

Protocols for Funeral Homes for COVID-19

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1. Funeral homes must abide by St. Mary's protocols.
2. Families may have up to 100 people attend, including the family.
3. Ask families to choose one of following options for the notice/obituary:
 - Funeral is private for family only
 - Funeral is private and by family invitation only.
4. Family members may request that the funeral be livestreamed for those unable to attend. Livestream can be viewed at www.stmarys-wbl.org. (If family chooses to livestream, please include in the notice/obituary on the website and/or in the paper.)
5. Visitations and luncheons are not permitted at the parish at this time.
6. Worship aids and prayer cards cannot be handed out, but people can pick them up as they enter the church.
7. Guest books are not permitted at funerals at this time.
8. Displays in the gathering space are not permitted at this time.
9. All auxiliary spaces at church are closed. A handicapped accessible bathroom will be available.
10. Congregating in the gathering space before or after the funeral is not permitted.
11. The mortuary will meet the family at the church 30 minutes before the funeral and seat them 15 minutes before the funeral liturgy begins. Let us know if you need St. Mary's staff/volunteers to assist with this.
12. After the family is seated, guests will be seated as space permits.
13. Upon their arrival, attendees will be asked to sanitize their hands and will be escorted to a pew after the family has been seated (about 15 minutes before the funeral begins). Therefore, guests are encouraged to arrive no earlier than 15 minutes before the liturgy begins.
14. Currently, the only music ministers are Rebecca Kaup (Director of Liturgical Music and accompanist) and Carley O'Bryan (cantor).
15. Since congregational singing is not allowed, there is no offertory song or gift bearers and no music slides.
16. If the funeral is traditional, the pall will be placed over the front pew and placed over the casket at the front of the church.
17. Masks must be worn by all attendees age 2 and above.
18. Everyone should enter through the parking lot doors.
19. Social distancing will be practiced in the church and on church property.
20. When Mass is concluded, the family will follow Father out of the church, through the gathering space and out to their cars.
21. If there is no burial immediately after Mass, the family may go directly to their cars or to the chapel while other attendees leave the church.
22. Guests will be dismissed row by row after the family leaves the church.

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