

CHRIST THE KING PARISH

CHAPEL OF OUR SORROWFUL MOTHER

COLUMBARIUM GUIDELINES A columbarium is a sacred place set apart for the memorialization of loved ones lost, and for the care, placement, and inurnment of their cremated remains. A columbarium allows one to visit a final resting place in a serene interior environment. A single space for “inurned” cremains is called a *niche*. The interior dimensions of each chapel niche are: 12” high and 12” wide and 12” deep. A marble plate containing the decedent’s engraved name and dates of birth and death is affixed to the exterior facing of the niche.

HOW ARE ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR COMMITTAL PRAYERS AT THE TIME OF INURNMENT? Typically, the final placement of the deceased’s remains, contained in a permanent cremation urn, will occur following the funeral service at the discretion of the parish staff. Another option is to have the Service of Committal and placement of the urn in the columbarium done privately and separate from the funeral/requiem liturgy.

WHERE ARE CREMATION URNS OBTAINED? WHAT ARE THE GUIDELINES FOR URNS? One source for the purchase of a cremation urn is a funeral home. All funeral homes offer cremation urns in a wide variety of shapes, themes, and materials. The Chapel of Our Sorrowful Mother columbarium niches are 12” x 12” x 12” (a size suitable for holding the cremated remains of one-two adults). Urns must be made of non-perishable material. Temporary containers made of styrofoam, cardboard, paper, glass or other perishable or breakable materials are not suitable for placement in our columbarium niches. All cremated remains deposited in the Chapel of Our Sorrowful Mother columbarium niches must meet the standards above.

WHAT DOES AN INDIVIDUAL COLUMBARIUM NICHE COST, AND WHAT DO THEY INCLUDE? The cost for a niche, sized to contain the inurned cremated remains of *one-two* descendants, is \$2,100.00 for Christ the King Parish parishioners and \$3,000 for non-parishioners. The total cost of each niche and inurnment shall be paid prior to placement of a cremation urn

in the niche. The cost includes a single columbarium niche, perpetual care, maintenance, insurance and security of the columbarium chapel and surrounding church facilities. Engraving expenses are not included. An additional \$680 fee for opening and closing the niche at the time of each inurnment will be charged. Prices are subject to change with the approval of the parish council and the building & grounds committee.

A parishioner must be a member of Christ the King Parish for 1 year before they obtain the parishioner’s rate. Inurnment in the Chapel of Our Sorrowful Mother shall not be restricted by reason of religious or non-religious affiliations of the person to be interred.

IS THE CHURCH MAKING A PROFIT ON THE SALE OF

COLUMBARIUM NICHE? Christ the King is a non-profit organization. Fees reflect the cost of materials, construction, marble name plate, perpetual care, security, maintenance, and other related services. A designated portion of the fees shall be held in the Chapel of Our Sorrowful Mother Endowments for the chapel’s and the columbarium niches’ upkeep and maintenance into perpetuity.

GUIDELINES REGARDING FLOWERS, DECORATIONS, OR OTHER ADORNMENTS Each columbarium niche will be identified in a uniform manner on the 12” X 12” marble nameplate:

First, middle initial, and last name; month, day and year of birth and death. A military service bronze medallion is allowed, not to exceed a height or width of two inches.

Guidelines are intended to insure the uniformity of memorialization in the Columbarium Chapel. No flowers, real or artificial; candles, or other decorations shall be allowed on or near individual columbarium niches or in common areas of the columbarium chapel. Placement of flowers or other adornments at other times during the liturgical year will be made at the discretion of the Christ the King Parish staff. Seasonal decoration of individual columbarium niches is not allowed. Unauthorized embellishments will be removed.

RESERVING A COLUMBARIUM NICHE Payment for a niche shall be made in full at the time of the application. Payment to the Chapel of Our Sorrowful Mother fund for the opening and closing fee shall be the responsibility of the deceased person's estate, if not paid in advance. Payment for the engraving on the commemorative faceplate will also be the responsibility of the deceased person's estate. All engraving is to follow the guidelines above and is to be completed by Schum Monuments in Dale, Indiana, using the font chosen for the chapel's niches.

CANCELLATIONS: The interest of the purchaser may be cancelled prior to inurnment with approval of the Christ the King Friends of the Chapel Committee and/or the Building & Grounds Committee. A refund will be made less a 10% processing fee. Ownership of columbarium niches is non-transferable, and niches cannot be resold to third parties.

MAY CREMAINS BE RELOCATED? WILL A REFUND BE GIVEN?

Christ the King reserves the right to require a period of 10 days-notice to facilitate a relocation if you decide to move the urn(s) containing your loved one's cremains. Ownership of columbarium niches is non-transferable, and niches cannot be resold to third parties. The opening and closing fee will be due, plus a 10% fee will be charged per year of use if the niche is vacated. The remainder of the niche price will be refunded. Should only one of the two urns be relocated only the opening and closing fee will be charged. Nameplate changes will be the responsibility of the family/estate.

SCATTERING OF ASHES: In keeping with the teaching of the Catholic Church on Christian burial, the scattering of ashes is not permitted on any portions of the premises of Christ the King Parish.

HOW ARE VISITATIONS FOR PRAYER ARRANGED? WHAT ABOUT

VISITORS? The Chapel of Our Sorrowful Mother will be accessible from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. daily. Please call the Spiritual Life Center at 812.367.1212 with any questions or special requests.



**Chapel of Our Sorrowful Mother
Columbarium Guidelines**

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