

St. Jude the Apostle Parish

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Dear Friends:

On behalf of our Saint Jude Parish Staff and our entire faith community, please know of our prayers for you and your loved ones during this difficult time of loss. When a member of our Saint Jude family dies, our priests and parish staff want to do all that we can to help with the process of planning the funeral. Listed below are a few reminders to aid you in this process.

It is helpful to make an initial phone call to the Parish Office to inform us of the death. During regular office hours our staff and priests can be reached by calling the main office number, 225-766-2431. If the call is made after office hours or when the office is closed due to holidays, etc., one of our priests can be reached by calling our answering service at 225-346-7680.

It is extremely important that the day and time of a funeral **not be chosen** until speaking with someone in our Parish Office. We want to ensure the availability of the following: the church itself, the priest, and a music minister.

When you have selected a funeral home, it is best that a representative from the funeral home call our Parish Office while you are meeting with them. **Again, the day and time of a funeral cannot be finalized until someone from the funeral home has spoken with our Parish Office staff.**

At some point after having completed this packet, one of our priests or someone from our office will contact you to schedule an opportunity for a visit. The purpose of this visit is, first, to review all of the details and logistics related to the funeral itself, and, second, to assist our priest in preparation of the homily. In short, this would be an opportunity for you and your family to share your loved one's story. It is important to us for the celebration to be as personal and special as possible for all of you.

Lastly, regarding music, our parish pays both the singer and musician. **There is no cost to the family for anything at all associated with the funeral.**

Again, please know of our prayers for you and your family, and let us know what we can do to help you through the process of planning and celebrating your loved one's life.

Sincerely,



Fr. Trey Nelson
Pastor