



*St. Irenaeus*  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Members of St. Irenaeus,

The parishioners of St. Irenaeus would like to extend our sincere condolences for your loss. It is never easy to lose a loved one, no matter their age or circumstances. Know that you and your family are in our prayers and our support is with you.

To make the Funeral Mass of your loved one as personal and meaningful as possible, and to ease the overwhelming confusion that can occur at this time, we offer the following in hopes that it will alleviate some of the questions and concerns you may have about your loved one's Funeral Mass of Resurrection.

Enclosed are a Liturgy Information Sheet, and copies of the readings and music that you may choose from. After reviewing the enclosed materials and filling in the requested information, please call the parish office, 248-651-9595, to schedule an appointment at least one (1) day before the funeral liturgy so that we can go over the information together to make sure that everything is in proper order. At that time, you will need to bring these Funeral Liturgy Planning Information sheets with you. There will be duplicate copies of the readings and the general intercessions chosen – all in larger print – in the church on the day of the funeral for the readers to use. Likewise, please look over the enclosed sheet with appropriate funeral music.

No personal eulogies are given at the liturgy. A wonderful alternative is either at the funeral home or during the luncheon when people are more composed. Time is likewise an issue since a second funeral may be scheduled on the same day.

Please consult the sheet in this packet that contains pertinent information about funeral lunches.

If you find you have any questions that cannot be answered with the materials given, please don't hesitate to call the parish office at 248-651-9595. May God's peace and Jesus' promise of new life and resurrection be with you and your family.

Fr. Gerry LeBoeuf  
Pastor, St. Irenaeus Parish

## ***Steps to planning a funeral liturgy at St. Irenaeus Church***

1. St. Irenaeus has prepared a Funeral Information packet to help loved ones plan a funeral liturgy at our church. Packets are available in our parish office, on our parish website [www.stirenaeus.org](http://www.stirenaeus.org) > Worship > Funeral Planning Forms, and at the Rochester area funeral homes.
2. To schedule a funeral at St. Irenaeus Church, please contact the funeral home of your choice first. They will then contact the church to set a date.
3. Please contact Ken Sigler, Worship Coordinator, at (248) 651-9595 x 113 at your earliest opportunity (or Parish Office in his absence). He will meet with your family to discuss arrangements, plan the funeral liturgy, and support your family during this difficult time.
4. The Funeral Information packet offers suggestions for scripture readings, hymns, and opportunities for family and friends to participate in the liturgy. Please discuss any special requests in advance with pastoral staff.
5. The day of the funeral, you will be assisted by staff from the parish and funeral home before, during, and after the liturgy. We are here to act as hosts for your loved ones and see that all your plans go smoothly for the celebration of the Mass of Resurrection.
6. You are welcome to plan a funeral liturgy far in advance if you would like. It is very important that any plans be shared with the appropriate family members who will be responsible to make decisions.

If you have had a loved one pass into eternal life, the parishioners of St Irenaeus would like to extend our sincere condolences to you. May God's peace and Jesus' promise of new life and resurrection be with you and your family.

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*Worship Coordinator*



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## FIRST READING (from the Old Testament)

Please choose one of the readings listed below and designate whom you would like to read it.

Reading chosen: \_\_\_\_\_

To be read by: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reading Options:

#### 1. WISDOM 3:1-6, 9 (Short version)

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 men, 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  
of himself.  
As gold in the furnace, he proved them,  
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to  
himself.  
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 his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

#### 2. WISDOM 3:1-9 (Long version)

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 men, 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  
of himself.  
As gold in the furnace, he proved them,  
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

In the time of their visitation they shall shine,  
and shall 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 his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

#### 3. JOB 19:1, 23-26

A reading from the Book of Job:

Job answered and said:  
Oh, would that my words were written down!  
Would that they were inscribed in a record:  
That with an iron chisel and with lead they were cut in the  
rock forever!  
But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives, and that he  
will at last stand forth upon the dust;  
Whom I myself shall see: and my own eyes, not  
another's, shall behold him,  
And from my flesh I shall see God; my inmost being is  
consumed with longing.

