

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord... and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed,
Rest in Peace.
Amen*



Through Death To Life

Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church
Funeral Planning Guide

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Parish Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

If you need assistance after hours, please contact Tammy Love (573-418-0762) or Jeanne Buechter (573-694-1334)

Our sincerest condolences on the loss of your loved one. We are here to help you in anyway. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

One of the most important things we can do for our loved one who passes away is to pray for them. Please be assured that Our Lady of the Snows Parish Family will pray for your loved one and your family during this difficult time.

Planning and preparing for a funeral at Our Lady of Snows (OLOS)

Typically, when a loved one passes away, the funeral home is in contact with OLOS Parish Office staff and the priest-celebrant or deacon is chosen for Mass. The time, date and location of the visitation and Funeral Mass is chosen. The main contact for the family at OLOS is the Parish Office staff. Staff will coordinate all details with you and those in various ministries at OLOS.

Considerations in planning

- Will there be a slide show of pictures at the visitation?
- Reading choices
- Hymn choices
- Persons to fulfill the various roles (i.e. Lector, Offertory, etc.)
- Will there be a Luncheon? If so, how many?

Funeral Luncheon

Please refer to the “Funeral Lunch Guidelines” for assistance in determining the amount of food to purchase for a funeral lunch. This is only a suggestion; families can choose the food as they wish.

- Please advise the Parish Office of the amount of people that are anticipated at the meal.
- All food for the funeral must be delivered to the OLOS Parish Center kitchen **the day before** the funeral lunch is to be served. (Contact the Parish Office to obtain access to the Parish Center)
- Any one is welcome to bring covered dishes. Members of the parish will assist in serving the meal.
- If school is in session, the school children and staff will set up tables and chairs in the Parish Center. If school is not in session (summer months) the family will be responsible to set up. A diagram is available of how the tables and chairs are normally set up.
- Family and friends are needed to stay after the funeral meal to assist in clean up.
- If you have any questions about the meal, please contact one of the Funeral Meal Coordinators: Betty Pound (573-291-7961) or Mary Doerhoff (573-498-3504)

Please Return this form to the Parish Office at least 48 hours prior to the Funeral Mass. The Parish Office can assist in completion of this form. Parish email address: olosparish@gmail.com

Visitation and Funeral Mass

Services	Date	Time	Location
Visitation			
Funeral Mass			OLOS Church

Reading Choices: Please refer to the green booklet for reading choices. If you wish to have a reading that is not in this book, please notify the Parish Office for Father’s approval.

	Reading Choice
	You may enter the corresponding code for the reading you have chosen. Example (C3) However, if there is a long and short version of the reading, please specify “Long version” or “Short version”. Please notify the Parish Office if you do not wish to choose the readings and/or gospel. The Prayers of the Faithful are chosen by our priest.
First Reading	
Second Reading	
Gospel	

Song Choices: Please refer to the “Funeral Song Suggestions” for a list of songs our organists are familiar with.

	Song Choice
Entrance	
Responsorial Psalm	
Preparation of the Gifts	
Communion	
Communion Mediation (optional)	
Song of Farewell (Normally #812 in the Breaking Bread Missal is the song that is sung)	
Recessional Hymn	

This form is for you to use as a guide. You do not need to return the form. Be sure to contact someone for each ministry. The Parish Office can assist you, if needed.

Mass Ministry/Participant Choices

	Name(s)	
Organist (The parish office can contact an organist; however, you may choose an organist you wish.)	Theresa Bax is the usual organist at Funeral Masses. Other organists at OLOS are Karen Haslag and Janet Buschjost.	
Vocalist (OLOS choir typically sings at funeral Masses; however, you may choose the vocalist you wish)	Notify the Parish Office if you do not want the OLOS Choir to sing.	
Readers (you may choose to have more than one reader)	1.	2.
Offertory Procession (choose as many as you would like)	1.	2.
	3.	4.
Eucharistic Minister (If another priest or deacon is present at the Mass, a Eucharist Minister is not needed.)	1.	
Servers (The Parish Office can assist in finding servers, if you do not have anyone available to serve.)	1.	2.
	3.	4.
Pallbearers	1.	2.
	3.	4.
	5.	6.
Honorary Pallbearers (optional)	1.	2.

Funeral Lunch Guidelines
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Following are general guidelines families can use when determining meal amounts for a funeral luncheon. Most families choose boneless ham either cold/warm or a combination. This is only a suggestion, families can choose their lunch as they wish.

