

IV. St. Gabriel Bereavement Ministry

1. Wake Receptions

We welcome our parishioners to have a reception following the wake in our Fellowship Hall, as long as no scheduling conflict exists. Punch and cookies will be served by our bereavement committee.

2. Funeral Receptions

We welcome our parishioners to have a funeral luncheon/reception in either our Ministry Center or Fellowship Hall, as long as no scheduling conflicts exist. Our bereavement committee sets up, serves and cleans up.

Ministry Center: If a luncheon is in the Ministry Center, set up for a sit down lunch is available. Our committee provides table clothes and table center pieces. There is a buffet style serving area. We ask that families provide the food by obtaining a caterer. Coffee and water is provided by St. Gabriel.

Fellowship Hall: If a reception is in the Fellowship Hall, set up is with long tables for a reception. Chairs will be set around the walls. We ask that families provide reception finger food by obtaining a caterer. Coffee and water is provided by St. Gabriel.

3. Memorial Masses

Parishioners and non-parishioners may come by the Parish Office and request that Mass be said for the intention of their loved one. St. Gabriel provides a Mass Remembrance Card which confirms the date and time a special Mass will be offered. A suggested offering of \$10 per Mass is customary, but not required.

4. Special Masses During the Year

(see web site: [www. stgabrielchurch.org](http://www.stgabrielchurch.org) for calendar for this year's date.)

MONTHLY MASS: The 7:00 pm Mass on the First Friday of most months is offered in our chapel for the repose of the souls of those who have died the previous month. Anyone grieving is also invited.

ALL SOUL DAY MASS – November 2: Annual Mass and reception celebrated for the intention of those family members who have died throughout the year. Surviving family members of the deceased are invited, as well as all those remembering deceased family/friends.

DECEASED SPOUSES: Sunday 12:30 pm Mass in November for all who have lost a spouse. Reception hosted by the Woman's Club.

PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD: Sunday 12:30pm Mass in November for those who have lost a child or children, includes miscarriages. Reception hosted by the Christian Mother's Group.

5. Prayer Ministry

Members of this team pray at home for people who have had a death in their family.