

Funeral Dinner guidelines

St Joseph's Church Altar Society

Note to the Families: Planning for Funeral-Related Fellowship Services

St. Joseph's Altar Society helps your family plan funeral-related fellowship services (funeral dinner/wake reception).

Once your family has met with Father and the funeral home director, you should identify a person who will serve as your family's contact person. Immediately following that meeting, your contact person will call a St. Joseph's Funeral Chairperson. During this call, your family's needs/wishes can be discussed so that arrangements for the fellowship activities can begin immediately.

Funeral Chairperson.....Mrs. Fran Hassler.....(cell #402-404-0234)

Funeral Co-chair.....Mrs. Jo Hogan.....(cell #712 259-8888)

Funeral Dinners - 200 Guests or less

The meal may be held in St Joseph's Church basement and the use of the facilities is free of charge.

The altar society may be asked to host the meal and provide potatoes, vegetable, desserts, ice tea, coffee, paper goods and workers for the meal.

The family is asked to pay for meat, rolls and any other menu items such as salads. The altar society will help in making arrangements for these items.

A donation to the Altar Society would be appreciated to help with expenses.

Funeral Dinners - more than 200 guests

If the family is anticipating over 200 guests for the funeral dinner, then they are asked to secure an off-site location for the meal and have the meal catered, including paper goods.

The Altar Society funeral chairperson can help with suggestions and contacts.

If the meal is to be held at a local site, the altar society may be asked to provide desserts, ice tea and coffee and workers to assist in serving the meal.

The family will be responsible for table set-up and tear down as required at the off-site location.

Vigil (wake service) gathering

If the vigil service is held at St. Joseph's Church, the altar society may be asked to host a reception and provide cookies, bars, ice tea, coffee and workers.

