

Dear Family,

As a part of our parish ministry we have members of our parish that work in teams to serve a midday luncheon following the funeral mass if it is desired by the family. We know how important it can be to spend time together and would like to make this time as easy as possible for you. If you would like this service, Mary Lindstrom, our parish secretary, will let you know who to contact. The team can then take care of the planning for you. You will be asked to provide an estimate of the number of people who may attend. We know this can be difficult for you but it can be helpful to start by counting the number of family that are likely to attend and then estimating friends and associates.

Our teams will work to provide a lunch of fresh baked buns and ham, pickles, assorted hot dishes and salads, dessert bars, coffee, and fruit drink. Please note that hot dishes, salads, and desserts will be provided by your team but they are in limited quantity. Your team will also handle any foods brought to church by friends and family and make sure that they will be served as a part of the luncheon. A list of those donations with names and addresses will be given to you. At the end of the meal your team will package any leftovers that you would like or that your family can use. We do ask that you be responsible for paying for the ham, buns, pickles, and fruit drink. These are purchased at Ebeling's and your team captain will let you know that amount.

Amounts of food donated by family and friends can be large or small. If you are aware of any dishes that will be donated, it will be helpful if you let your team know. If you are expecting a large number of people (over 75) or if you feel that you would like a more complete menu, please feel free to contact a caterer to have all or part of your meal catered. Your team will still provide set-up, coffee, and clean-up if you would like them to. We have several caterers in town including Loretta Schultz (563-9728) and Georgine Rossatto (563-8593). If you choose to contact a caterer please contact your team captain and let them know how we can be of help.

Families often ask about making a donation for these services. If you would like to make an offering please make it to "St. Mary Altar Society" and send it to our parish offices. It is our sincere wish to help you in your loss and do what we can for you during this time of bereavement.

Sincerely,

St. Mary Funeral Luncheon Committees Chairperson, Renee Pollard