

CALVARY CEMETERY

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Calvary Cemetery was created as a final resting-place for the faithful departed of our parish and others of the Catholic faith community. It is our sacred duty to preserve this resting place in perpetuity until that time when Jesus comes again to bring all of us home to be with him. Calvary Cemetery is part and parcel of the corporate structure of St. Patrick Parish, Whitewater, WI. The Cemetery Board and Parish, through the Parish Finance Council, is immediately responsible for the operation and management of the cemetery. Any questions regarding the operation of the cemetery, for arranging burials, or purchasing burial rights shall be directed to the Sexton through the Parish Office.

Burial Rights

- Burial rights (gravesites) are only leased by either a representative of the Parish or Cemetery Board.
- When burial rights are paid in full, the Parish Office shall issue a Certificate of Easement.
- No person shall have burial rights in any grave or lot unless his/her name appears on the cemetery records for that burial space. A burial right owner may designate a gravesite to another party (family member or otherwise), but this is not a transfer of burial right ownership, rather a designation allowing that person to be interred in that gravesite. Owners can transfer ownership through the Parish Office.

Burials

- **All burials must be paid in full in the Parish Office before interment.** Casket burial is \$750, Cremation Burial is \$350 and Winter Burial is \$1,050 cremation winter \$650.00
- The Sexton/Cemetery Board requires a minimum 72 hour notice for an interment. Burial vaults are required for full casket and urn ground interments. Burial vaults serve the purpose of protecting the caskets, urns and mortal remains within, and maintain the integrity of the cemetery ground (prevent collapsing and cave-ins). People are able to purchase burial vaults from a number of sources, including local funeral homes.
- When doing a winter burial, we must also be mindful of the adverse conditions which might exist for those who would be attending the burial service. A burial may be postponed if the cemetery authority or pastor/administrator/pastoral leader agree on the impracticability of the burial. There may be additional fees associated with winter burials.

If you are working with a funeral home they can help you take care of all the above.

Monuments or Markers

Definition: Monuments are above ground ~ Markers are flush to ground (flat)

Gravesites may be placed in Calvary Cemetery as follows:

- Concrete base on single grave not more than 36, 72 for double.
- Upright individual monuments shall not exceed 30" in width and 36" in height with max base width of 36". 2 plots 50" x 36" with max base width of 54".
- Cemetery management must be contacted by family or the memorial dealer prior to any monument or marker being placed. Cemetery management will verify the correct location, and will then issue approval to the respective memorial dealer in writing.
- Monuments and markers are property of the burial right owners. Damage which occurs through Acts of God or vandalism is the responsibility of the owners. It is recommended monuments and markers be added to homeowner insurance policies.

Decorations

Decorations may be placed on burial sites as follows:

- Any floral arrangements must be placed in rigid containers (no glass or wood).
- Any floral arrangements must be placed to the side of the monument, not in front or in back of it.
- Any in-ground planting of shrubs or plants is prohibited.
- Military Medallion must be placed to the side of the monument/marker.
- “Fall/Winter” decorations should be removed by March 31st to facilitate spring clean-up.
- “Spring/Summer” decorations should be removed by September 30th to facilitate fall clean-up.
- Decorations not removed by designated dates will be removed by cemetery staff and discarded.
- Grave adornment such as solar light or shepherd’s hooks are only permitted on the side and in line with monument/markers.

Calvary Cemetery is open for visitation from dawn to dusk. Cemetery will be closed one day a year on October 31.

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