

**Please know of our sincere condolences and prayers as you go through these days.** Our faith is an important source of support at a time like this and it is our prayer that your faith, though possibly struggling, will bring you comfort and peace.

The *Liturgy of Christian Burial* recognizes our grief, but also celebrates new life. We encourage the family of a deceased loved one to be involved in the planning of the Funeral Liturgy. This is *completely optional*; if you do not feel you are able to actively participate, that is fine. However, it is our hope that your involvement will help to personalize the liturgy as well as assist you in the process of healing during this difficult time.

Along with this sheet you will find the book, *Through Death to Life*. This will enable you to choose Scripture readings and involve family and friends in this Liturgy of Christian Burial. Listed below are a variety of ways in which family and friends can be involved. Choose any or all of the ways listed.

**PLACING OF THE PALL**

The Priest meets the casket at the back of Church and leads the procession in. Once the casket is in place at the head of the aisle, the "Pall," a white cloth symbolizing the garment of Baptism, is placed over the casket. This will be done by (check one):

Funeral Director \_\_\_\_\_ Family Members \_\_\_\_\_  
Friends \_\_\_\_\_ Choose 2, 3, or 4 people.

**NAMES      RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED**

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**PLACING OF CHRISTIAN SYMBOL (Optional)**

A symbol of Christian life, such as a Bible, Cross, Rosary, or Prayer Book that was meaningful to the Deceased may be placed on the casket after the pall covers the casket.

YES \_\_\_\_\_ The symbol is \_\_\_\_\_.

NO \_\_\_\_\_

It will be placed by \_\_\_\_\_.

Relationship to the Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*Old Testament (Pages 26-30):* Page \_\_\_\_\_; Number \_\_\_\_\_

Read by \_\_\_\_\_; Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

*New Testament (Pages 45-55):* Page \_\_\_\_\_; Number \_\_\_\_\_

Read by \_\_\_\_\_; Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS** (Pages 83-86), H3 or H4

Page \_\_\_\_\_; Number \_\_\_\_\_

Read by \_\_\_\_\_; Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS OF BREAD & WINE**

Choose 2, 3, or 4 people:

_____	; Relationship _____
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**WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE** *(Optional)* The family is welcome to choose one person to offer a personal reflection after Communion. The reflection is usually more personal about the deceased, speaking of values and virtues. ***It should be prepared beforehand and written out.*** It is requested that a copy be given to Elaine LaFollette no later than the day before the funeral. *The person giving the reflection should be aware of the sacredness of the occasion and the Church setting. Please limit remarks to 4-5 minutes maximum.* The remarks should not take precedence over the homily, but should be a simple, personal reflection of the person's life. It is fine to mention one or two short stories, but beyond that it is not possible to sum up a person's life in these moments --- nor is it necessary. Allow the deceased person's life to speak for itself.

**WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE WILL BE OFFERED BY:**

\_\_\_\_\_ ; Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

**MUSIC** Music for the Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by our Organist and Cantor. Congregational singing is an integral part of Mass. However, one or two solos by our Cantor are possible. Musical selections should reflect the sense of hope and peace given to us in the Resurrection of Jesus. By nature, they should be religious or spiritual. *Any secular songs or CD's or tapes will only be allowed prior to the beginning of Mass and only if they are appropriate for the Church setting.* Hymns suggested will be used if they are known by the people involved with the Music Ministry. Our Organist, Jane Moore-Price, can assist you (315-637-8570).

**Hymns requested for Mass:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Homily hints:** values, virtues, interests; please return to: Elaine LaFollette, Parish Minister (315) 447-8249 (cell) or [elafollette@syrdio.org](mailto:elafollette@syrdio.org)

**Website:** [www.icfayetteville.org](http://www.icfayetteville.org) – click on Funerals on the home page. (A fillable form is at the bottom of this website page. When you provide this information online, it will automatically be sent to Elaine's email address.)



**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL  
FOR**

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**(Name of Deceased)**

***Immaculate Conception Church  
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