

CEMETERY REGULATIONS

FOR THE ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CEMETERY

MANAGEMENT

1. St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery is operated by the Parish of St. Joseph, Rice Lake, WI.
2. The caretaker shall have general supervision and control subject to the direction and approval of the Cemetery Committee.
3. All business pertaining to the selling of lots shall be done at St. Joseph Rectory (phone 234-2032).
4. The caretaker should be contacted as to lot choices available and directions to said lots.

LOTS AND LOT SALES

1. No lot shall be used for any other purpose than the burial of the human dead and the placing of appropriate markers as memorials.
2. Persons desiring to purchase a lot or grave shall call the Rectory to make an appointment. The caretaker can assist those persons interested in selecting a grave site.
3. When the lot or grave is paid in full, a deed for the plot will be issued by St. Joseph Parish.
4. Additional cost for and not limited to the digging of the grave and plowing of snow is not included in the cost of this grave lot.
5. The transfer of lots or parts thereof to another party must be reported to the Rectory office before said party will be allowed to use the transferred property. No person shall be recognized as owner unless his or her name is on the Rectory records or they have proof that they are legal heirs.

VISITOR RULES

1. Cemetery visitors will be allowed in the cemetery from sunrise to sunset. Any person(s) found loitering in the grounds during closed hours will be subject to arrest.
2. All visitors are reminded that the cemetery is considered to be sacred ground for the dead, and that a strict observance of all proprieties due such a place will be required.
3. Any persons disturbing the tranquillity of the cemetery by noise or other improper conduct will be asked to leave the grounds or be subject to arrest.
4. No motor vehicles other than street legal vehicles will be allowed in the cemetery at any time.
5. No animals or pets will be allowed in the cemetery at any time unless used by the visually impaired.
6. No picnics, parties, or other similar gatherings will be allowed in the cemetery at any time.
7. No motor vehicles shall be operated in the cemetery in excess of 10 miles per hour.
8. No motor vehicles will be allowed off designated roadways at any time with the exception of the cemetery officials, monument setters and vault company employees.
9. The Parish of St. Joseph or its employees assume no liability for property damage or of persons' physical or mental suffering arising out of the performance of its normal operations, or for loss by vandalism or other acts beyond its reasonable control.

10. The throwing of rubbish on driveways or planted areas is strictly prohibited. There are receptacles located around the cemetery for that purpose.
11. Law enforcement authorities and military personnel on official duty shall be the only persons allowed to possess weapons on cemetery property.

PRIVILEGES AND RESTRICTIONS FOR LOT OWNERS

1. Perpetual care of cemetery which include mowing, tree trimming, shrubbery trimming will be assumed by caretakers only.
2. No persons, except caretakers, will be allowed to disturb any grave marker or sod on any lot or grave.
3. All lot or grave owners wishing to make improvements must consult the caretakers before any improvements are made.
4. The cemetery caretakers reserve the right to enter upon any lot for the purpose of trimming or removing any tree or shrub deemed dead, diseased or detrimental to any adjacent lot, monument, or driveway because of roots, branches or otherwise. **Previous planted trees or shrubs removed for any of the stated reasons cannot be replaced.**
5. No trees, shrubs, or **flowers**, shall be **planted**, within the border of any lot or grave.
6. All **decorations/flowers, must be in a pot on a one stem urn stand; or attached to the monument, off the ground.** No plant stands will be allowed in **front** of or in **back** of any monument, only on either side. No pots will be allowed dug into the ground.
7. **No glass vases, tin cans, wooden crosses, wire stands, plastic containers, hooks, bird feeders, candles, lanterns or trellises.**

8. Decorations will be allowed two weeks prior to Memorial Day until two weeks after Labor Day. People wishing to save decorations must remove them by that time. The caretaker reserves the right to discard any and all such flowers whose conditions are deemed detrimental to proper decor and upkeep. All artificial flowers will be removed and discarded by the caretaker after the time allowed.
9. Winter decorations will be allowed only if attached to the headstone directly or in an urn stand. All winter decorations will be removed and discarded by caretaker on or around April 1st.

