

In Christ, death is defeated.
He is our victory. He is our hope.



Saint Ann Catholic Church

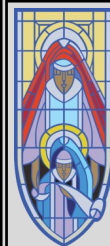
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Saint Ann's

FUNERAL PLANNING BOOKLET

*Losing a loved one is always difficult,
but with faith in Christ,
there is eternal hope.*

Funeral Times:

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| Monday | 11:00am |
| Tuesday | 12:00pm (No Visitation) |
| Thursday | 12:00pm (No Visitation) |
| Friday | 11:00am |

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St. Ann Parish Procedures

We have provided this booklet to help families with the planning of the funeral liturgy and to inform them of our parish policies.

When a funeral is celebrated in a parish, it reflects the liturgical style and procedures of that specific parish. Although Mother Church has Universal Norms for funerals, each parish is given the right to work within those norms, adapting them to the personality of the parish.

By choosing St. Ann's, you are agreeing to abide by our parish policies.

If a particular family does not wish to accept the policies of St. Ann's, they are free to go to another parish for the funeral, thereby eliminating potential conflict. In fact, we encourage them to do so, because death is not the time to fight personal battles with the Church or the parish. Our guidelines are clearly stated in this booklet and have already been communicated to our parishioners.

St. Ann has her own unique style, as do other parishes. The parish is our family, a family to which your deceased loved one belonged; thus, by their membership, have accepted the policies and procedures of the parish. Therefore, we expect individual families to respect and follow the policies of the parish.

Our Ministry is to Help Grieving Families

The death of a loved one is one of the most difficult experiences a person/family can go through. A funeral is a time for the family to grieve, as well as to spend time in deep prayer and reflection on the mystery of the life promised by Christ to faithful disciples.

Our goal, our ministry, is to help grieving families and to assist the deceased through our prayers and rituals to journey towards heaven. Because your loved one was a member of our family, and to allow us the opportunity to carry out a corporal work of mercy, we do most of the tasks associated with the funeral Mass (i.e. read, serve, distribute, etc.).

The Saint Ann Legacy Society

Your Saint Ann family is practicing its faith, united by the sacraments, inspired by our gatherings and practicing the lessons learned over the years. What will keep Saint Ann a vibrant parish? Knowing our tasks are not complete. We recognize we must continue to grow and reach out challenging ourselves to assist everyone in understanding the relevancy of our Catholic Faith, advocate for the participation in the sacraments. increase opportunities for devotion and welcome new-comers to a vibrant community with whom to practice and grow in their faith.

Throughout our lives, we plan for the future as best we can hoping to make the most of our time with family and friends. Saint Ann has played a significant role in your family's life. It is your spiritual home, a place for devotion, the sacraments and spiritual growth. Just as you plan to leave something of value to family and friends upon your passing, please consider a legacy gift to your parish as well.

In recognition of your generosity, you will be remembered through the Saint Ann Legacy Society. And, the gift you make available upon your passing will assist generations to come. Different levels of gifts can have different levels of impact and for that reason we characterize them in different ways. As you discern your contribution to the future of Saint Ann, please consider one of the various levels.



Please contact the parish office (513-521-8440) for more information.

Music Selections

Processional Hymns

Christ the Lord is Risen Today #474
Amazing Grace #430
On Eagle's Wings #698
We Walk by Faith #823
Holy, Holy, Holy #562

Offertory Hymns

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus #426
Lord of All Hopefulness #622
Be Not Afraid #450
Eye Has Not Seen *
Christ Be Beside Me #468
God We Praise You #540
Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

Communion Hymns

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence #609
Gift of Finest Wheat #528
O Living Bread from Heaven #670
Prayer of St. Francis #724
Take and Eat *
I Am the Bread of Life *

Communion Meditation

Solo/Instrumental
Ave Maria
Panis Angelicus

Recessional Hymns

All Creatures of Our God and King #410
All Glory, Laud, and Honor #412
All Hail Adored Trinity #414
For All the Saints #532
Holy God We Praise Thy Name #561
How Great Thou Art #569
Jesus Christ is Risen Today #589
O God Beyond All Praising #659
The Strife is O'er #787
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones #838

Reception of Holy Communion

Holy Communion (Eucharist) is our most sacred treasure, and therefore we will do everything within our power to protect and uphold the sanctity of our Lord. As St. Paul warns, "*Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves*" (1 Cor:11).

We realize that not everyone who attends a funeral Mass is Catholic or a practicing Catholic. We want to remind you that only those who are **practicing Catholics may receive the Eucharist. Please communicate this to anyone who may not be aware of it so that they do not receive.** Please let them know they are to remain seated during the Communion Rite. The priest will also make an announcement in order to let all those present understand this Church teaching.

