

Transitional Funeral Guidelines for St. Joseph's Church

(Related to Covid19 Health Considerations)

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St. Joseph's Altar Society desires to help our parish family transition back to providing wake and funeral meal options to our families. At the Altar Society Meeting on Monday, April 26, 2021, at 7:00 PM we voted to provide wake and funeral meal options to our families using the following guidelines. Depending on Covid19 health considerations the Altar Society plans to review these guidelines and update these plans as necessary at our August meeting.

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 fellowship activities can begin immediately.

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

Funeral Co-Chairperson.....Mrs. Jo Hogan (Cell #712-259-8888)

Families will be able to use the church basement and kitchen for wake and funeral services.

The basement will be set up to seat 100 people.

Families may choose from two options for funeral meals:

1. The family may cater the meal at their own expense.
2. The family may ask the Altar Society to provide workers and a sandwich lunch for the meal which would include:
 - Individually wrapped sandwiches
 - Individual bags of chips
 - Individually wrapped cookies or bars
 - Coffee, Ice Tea, and Water

*For Meal Option #2---The family will pay for the meat, cheese, and chips for the sandwich lunch.

---Altar Society will provide the paper goods, sandwich condiments, cookies/bars, and beverages.

The Altar Society will:

1. Set up the tables and chairs in the church basement for the family for the wake and/or funeral meals
2. Sanitize the kitchen, bathrooms, and eating area
3. Provide workers, cookies and bars, and coffee, ice tea, and water for the wake service