The Word of the Lord.

#### 4. LAMENTATIONS 3:17-26

A reading from the book of Lamentations:

My soul is deprived of peace,  
I have forgotten what happiness is;  
I tell myself my future is lost,  
all that I hoped for from the Lord.  
The thought of my homeless poverty  
is wormwood and gall;  
Remembering it over and over  
leaves my soul downcast within me.  
But I will call this to mind,  
as my reason to have hope:  
The favors of the Lord are not exhausted,  
his mercies are not spent  
They are renewed each morning,  
so great is his faithfulness.  
My portion is the Lord says my soul;  
therefore I will hope in him.  
Good is the Lord to the one who waits for him,  
to the soul that seeks him;  
It is good to hope in silence  
for the saving help of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

## 5. ISAIAH 25:6a, 7-9

A reading from the book of Isaiah:  
On this mountain the Lord of hosts  
will provide for all peoples.  
On this mountain he will destroy  
the veil that veils all peoples,  
The web that is woven over all nations;  
he will destroy death forever.  
The Lord God will wipe away  
the tears from all faces;  
The reproach of his people he will remove  
from the whole earth; for the Lord has  
spoken.  
On that day it will be said:  
"Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!  
This is the Lord for whom we looked;  
let us rejoice and be glad that he has  
saved us!"

The Word of the Lord.

## 6. ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes  
(Ee-blee-zee-as-tease).

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 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.

The Word of the Lord.

## 7. WISDOM 4:7-15

A reading from the book of Wisdom:

But the righteous, though they die early, will be at rest.  
For old age is not honored for length of time, or measured  
by number of years; but understanding is grey hair for  
anyone, and a blameless life is ripe old age.

There were some who pleased God and were loved by  
him, and while living among sinners were taken up. They  
were caught up so that evil might not change their  
understanding or guile deceive their souls. For the  
fascination of wickedness obscures what is good, and  
roving desire perverts the innocent mind.

Being perfected in a short time, they fulfilled long years;  
for their souls were pleasing to the Lord, therefore he  
took them quickly from the midst of wickedness. Yet the  
peoples saw and did not understand, or take such a thing  
to heart, that God's grace and mercy are with his elect,  
and that he watches over his holy ones.

The Word of the Lord.

## 8. ISAIAH 43:1b-3

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

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, the  
Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

The Word of the Lord.

## SECOND READING (from the New Testament)

Please choose one and designate who will read it.

Reading chosen: \_\_\_\_\_

Person reading: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. ROMANS 14:7-12

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

Brothers and sisters:

No one 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 sister? Or you, why do you look down on your brother or sister? 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.

The Word of the Lord.

### 2. 1THESS 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians (Thes-suh-low-nee-ons)

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, 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.

The Word of the Lord.

### 3. 2COR 4:14—5:1

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians:

Brothers and sisters:

We know that the One who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

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.

The Word of the Lord

### The Word of the Lord. 4. 1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-57

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

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.

The Word of the Lord.

## 5. REVELATION 14:13

A Reading from the book of Revelation:

I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," said the Spirit, "let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them."

The Word of the Lord.

## 6. 2COR 5:1, 6-10

A reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

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.

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 may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

The Word of the Lord.

## 7. 1COR 15:12-19

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

But if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then neither has Christ been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then empty too is our preaching; empty, too, your faith. Then we are also false witnesses to God, because we testified against God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all.

The Word of the Lord.

## 8. 1COR 15: 20-23

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

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

## 9. 1JOHN 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St. John

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

## 10. ROMANS 6:3-4, 8-9

A Reading from the letter of St. 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 in newness of 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.

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Choose 1 set & designate person reading

Set # chosen: \_\_\_\_\_

Person reading: \_\_\_\_\_

### SET 1:

That God will receive our praise and thanksgiving  
for the life of \_\_\_\_\_  
Let us pray to the Lord.