Distribution of Holy Communion

It is the custom here at St. Ann that only the Body of Christ is distributed for funerals. In most cases, only the priest is needed to distribute Holy Communion. The family may ask a parishioner from St. Ann to be the second distributor, but only if that person is a current distributor. Only those commissioned at St. Ann parish are eligible to be a distributor, per the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Readings

This booklet provides a list of approved readings for funerals. The readings for the funeral may be selected by the family or the priest. Pages 6-12 contain the readings. During Easter Season (the time between Easter Sunday and Pentecost), the 1st reading *must* come from either #1, 2, or 3.

Unfortunately, at this time we do not offer programs for the funeral Mass. However, most funeral homes provide this service.

* *Approved hymns not in St. Michael Hymnal*

Songs printed in purple cannot be used during the Season of Lent.

St. Ann's Will Provide Readers

Funerals are very difficult for family and friends. It is a time to mourn and to be ministered to by the Church. We provide this service as a way to allow our parishioners an opportunity to minister to families in mourning. It takes the pressure off those who should really be mourning with their family because they feel a sense of duty. The only exceptions are those who are currently lecturing at a parish and are actively practicing their Catholic faith.

Music

As Catholics, music is an important part of our worship experience. The music within the liturgy must be beautiful, universal, and complement the action taking place on the altar.

The list in the back of this booklet (page 13) contains hymns that are suitable for a funeral Mass.* Traditionally, four songs are used: Processional Hymn, Offertory Hymn, Communion Hymn, and Recessional Hymn. An additional song may be used as a Communion Meditation. If unsure of what hymns to select, Becky Schoenfeld, our Music Director, can suggest music that complements the selected readings.

Voice, organ/piano are the standard instruments used at our parish liturgies. Any other instruments or musicians must be approved by the Music Director. If the family desires to have someone they know sing, that person must be a practicing Catholic, and it is preferred they currently sing at their parish. Please discuss this with Kathy during the funeral planning.

****All music used within the Mass MUST be liturgical and upheld to the standards of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal. If you would like to know if a certain hymn or song is acceptable, please address this with Kathy (513) 521-8440 ext. 118.***

2nd Reading Options (continued)

14. I Corinthians 15:51-57

Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility, and that which is mortal must clothe itself with immortality. And when this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: "Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

15. II Corinthians 5:1-10

For 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. For in this tent we groan, longing to be further clothed with our heavenly habitation if indeed, when we have taken it off, we shall not be found naked. For while we are in this tent we groan and are weighed down, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now the one who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a first installment. So 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 one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

16. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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.

2nd Reading Options

11. Romans 6:3-9

Or 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.

12. Romans 8:31-39

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? As it is written: "For your sake we are being slain all the day; we are looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered."

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.

13. Romans 14:7-12

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. Why then do you judge your brother? Or you, why do you look down on your brother? 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.

Flowers

Flowers may be placed in the church prior to Mass, but other decorations/flowers are not to be moved. Flowers also may be brought forward by the family during the opening procession or the procession of gifts (bread and wine). Flowers are to be placed in a vase near or next to the casket or remains.

Families Who Choose Not to Use a Funeral Home

The role of the funeral home is to help families plan and make easier what is already a very difficult and emotional situation. If you choose not to use a funeral home, we ask that when you meet with the parish bereavement group to plan the funeral you bring or give to the parish both the **Death Certificate** and **\$300 (cash or check payable to St. Ann) to cover the funeral service.**

Words of Remembrance/Eulogies

It is good for families to do Words of Remembrance (eulogies). The most appropriate time for this to take place is at the **visitation** the night before, at the **cemetery** following the burial, or at the **reception** afterwards. This will allow more people to speak in fond remembrance of your loved one.

It is important for people to express words of appreciation for the deceased, but the Mass is not an appropriate time for such remarks. The Church does not allow eulogies during the Mass. The General Instructions for the Roman Missal states this directive very clearly in paragraph 382: "*At the Funeral Mass there should, as a rule, be a short homily, but never a eulogy of any kind.*" Because this is a universal directive, St. Ann cannot allow eulogies during the Mass. Unfortunately, no exceptions will be made as a result of bad previous experiences. Again, the best time is at the cemetery following burial.

Funeral Mass

The parish church is the proper place for the Mass of Christian Burial. The Mass, no matter the context, is always focused on Jesus, His work of salvation, and our hope in the Resurrection. We gather as a Christian community to pray for the deceased, to seek comfort through the words of Sacred Scripture, and to be nourished by the Food of Eternity. The Mass is the most important action we do as Catholics, and proper respect for the rites and rituals must be given.

