

## **ST. KATHRYN'S CEMETERY POLICIES**

*As Catholics we look upon the cemetery as the burial place of the faithful who are awaiting resurrection from the dead. Hence, the cemetery is a sacred place, worthy of our care and respect. It is in accord with this faith that these regulations are adopted.*

*In our cemeteries, bodies are buried so that they face east, that is the direction of "rising". This is in accord with the ancient Christian custom of Christians who usually had the cemeteries (and churches) facing the east.*

*Catholic cemeteries are intended for the burial of Catholic Christians who are entitled to burial according to the rules and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church. However, the burial of individuals who do not profess the Roman Catholic faith and the conduct of their burial service by a minister of religion is permitted in a Catholic cemetery; this usually involves a situation in interfaith marriages. Other situations are at the discretion of the local pastor in deference to the unity of faith of parishioners.*

### **AREAS:**

1. General burial plots will be of two types:
  - a. Monument plots that allow stones above ground.
  - b. Memorial plots where no part of the stone is above ground.
2. Infant Area: This area is reserved for burial of infants less than one year of age. Only memorial markers or markers that no part is above ground are allowed.

### **MEMORIAL STONES AND MONUMENTS:**

1. All memorial stones or monuments must be made of granite or some other equally permanent material.
2. Memorial stones may be no more than 14" wide and 42" long. Monuments may be no more than 32" high, 4 feet long, and 14" wide. Both memorial stones and monuments must sit in the area purchased.
3. It is recommended that all memorial stones and monuments of baptized persons have a cross carved on them.
4. No wedge type or hickey monument may be used. (This is a recommendation from the granite company. Lawn mowers and snowblowers easily chip them.)
5. Before a memorial stone or monument is placed, the parish office should be contacted so people responsible can determine the exact location.
6. No memorial stones or monuments may be placed on the cemetery until the purchase price of the burial plot is paid.
7. Memorial stones or monuments may have symbols and sayings only from Biblical or Christian sources, unless approved by the cemetery committee.
8. Memorial stones may not be used on a grave together with a monument unless the government provides the memorial stone for a veteran.

### **BURIAL:**

1. Before a grave is opened the church office must be contacted so the exact grave location can be made.
2. All graves should be located in such a way that the memorial stone or monument stone will be on undisturbed ground.

3. Gravesites will be sold in plotted areas only.
4. A record is kept with the cemetery committee of the sale of grave sites, the name of the purchaser, and the exact location of burials.
5. Two remains may be interred in one grave site, as long as at least one of them is a cremation.

**COST:**

1. The bodies of infants may be buried at no cost for the burial plot. Cost of stone is to be covered by the parent.
2. Graves for those on membership list of the parish (and their spouse and children even if not members) may be purchased for **\$200** each.
3. Graves for those not on membership list of the parish may be purchased for **\$300** each.
4. **Second Rite of Interment:** When two remains are interred in same grave, the price will be 1 ½ times a grave for burial. **Members: \$300, Non-members: \$450.**
5. Burial plots are not really purchased; only the right to bury in the plot is purchased.
6. Perpetual care is provided by the parish.
7. Cost of grave opening varies according to price of private digger.
8. Snow removal for winter burials also varies according to price of private remover charges.

**DECORATIONS:**

1. Only the cemetery committee may plant trees, shrubs, or flowers in the cemetery.
2. Temporary decorations will be removed at the discretion of the cemetery committee.
3. Glass or wires are not to be used to hold decorations.
4. Only temporary decorations that can be easily moved may be used.
5. Planters and urns with flowers may be placed on graves from May through September if they are designed so one can mow around them without extra labor.

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