord

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:

"I will not leave you orphaned; I will come back to you. A little while now and the world will see me no more; but you will see me, because I live, and you will live."

"This much have I told you while I was still with you. The Paraclete, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will instruct you in everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace is my farewell to you, my peace is my gift to you; I do not give it to you as the world gives peace. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

The Gospel of the Lord.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:

As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in His love.

I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

The Gospel of the Lord

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark:

"And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."

The Gospel of the Lord

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to those who were following him, "I came that you might have life, and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd; I know mine, and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father, and I will lay down my life for the sheep. My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand."

The Gospel of the Lord.



A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to him, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them he addressed this parable. "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.

The gospel of Lord.

PETITIONS FOR FUNERAL

1. For those who struggle with illness or pain, for strength to endure their suffering and for relief of their pain.
2. For the sick, for strength and faith in their God.
3. For those who suffer hardships, for those who struggle with pain or illness, those who are burdened. May the gentle you of Christ bring them comfort
4. For those who are sick, especially those who are near death, for courage to endure whatever comes.

+++++

5. For all those who care for the sick and dying, for blessing on their ministry.
6. In thankfulness for all those who lovingly cared for _____ especially during these final days, for these we ask God's blessings.
7. For those who care for the sick, for family and friends, for health care workers.
8. For those who care for the sick, for strength and courage as they give support to those in need

+++++

9. For all those who have died, for _____, may he/she and all those who have gone before him/her, be welcomed by open arms of Christ.
10. For all those who have died, especially for _____, in thanksgiving for the gift he/she has been to our lives, may _____ and all those before him/her be accepted back to God with open arms.
11. For all those who have died, we pray today especially for _____ and all those family members who have gone before us, may they be welcomed by the open arms of Chris.
12. For all those who have died; we pray today especially for _____, for all that he/she has been to us in this life, may his/her goodness bring him/her to fulfillment with our loving God.
13. For all those who have died, especially, _____ may he/she and all those before him/her be welcomed by the open arms of Christ, where this is no more pain or suffering.

+++++

14. For _____'s family who grieve his/her loss, and for those who could not be with us today.

15. For all those who grieve the loss of someone dear, for _____ family and friends gathered here today.
16. For those who grieve, for _____'s family and friends, may this community give them strength and support.
17. For strength for the family and for others who grieve the loss of a loved one.
18. For the family and friends who grieve the loss of _____, may they find comfort in the joy of the resurrection.
19. For all those who have been so good to _____'s family these past days, for blessings on them.
20. _____ touched our lives in so many ways, may he/she know the reward of his/her goodness.