

Notice: Cemetery Preservation Effort
June 3, 2026

The cemetery committee will soon begin a Cemetery Preservation Effort that will take place over the next several years. As part of this work, we will be addressing gravesites that do not currently follow cemetery guidelines.

These guidelines are in place to help ensure the long-term care, safety, and sustainability of our cemetery. Items such as edging, stones, woodchips, and overgrown shrubs, while often placed with love and care, can make regular lawn maintenance difficult and increase the cost of upkeep.

In the coming months and years, letters will be sent to families of affected gravesites, asking that any necessary adjustments be made within a reasonable timeframe. In addition to mailed notices and bulletin announcements, flags will be placed near certain headstones as a gentle request to take a look at the cemetery rules and/or contact or visit the parish office to discuss any needed changes.

If updates are not made within the given timeframe, the cemetery committee may proceed with the necessary adjustments to preserve the overall care and appearance of the grounds.

St. Martin of Tours Cemetery
Established 2010

**Formerly known as
the Catholic Cemeteries
of**

Holy Assumption of Mary Cemetery
Established 1847

**Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary
Cemetery**
Established 1858

Parish Office Hours
Monday thru Thursday
9am to 4 pm

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Please contact the Parish Office with
any questions and/or concerns.

July 2026 — June 2027

**St. Martin of Tours
Cemetery &
Columbarium**

Open from sunrise to sunset
every day.



Our Catholic Cemetery and Columbarium are Holy Grounds and a place for prayer and memory. Visitors are asked to maintain a respectful and reverent presence at all times.

Walking and similar activities are welcome when confined to the roadways and conducted with appropriate respect for the cemetery and those laid to rest here.

Pets are welcome, but must be kept on a leash and remain on the roadways at all times. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets and should come prepared to do so.

Grave lot and Niche purchases include Perpetual Care

Grave Lots

Burials per Grave Lot:

- One full adult casket or two child caskets
- Three cremains

Monuments/Markers

When you are ready to purchase a monument you must check with the parish office to verify the monument meets the specifications for your grave lot(s).

Should you need help choosing a monument dealer we would be happy to share the names of companies we have found to be reputable.

The monument Company you choose is responsible for the pouring of your foundation. They must contact the parish office for Foundation Requirements.

Monument Size Specifications

Single Grave Lot - 24" x 12"

Two Grave Lot - 30-36" x 12"

Three Grave Lot - 36-42" x 12"

Four Grave Lot - 36-48" x 12"

Columbarium

- Niche can hold up to 2 cremains
(Interior measures 12" x 12" x 16" deep)
- Price includes opening/closing fees as well as engraving (If purchased after July 1, 2025.)

The outdoor columbaria allows for air flow to prevent condensation. Therefore, wood urns/boxes are not recommended.

Shutter engraving follows a uniform format that the purchaser will fill out once Niche is Paid in Full. The Parish Office will then arrange this work to be done.

Cemetery Gravesite Regulations

Following interment, graves will be covered with seed.
Please note: We do not have staff that can regularly water.
Family and friends are welcome to help with this effort.

- No trees or shrubs may be planted.
- Live flowering plants may be placed 1 foot to the front and/or side of grave markers (Markers with name/date inscriptions on both sides can have flowers on both sides).
- Artificial flowers or other decorations may be placed 1 foot to the front or side of marker, and must be removed as soon as they become unsightly or maintenance will remove. No notification will be given.
- Edging, fencing, curbing, special stones, mulch and the like are NOT allowed.
- No benches on graves.
- The cemetery reserves the right to remove any and all objects deemed necessary due to any violation of these Regulations or that inhibit necessary maintenance.
- The maintenance of monuments, tombstones, markers, etc. is the responsibility of the plot owners. Markers which have fallen into disrepair and /or pose a danger to visitors may be removed. The office will make every effort, within reason, to contact owners regarding this prior to any action.

Our hope is that, together, we can care for this sacred space in a way that honors our loved ones while ensuring it remains beautiful, sustainable, and cost effective for generations to come.

We thank you for your cooperation.



Opening and Closing Process

All burials, whether of full casket or cremains must be performed by St. Martin of Tours authority. This is necessary for maintaining accurate records.

Contact the Parish Office to schedule.
Digging Fees will apply.

