

BEREAVEMENT HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

We at St. Jude Parish offer our sincere sympathy and prayers on the occasion of the death of your loved one. Through our Bereavement Ministry, we would like to offer the use of our Family Center, if you wish, for a Funeral Hospitality Meal.

For the convenience of your family and friends, the Bereavement Hospitality Ministry of the parish will arrange for food and beverages (coffee, tea, water, punch) for the meal as well as the table settings and room set-up. The members of our Bereavement Ministry will provide the volunteers to serve as hosts/hostesses and will also donate dishes such as salads, casseroles, and baked goods to supplement the main entrée, which will be ordered by the Bereavement Ministry Coordinator. The main entrée will normally consist of chicken and hot sliced beef au jus.

We offer this service to you during this difficult time. People often ask us for guidelines concerning the amount that should be requested and we find there is little uniformity among funeral homes or restaurants that provide similar luncheon services. We would estimate an offering of \$7.50 or more per person, based on the number you request. This will enable us to cover our expenses as well as provide for the continuation of the Bereavement Hospitality Ministry for all parishioners, especially those who may not be able to pay the full expense of a suitable luncheon for their family and friends. Checks can be made out to St Jude Bereavement Ministry. We depend on your generosity. Thank you.

There are some special notes which we request you be aware of should you decide to use our Bereavement Hospitality Ministry:

1. The Family Center will ordinarily be available to our families for the luncheon after a funeral. In the event of two funerals on the same day, adjustments for room availability will be made. Also, since these are general parish facilities, there is a possibility of other concurrent activities that may require adjustments.
2. Parking needs to be restricted to a designated area during school days for the safety of the children on the playground.
3. St. Jude Parish and its facilities are SMOKE-FREE. Further, alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted.

If you are interested in using the St. Jude Parish Bereavement Hospitality Ministry luncheon, please make your wish known to the secretary at St. Jude Church by calling 440-366-5711, as soon as possible, when planning the funeral arrangements. One of our Bereavement Ministry coordinators will contact you to work out the details.

Should you choose our luncheon, we would certainly appreciate any comments or suggestions following your experience. We are interested in knowing whether this ministry of hospitality and support was helpful to your family and how we might improve our program to better serve our parishioners.

We offer our continuing prayers for you and your family.

St. Jude Bereavement Hospitality Ministry
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