

Decorations

- No objects may be placed on a grave site which will interfere with grass cuttings. Decorations are to be in movable pots for ease in trimming around the stones.
- Plants and artificial flowers will be permitted in metal vases, on shepherd hook or a proper sturdy holder.
- It's recommended to limit the number of decorations to two or three per monument. Includes one vigil light or solar light and one religious statue.
- No paper-mache vases, glass jars, tin cans or boxes will be permitted and will be discarded.
- No artificial flowers may be placed directly in the ground because of hazard of wire stems getting into mowers and trimmers.
- Due to the possible hazards they may cause to cemetery crew and visitors, the placing of chairs, benches, trellises, chips, decorative stone, photographs, toys, balloons, shells, ornaments, and similar articles are prohibited.
- No decoration shall be in a state of disrepair, faded, tattered, worn or discolored to such an extent as to be unsightly.
- No flower beds, rose bushes, trees and shrubs shall be planted without prior arrangement with and approval from the cemetery sexton. It then becomes the responsibility of the owner to properly care for such plantings; and in case of neglect, the grounds crew is authorized to prune or remove such plantings.
- Fencing, edging or curbing is not allowed.
- Flags on graves of Veterans and Lodge Members will be permitted if inserted in a proper, sturdy holder. These are to be placed next to the base of the marker on Memorial Day, other special holidays, and after burials. The grounds keeper may remove flags when they become unsightly due to excessive weathering.
- Winter wreaths, Styrofoam crosses and other decorations may be placed by a grave marker on an approved stand at least 24 inches high: a tripod is best for stability. Winter decorating period starts *November 16* and must be removed before *March 15*.
- Lot owners are invited to help beautify the cemeteries and can render great assistance to the cemetery staff by removing from their lots and graves all wilted flowers and faded decorations, and deposit them in the proper receptacles.

Cleaning Periods

Spring – *March 15 to April 15*

Fall – *October 1 to November 1*

A volunteer cemetery crew cleans all cemeteries twice a year. In the process, they will remove and discard all decorations from the previous decorating period. You must remove all decorations that you want to save before the beginning of each cleaning period. We are unable to retrieve a decoration once the cemetery staff has removed it. No decorations are allowed until cleaning is complete. Our grounds crew cleans the cemeteries regularly during the spring, summer and fall months to remove and discard decorations unsightly and not complying with decoration policies.

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*Guidelines for
St. Mary's Cemetery
St. George Cemetery
St. Rose Cemetery*



Your Catholic Cemeteries are holy places for prayer, for memory, for service, for renewed purpose. These are sacred environments where....

LIFE is remembered,
LOVE is deepened,
HOPE is rekindled,
FAITH is awakened, renewed and strengthened.

Blessed Trinity Parish Board has the right to change costs and regulations as needed.

A sense of reverence is always expected while visiting these sacred grounds

General Guidelines & Regulations

- Use of the Cemetery shall at all times be subject to the limitations, restrictions and conditions of all Church Canons, rules, regulations, laws and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Catholic Cemeteries.
- The parish and staff shall not be liable for the theft or damage to any property placed on grave sites, including monuments.
- The parish and staff shall not be liable for the theft or damage to any interment, including urns and vaults.
- The parish and staff shall not be liable for any loss or damage from any cause beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to the elements: flood, thieves, vandals, malicious mischief-makers, strikers, explosion, unavoidable accident or any cause similar or dissimilar.
- No person shall be permitted on the cemetery grounds after dark.
- Children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or other adult.
- Walkers, runners and riders should remain on the roadways.
- Persons entering the cemetery grounds for any reason are invitees and assume each and every risk. Therefore, the parish and staff shall not be liable for injuries to any person occurring within the cemetery except for that arising from its own willful misconduct or gross negligence.
- Pets must be kept on a leash and not allowed to run free among the graves, always staying on the roadways. Cleaning up after one's pet is essential, so be prepared.
- No motor-bikes, all-terrain vehicles or snowmobiles shall be permitted on the cemetery grounds.
- Flowers and baskets left at grave sites after funerals will be removed approximately two weeks after a funeral.

- The throwing of rubbish on the roadway or any part of the grounds is strictly prohibited. Proper receptacles are provided at convenient points on the grounds for deposit of weeds, flowers, plants, etc.
- The cemetery reserves the right to correct or remove any decoration or planting that is unsightly, overgrown or violates any decoration policy.

Purchase of Graves

The purchaser of a grave in Catholic Cemeteries does not acquire the property itself, but only the "right of burial". Graves may be purchased by appointment with the cemetery sexton. All records pertaining to the cemetery are kept at Blessed Trinity Rectory.

Graves may be purchased in single or multiple grave plots. The cost per grave is \$400.00 for parishioners and \$600.00 for non-parishioners.

Buyers must be aware that they are not allowed to "sell" their graves to anyone else.

Payment of Graves

- All payments are made to Blessed Trinity Parish Office.
- A payment not less than 20% shall be made within 45 days of purchase and installment payments of not less than 10% per month.
- Deed will be sent after *full payment* of cemetery lot(s).

Returned Graves

A grave may be returned to the Parish under the following conditions:

- The grave to be returned is not marked with a monument.
- Proper notarized statements to show proof of ownership must be submitted to the Parish Office.
- A recording fee of \$50.00 will be deducted from the original purchase price to determine the refund amount. (Each request shall be reviewed individually.)

Burials

A charge of \$125.00 per interment will be assessed at time of burial for administration and perpetual care fees. All interment costs shall be at the expense of the lot owner.

Urns

Urns with cremation remains may be placed on lots. One urn may be placed on a grave with a regular burial. No more than two cremation burials are permitted on a grave site with no regular burial.

A charge of \$125.00 per inurnment will be assessed at time of burial for administration and perpetual care fees. Inurnment costs shall be at the expense of the lot owner.

Monuments

- No monument may be erected prior to full payment of burial plot(s).
- The size of monuments permitted depends on the cemetery and size of burial plot(s).
- New monuments are to be placed on a cement foundation which extends minimum 3 inches beyond the stone on all sides.
- Cemetery sexton will mark location of all monuments.
- Cost to mark each monument is \$25.00.
- It's the responsibility of family and heirs to maintain, repair or replace monuments erected upon grave sites.

St. Mary's Cemetery Monument Sizes

- 1 grave lot – 9 inch maximum height pillow marker with base of 12 x 24 inches
- 2 grave lot – 9 inch maximum height pillow marker with base of 12 x 36 inches
- Large plot of 3 or more graves – 9 inch maximum height pillow marker with base of 16 inches x 48 inches

St. George and St. Rose Cemetery Monument Sizes

- 1 grave lot – 24 inches high with a base of 12 x 36 inches
- 2 grave lot – 36 inches high with a base of 12 x 48 inches
- Large plot of 3 or more graves – 45 inches high with a base of 16 inches x 48 inches

Cemetery sexton must approve larger monument sizes.