That God will bring to completion \_\_\_\_\_  
baptism into Christ,  
Let us pray to the Lord.

That God will lead \_\_\_\_\_ from death to  
life,  
Let us pray to the Lord.

That all of us, \_\_\_\_\_ family and friends, may be  
comforted in our grief,  
Let us pray to the Lord.

That God will grant release to those who suffer, Let us  
pray to the Lord.

That God will grant peace to all who have died in the  
faith of Christ,  
Let us pray to the Lord.

That one day we may all share in the banquet of the Lord,  
praising God for victory over death, Let us pray  
to the Lord.

### SET 2:

In baptism \_\_\_\_\_ received the light of Christ.  
Scatter the darkness now and lead him/her over the  
waters of death,  
Let us pray to the Lord.

Our brother/sister \_\_\_\_\_ was nourished at the table of  
the Savior. Welcome him/her into the halls of the  
heavenly banquet,  
Let us pray to the Lord.

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Many friends and members of our families have gone before  
us and await the kingdom. Grant them an everlasting  
home with your Son,  
Let us pray to the Lord.

Many people die by violence, war, and famine each day. Show  
your mercy to those who suffer so unjustly these sins  
against your love and gather them to the eternal  
kingdom of peace,  
Let us pray to the Lord.

Those who trusted in the Lord now sleep in the Lord. Give  
refreshment, rest, and peace to all whose faith is  
known to you alone,  
Let us pray to the Lord.

### SET 3:

For \_\_\_\_\_ who in baptism was given the  
pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be  
admitted to the company of the saints, We  
pray to the Lord.

For \_\_\_\_\_ who was nourished by the body of  
Christ, the bread of life, that he/she may be raised  
up on the last day,  
We pray to the Lord.

For our deceased relatives and friends and for all who  
have helped us, that they may have the reward  
of their goodness,  
We pray to the Lord.

For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising  
again, that they may see God face to face,  
We pray to the Lord.

For the family and friends of \_\_\_\_\_ that  
they may be consoled in their grief by the  
Lord, who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.  
We pray to the Lord.

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we  
may be gathered together again in God's kingdom,  
We pray to the Lord.



St. Irenaeus Catholic Church

Date of Mass: \_\_\_\_\_

Music Selections for the Funeral Mass for (name of deceased): \_\_\_\_\_

On behalf of the entire St. Irenaeus Parish community, our prayers and condolences are with you and your loved ones during this difficult time.

For the funeral Mass, you may select from the options below. If you prefer, I can also choose the music selections for you. Options not listed below by request and permission, subject to the liturgical propriety, may be allowed as determined by the Pastor and Music Director.

Please feel free to contact me by phone or email for any additional inquiries.

In song and prayer,  
Cat Dacpano, Music Director  
248-651-9595 ext. 103 or email cdacpano@stirenaeus.org

Please choose one selection for the Responsorial Psalm:

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|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Psalm 27 - The Lord Is my Light and My Salvation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Psalm 23 - Shepherd Me, O God                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Psalm 23 - The Lord Is My Shepherd               |

Please choose three selections for the Entrance, Communion, and Closing:

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|--------------------------|-----|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 618 | Amazing Grace (traditional)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 619 | Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |     | Ave Maria (Schubert )              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |     | Ave Maria (Bach-Gounod )           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 593 | Be Not Afraid                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |     | Eye Has Not Seen                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 650 | Here I Am, Lord                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 492 | How Great Thou Art                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 343 | I am the Bread of Life (Toolan )   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 680 | Let There Be Peace on Earth        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |     | O Loving God (tune of Danny Boy)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 588 | On Eagle's Wings                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 559 | Open My Eyes                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 682 | Prayer of St. Francis              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 419 | Precious Lord, Take My Hand        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 752 | Seek Ye First                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> |     | Serdeczna Matko                    |

Please list your selections on the "Funeral Liturgy Planning Information" summary.