Visitation at St. Ann

Families may use our Gathering Space for a visitation prior to the funeral Mass for one hour. If a family wants additional time, a fee of \$100.00 will be charged; the check should be made payable to St. Ann.

Please keep in mind St. Ann is not a funeral home and therefore many of the things you would expect from a funeral home **we are unable to provide** - TV, computer, chairs, tables, etc. We do not allow decorations to be placed in the Gathering Space. If you desire these things, please consider using a funeral home for the visitation.

St. Ann does not allow visitations on Tuesdays and Thursdays given the other activities that occur in the parish on these days.

Proper Burial

The Order of Christian Funerals is a three-part ritual, with Vigil (viewing), Funeral Mass and Rite of Committal (interment). It is strongly encouraged that the Funeral Rites be conducted in the presence of the body of the deceased. However, the Mass of Christian Burial may also be celebrated with the cremains present in the church. The body or cremains is to be properly and reverently buried. The Church forbids the scattering of ashes or keeping cremains at one's home. (Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith)

Committal at Cemetery

The Rite of Committal should be celebrated at the cemetery following the Mass. A priest/deacon, if available, will accompany you to the cemetery for the service.

Responsorial Psalm Options

8a.) Psalm 23

R. The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want

8b.) Psalm 27

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation

9a.) Psalm 34

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

9b.) Psalm 34

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor

10a.) Psalm 63

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord

10b.) Psalm 98

R. Sing to the Lord a new song

10c.) Psalm 103

R. The Lord is kind and merciful

Praise the LORD, O my soul, and
forget not all his benefits —
who forgives all our sins and
heals all our diseases...

- Psalm 103:2-3 -

6. Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to give birth, 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 love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

What profit have workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to mortals to be busied about. God has made everything appropriate to its time, but has put the timelessness into their hearts so they cannot find out, from beginning to end, the work which God has done. I recognized that there is nothing better than to rejoice and to do well during life. Moreover, that all can eat and drink and enjoy the good of all their toil—this is a gift of God. I recognized that whatever God does will endure forever; there is no adding to it, or taking from it. Thus has God done that he may be revered. What now is has already been; what is to be, already is: God retrieves what has gone by.

7. Wisdom 3:1-9

The souls of the righteous 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 to others, indeed, they seem 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 judgment they shall shine and 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 the elect.

Veteran

If the deceased is a veteran, the funeral home can make arrangements for a military service. If not using a funeral home, you must contact the military directly.

Flower Delivery

Please have the flowers delivered to the parish during business hours, or you may have the flowers sent to the funeral home for them to bring to the church. Flowers should not be delivered over the weekend or when the parish offices are closed.

Mass Offerings

It is a good and pious practice for friends and family to offer additional Masses for the deceased. However, we are limited in the number of Masses accepted due to great demand. Any offerings we cannot accept will be sent to the Missions.

Reading Options

The following are popular 1st and 2nd Readings:

- A. II Maccabees 12:43-46 (page 7) I
Romans 8:31-39 (page 11)
- B. Wisdom 3:1-9 (page 9)
Romans 6:3-9 (page 11)
- C. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (page 9)
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (page 12)
- D. Lamentations 3:17-26 (page 8)
2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (page 12)

You may also select a 1st and 2nd Reading from the options available on pages 7 through 12.

1st Reading Options
MUST be used as 1st Reading during
the Easter Season ONLY
Can be 2nd Reading option outside Easter
(50 days after Easter Sunday, ending with Pentecost)

1. Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word [that] he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and (in) Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised (on) the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

2. Revelation 20:11-21:1

Next I saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it. The earth and the sky fled from his presence and there was no place for them. I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne, and scrolls were opened. Then another scroll was opened, the book of life.* The dead were judged according to their deeds, by what was written in the scrolls. The sea gave up its dead; then Death and Hades gave up their dead. All the dead were judged according to their deeds. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire. Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the pool of fire. Then 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.

3. Revelation 21:1-7

Then 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.” Then he said, “Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true.” He said to me, “They are accomplished. I [am] the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water. The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.

1st Reading Options (Outside of the Easter Season)

4. II Maccabees 12:43-46

He then took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection in mind; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin.

5. Lamentations 3:17-26

My life is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; My enduring hope, I said, has perished before the Lord. The thought of my wretched homelessness is wormwood and poison; Remembering it over and over, my soul is downcast. But this I will call to mind; therefore I will hope: The Lord’s acts of mercy are not exhausted, his compassion is not spent; They are renewed each morning—great is your faithfulness! The Lord is my portion, I tell myself, therefore I will hope in him. The Lord is good to those who trust in him, to the one that seeks him; It is good to hope in silence for the Lord’s deliverance.