NOTE: All food for the funeral must be delivered to the Our Lady of the Snows Parish Center kitchen the day before the funeral lunch is to be served.

Family provides the following:

To serve 100 – 150 people		✓
If Serving Cold Ham	30-40 pounds (sliced)	
If Serving Warm Ham	30-40 pounds (boneless thicker slice, ask meat department to slice 1/4 inch thickness). For the ham glaze, provide 2 cans of pineapple chunks, 1 pound bag of brown sugar, 1 liter of 7up	
If Serving Cold & Warm Ham	Only need 30-40 pounds of sliced ham, the different is the thickness needed when cooking warm ham, it needs to be thicker than ham being served cold.	
NOTE	If serving bone in ham , the family is responsible for trimming the ham prior to bringing to the hall. Approximately 60 pounds is needed.	
Bread (optional)	4-6 loaves of sandwich bread, combination of wheat and white. (If having cold ham, you must have bread for sandwiches.)	
Cheese (optional)	3 pound box – individually wrapped slices	
Potato Chips	2-4 bags	
Coffee (optional)	1 pound can of regular or decaf	
Tea Bags	4 or 5 gallon size bags	
Lemonade	Country Time Mix – either 6 (six) 9 oz canisters or 2 (two) 29 oz canisters of drink mix	
Condiments	Miracle Whip, Mustard, Sugar Packets, Sweetener, Creamer, etc.	
Ice	2 Large Bags of Ice (20 lbs bags)	
Plates	Large disposable compartment plates and 6 inch dessert plates	
Napkins	1-2 packages of 200 or more count	
Cups (coffee)	Disposable 8 oz cups	
Cups (tea or lemonade)	Disposable 12 – 16 oz cups	
Flatware	1 large box of a combination of knives, forks & spoons (extra forks for dessert table)	
Containers for left overs	Large Ziploc bags or plastic containers	

Any one is welcome to bring covered dishes. Members of the parish will assist in serving the meal.

Setting up tables and chairs in the Parish Center and clean up after the luncheon is the sole responsibility of the family.

Any questions, please feel free to contact Betty Pound and/or Mary Doerhoff. Our Lady of the Snows Parish Office can provide a phone number.

FUNERAL SONG SUGGESTIONS:

The missal numbers listed below are out of the 2026 Breaking Bread Missal.

(Numbers will change on November 28, 2026.)

You may borrow a missal from Church to review the songs or you can listen to the songs on [YouTube.com/](https://www.youtube.com/)(enter song title) OR [ocp.org](https://www.ocp.org) and enter the song title in the SEARCH line.

Hail Mary: M-702 (Communion Meditation)

May The Road Rise Up: M-394 (Communion Meditation)

O Loving God: M-680

Shall We Gather At The River: M-602 (Recessional)

Amazing Grace: M-447 (Preparation of Gifts or Communion)

All Is Well With My Soul: M-518

Be Not Afraid: M-439

Beyond The Moon And Stars: M-48

Come Follow Me: M-500

And I Will Follow (sheets) (Psalm Response)

Nearer My God To Thee: (sheets)

Just A Closer Walk With Thee (sheets)

Psalm Of The Good Shepherd (sheets) (Psalm Response)

Go In Peace: M-682 (Communion Meditation)

Here I am Lord: M-390 (Entrance)

How Great Thou Art: M-431

I Know That My Redeemer Lives: M-684

Precious Lord Take My Hand: M-670

Prayer of St. Francis: M-473

Parable: To Everything There Is A Season: M-686

Mary's Song: M-691

On Eagle's Wings: M-441

On This Day of Beautiful Mother: M-698 (Communion Meditation)

Softly and Tenderly: M-690

The Lord Is My Light: M-463 (Psalm Response)

This Alone: M-421

I, The Lord: M-687

Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory: M-597 (Recessional Military)

Peace Is Flowing Like A River: M-471

I Am the Bread Of Life: M-355

You Are Near: M-448

We Shall Rise Again: M-605

How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place: M-534

Come To Me: M-538

The Old Rugged Cross (sheets) (Communion Meditation)

Carry Me Home: M-689

In The Garden (sheets) (Communion Meditation)

Be Still My Soul: M-673

Eternal Father, Strong to Save: M-636 (Recessional Military)