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# Funeral Luncheon Ministry

During this time of sorrow, St. Irenaeus Parish extends its deepest sympathy to you and your family. As part of our Bereavement Ministry, we are pleased to be able to offer funeral luncheons for St. Irenaeus parishioners, following the Mass of Christian Burial.

## Luncheons provided by St. Irenaeus Volunteers

**Number of guests:** We will host and prepare a luncheon for 25 to 100 guests, providing you with a special time of fellowship with your family and friends.

**Schedule and timing:** We offer funeral luncheons Monday through Friday. All luncheons are subject to the availability of our parish hall and volunteers. It is the current custom to offer the luncheon before going to the cemetery as this encourages more guests to attend. We welcome you to enjoy your food and fellowship during the hour and a half window following your funeral.

**Menu and set up:** At the luncheon, you and your guests will sit at tables set with white linen tablecloths and centerpieces; and enjoy a buffet of boneless chicken breasts, roasted potatoes, green beans, a garden salad, rolls, an assortment of cheeses and fresh fruit, and homemade desserts. We will offer coffee, tea, lemonade, and ice water.

**Suggested donation:** A suggested donation of \$10 per person keeps your hospitality affordable; and the convenience of hosting in the Parish Hall allows for more guests to enjoy a relaxing, comfortable time of fellowship following the funeral.

## Catered Luncheons in our St. Irenaeus Parish Hall

**Number of guests:** Any group over 100 would need to be catered. You may have any minimum number of guests, with a maximum of 160 at a catered luncheon in our parish hall.

**Schedule and timing:** All Saturday funeral luncheons need to be catered; but you are welcome to have a week-day luncheon catered as well. Again, even catered luncheons are dependent on the availability of our Parish Hall and volunteers. It is the current custom to offer the luncheon before going to the cemetery as this encourages more guests to attend. We welcome you to enjoy your food and fellowship during the hour and a half window following your funeral.

**Menu and set up:** Hiring an outside caterer to provide your lunch in our Parish Hall allows you to take advantage of our convenient location, as well as the opportunity to design a menu and negotiate a price with professionals at a local restaurant or banquet hall. Our St. Irenaeus volunteers will help set up the Hall with white linen tablecloths and centerpieces, offer hot and cold beverages, serve, and clean up.

**Suggested donation:** St. Irenaeus suggests a donation of \$100 to secure the hall.

## St. Irenaeus Parish Staff Contacts

**Ken Sigler**, Pastoral Associate and Worship Coordinator, will accompany you through the funeral liturgy planning process. 248-651-9595, ext. 113

**Cindy Monaghan**, Christian Service Coordinator, is prepared to provide any bereavement resources you may need. 248-656-8720

*May the peace of the Lord be with you....*



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# Funeral Luncheon Form

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Family Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Funeral: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Funeral and Luncheon (please circle one):

10 am funeral Mass with an  
11 am – 12:30 pm luncheon

11 am funeral Mass with a  
12 pm – 1:30 pm luncheon

Estimated number of guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon will be (please circle one):

Hosted by St. Irenaeus Volunteers  
*minimum of 25, maximum of 100*  
*Weekdays only*

Catered by \_\_\_\_\_  
*no minimum, maximum of 160*  
*Monday-Saturday*

We encourage you to invite your guests to lunch before attending to the cemetery.

Based on your estimated number of lunch guests, St. Irenaeus will provide chicken, potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, garden salad, rolls, butter, homemade desserts, beverages, and tableware for the luncheon. To defray some of the expense of the luncheon, we are requesting a donation of \$10 per guest (please make checks payable to St. Irenaeus).

For a catered luncheon, we ask for the donation of a \$100 room use fee.

Other considerations: no alcoholic beverages are permitted.

If you would like to hold a funeral lunch at our Parish Hall, please contact Ken Sigler, our St. Irenaeus Pastoral Associate and Worship Coordinator. Steve has experience in helping families estimate the number of attendees for funeral luncheons and would be happy to help you plan this fellowship for your family and friends. *Thank you!*