

Funeral Liturgy for Mike Stepto

Date: June 2, 2023

Time: 10 am

Presider: Fr. Josh McCarty

Funeral Location: St. Leo

Musician: Lynn Fromm

Other Clergy: Dcn. Randy Potempa

Family Contact Name:

Home Phone:

Funeral Home: JH Churchill

Funeral Director:

Vigil Prayers Date: June 1, 2023

Vigil Prayers Time: 5pm-8pm

Vigil Prayers Location: JH Churchill Funeral Home

Vigil Note: Dcn. Randy Potempa will do prayers 270-252-4738

Family Members to place the pall on the casket:

Altar Servers:

Ushers:

1st Lector:

2nd Lector:

Gifts brought forward by:

Eucharistic Ministers:

First Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1-3,4,5,6

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-9

Gospel Reading: John 6:37-40

Opening Hymn: On Eagles Wings

Presentation of the Gifts Hymn: Panis Angelicus

Communion Hymn: Supper of the Lord

Closing Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

To Cemetery After Liturgy:

Cemetery:

Wisdom 3:1-9**FIRST READING****A reading from the Book of Wisdom**

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before men, indeed they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; They shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord shall be their King forever. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 23:1-3,4,5,6**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Reader: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

People: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Reader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

People: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Reader: Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil;
for you are at my side with your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

People: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Reader: You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

People: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Reader: Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for years to come.

People: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Romans 6:3-9**SECOND READING****A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The word of the Lord.

John 6:37-40**GOSPEL****A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said to the crowds: Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PETITIONS

Reader: The response is “Lord, hear our prayer.” **[Pause]**

In baptism **Mike** received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead him over the waters of death, we pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Reader: Our brother was nourished at the table of the Savior. Welcome him into the halls of the heavenly banquet, we pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Reader: The families and friends of **Mike** seek comfort and consolation. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that come from grief, we pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Reader: We are assembled here in faith and confidence to pray for our brother **Mike**. Strengthen our hope so that we may live in the expectation of your son's coming, we pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Reader: For our deceased relatives and friends, and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness, we pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*