

Guidelines for music at parish funerals

St. Patrick Catholic Church – Gretna, NE

1. The parish Music Director, Laura Rau, will ensure that a competent accompanist and cantor are available for the funeral Mass.
 - Please do not ask or hire other musicians, instrumentalists, cantors, or soloists before you meet with the priest.
 - If you desire to have a family member or friend sing or play, they may offer music during the prelude or during Communion.

2. Since the funeral Mass will take place in the church and is an act of worship to God, all musical selections must be appropriate for the Mass. In particular
 - Pop songs are not permitted.
 - Pre-recorded music is not to be used for the funeral Mass.
 - The Pastor and Director of Sacred Music reserve the right to refuse any music deemed inappropriate for the Mass. We will make a reasonable attempt to consider any requests you may have but cannot promise that all requests will be accommodated.

3. The fees for the accompanist and cantor are included in your payment to the funeral home. They will take care of distributing the payments to the appropriate musicians. If you are not using a funeral home, please discuss payment with the priest assisting you in planning the funeral Mass.

4. If you have questions about music after meeting with the priest or at any point in the planning process, please contact the parish Music Director.

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Planning Form for Funeral Music

Please select **up to three** hymns/songs **from the list below**. The songs you select will be placed at the Entrance, Offertory, and Communion processions.

You may also indicate that you would like the Music Director to select hymns for you.

Please select hymns for me.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alleluia! Hearts & Voices * | <input type="checkbox"/> On Eagle's Wings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Them Eternal Rest | <input type="checkbox"/> Sing with All the Saints in Glory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am the Bread of Life | <input type="checkbox"/> The King of Love My Shepherd Is |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say | <input type="checkbox"/> The Lord is My Light |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I Know That My Redeemer Lives | <input type="checkbox"/> The Strife is O'er * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I Received the Living God | <input type="checkbox"/> What Wondrous Love is This |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light | <input type="checkbox"/> Worthy is the Lamb |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Keep in Mind | |

* = not appropriate during Lent

If you have additional or alternate requests besides the songs you selected above, please list them below. They will be included at the discretion of the Director of Sacred Music and/or Pastor, where appropriate or as time allows in the funeral liturgy. **The total number of songs selected above and listed below should not be more than four songs.**
