

Church of Saint David the King
LAZARUS MINISTRY

A Lazarus Minister is typically involved in supporting families during times of death and mourning, particularly in relation to funeral and bereavement ministry. Here's a list of common responsibilities in this role:

1. Support the Bereaved
 - Offer spiritual and emotional support to grieving families.
 - Offer comfort, listen, and provide a compassionate presence.
2. Coordinate Funeral Arrangements
 - Work with the family, the parish office, and the priest to help plan the funeral Mass and any related services.
 - Assist in selecting readings, hymns, and other elements of the liturgy.
3. Provide Liturgical Assistance
 - Serve as a liaison between the family and the parish liturgical team, ensuring that all necessary liturgical items (e.g., sacred vessels, readings, music) are prepared.
 - Assist with the arrangement of altar servers or other liturgical roles if needed.
4. Promote Catholic Burial Traditions
 - Educate and guide families on Catholic burial traditions, including the importance of the funeral rites and prayers for the deceased.
5. Maintain Confidentiality
 - Respect the privacy and confidentiality of grieving families, ensuring sensitive matters are handled with discretion.
6. Collaborate with Other Ministries when appropriate
 - Work with other parish ministries (e.g., pastoral care, social justice, or bereavement) to offer comprehensive support to the grieving family.

These responsibilities aim to provide a comprehensive and compassionate ministry of presence, prayer, and support during a difficult time.