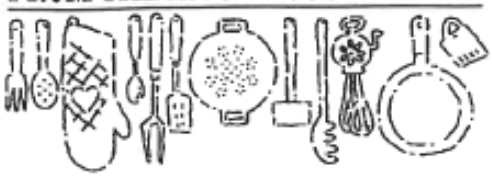
FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE



Dear Family,

As part of our parish ministries, 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, please let our church secretary, Sharon Halloran (906) 563-9845, know and she will give you contact information for your funeral team captain. The team will take care of the planning, set-up and clean-up for you, but you will be asked to provide an estimate of the number of people who may attend. We know this can be difficult for you to predict, but it can be helpful to start by counting the number of family that are likely to attend and then estimating friends and associates who may attend.

SMALL GATHERINGS (when anticipated family and friends do not exceed 50)
We will bring in a variety of (donated) hot dishes and salads, dessert bars, and provide coffee and alternate beverages (fruit punch or lemonade & water). We will also provide ham buns, condiments and relishes. You will be responsible for paying for the ham and buns, which will be purchased at Pat's Foods and your team captain will let you know that amount.

You may also wish to have a more complete (catered) meal and that, of course, is your option. Your team captain can give you suggestions and phone numbers for caterers and dishes that work well for a crowd. In that case, we may still supplement your choices with a few items if desired, provide dessert and beverages, and of course still set up and serve the meal for your group.

LARGER GATHERINGS (when anticipated family and friends exceed 50)
The hot dishes and salads we can bring in are of limited quantity, so for larger groups, we ask that you contact a caterer to have all, or part of your meal brought in. Your team will still provide set-up, desserts and beverages if you would like them. Please let your team captain know what you will be bringing in and what services you will be needing.

FOR ALL GATHERINGS:
We will gratefully accept and handle any food brought to church by family and friends and make sure it is served as part of the luncheon. If you are aware of any dishes (large or small) that will be donated, it will be helpful if you let your team captain know. A list of all donations with names and addresses will be given to you. At the end of the meal your team will also package any leftovers that you would like or that your family can use.

Families often ask about making a donation for these services. If you would like to make an offering, please make it to **"The Women of St. Mary"** and send it to our parish office. It is our sincere wish to help you in your loss and do what we can for you during this time of bereavement. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask our church secretary or your assigned team captain.

Sincerely,
Renee

St. Mary Funeral Luncheon Committees
Chairperson, Renee Pollard