BURIAL RULES

1. No cremains shall be scattered on any lot or cemetery property at any time.
2. Interment will not be allowed unless in a cement or steel vault, excluding cremations.
3. No interment shall take place without a burial permit and proper papers in place with all laws having been complied with.

4. No cremains are to be buried without the knowledge of the caretaker.
5. Two adult interments in one grave (one on top of another) will not be permitted. An infant child or cremains will be allowed at the foot end of an adult grave. Not more than two (2) cremated remains OR one (1) and one (1) full body are permitted in one grave space.
6. Fresh floral arrangements and floral pieces will be removed as soon as they become unsightly.
7. If any structure, display or inscription placed on any lot is deemed by the caretaker or committee to be offensive, improper, or injurious to the appearance of the lot or grounds, the caretaker shall have the right to enter such lot and remove such offensive or improper objects.
8. The caretaker should be notified of any interment. As much notice as possible would be appreciated.
9. Disinterment of a body will not be made without proper authority in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin. The caretaker should be notified prior to disinterment.
10. **Any additional costs for services for winter burials are incurred by the responsible party and/or the funeral home.**

MONUMENT RULES

1. No monument, foundation, or marker will be allowed to be placed on the lot unless the grave site is paid in full.
2. Monuments, grave markers, and foundations will be set only by reputable monument companies according to the rules specified in these regulations.
3. All permanent headstones must have at least a 6" margin around the base of said stone. The base must be flush with the ground. All foot markers must be at least 20" x 32" in size and flush with the ground.

4. If there is already a monument in place Veterans plaques will be allowed to be placed on the back of monument. ONLY as a footstone with a proper base if there is no other monument. Veterans markers (or flag holders) will be allowed only on either side of monument. They will not be allowed on the veterans plaque on east end of grave.
5. One monument per plot is allowed.
6. Stones or monuments once placed on their foundations shall not be removed except by permission of the cemetery official or agents.
7. At no time will above-ground markers be allowed on the east end of a grave.
8. Persons engaged in placing vaults, monuments, or other structures are prohibited from attaching ropes, cables, or chains to trees, shrubs, or other structures within the cemetery.
9. All monuments shall be of good grade marble, granite, or bronze materials built by reputable companies. No vertical joints will be permitted as part of the monument structure. All foundations for monuments and other structures must be of sufficient depth into the ground in order to support it. No monument or marker shall be erected until the foundation has been approved by the caretaker or cemetery official.
10. The Parish of St. Joseph reserves the right to refuse permission for the erection of any monument work not in keeping with the good appearance of the grounds.
11. Workmen engaged in placing stones or monuments shall provide suitable boards on the ground for the truck to run over. Immediately after the job is finished, all boards, rubbish, stones, and excess dirt must be removed and the grounds left in a good, clean condition comparable to prior to when the work began at the grave site.

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11. While reasonable care will be given to protect monuments and markers, the Parish of St. Joseph will not be responsible for loss or damage to said markers or monuments erected within the cemetery.
12. **Only one monument/marker per plot. If there is already a stone on a veteran's grave, the monument/marker from the branch of the service, must be affixed to the back of the existing monument/marker.**
13. **If a larger (joint) monument/marker is centered in the middle of two plots, this is the only monument/marker allowed.**

These rules become effective on September 1, 1998. Revisions became effective April 11, 2008.

The St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery Committee reserves the right to change these rules and regulations. If there is any question or doubt, contact caretaker or parish before taking any action on your own.

Cremation Section

1. All lots and parts of lots already conveyed hereafter shall be held subject to the provisions of the contract and any amended/additions by St. Joseph's Cemetery Board.
2. No burial or transfer of cremates is permitted without the express permission of the Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish, Rice Lake, Wisconsin.
3. All graves in this section are allowed only one approved marker per grave. Markers must be flush with the ground and within the 3' X 4' lot size.
4. Graves are sold in numerical order. Graves cannot be reserved without payment.
5. This contract is not transferable.
6. Additional cost for and not limited to the digging of the grave and plowing of snow is not included in the cost of this grave lot.
7. One burial of cremates is allowed per grave lot.