

St. Mary's Parish
Monument, Marker and Bench Regulations
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- All work performed at a St. Mary's Parish cemetery is to be done under the supervision of the cemetery crew.
- No monument, marker or bench shall be erected in one of our cemeteries until the material, style and inscription have been approved by cemetery personnel.
- Before contracting for a monument, marker or bench, proprietors are to submit a drawing of the monument, marker or bench and the inscription on it to lcschurch@gmail.com The sketch must give the exact dimensions of the monument, marker or bench and it's base
- A symbol of the Catholic faith must occupy a prominent place on every monument, bench or marker. All epitaphs and designs must be in harmony with the doctrines of the Catholic Church.
- Only granite or marble is allowed for upright monuments (although marble is not recommended) and the base of each must be leveled on the bottom to set solidly and erect on the foundation. Flat markers can be granite or bronze material.
- Monuments or benches are only allowed on lots containing 4 or more graves. Single graves can have a flush marker.
- All foundations are poured or set only by personnel approved by the cemetery director. Foundations are generally poured twice a year. Depending upon weather and ground conditions, orders received by May 1st are normally poured before Memorial Day. Orders received by October 1st will be poured before the ground freezes.
- No monument, marker or bench will be allowed on a lot not paid in full.
- All monuments, markers, benches and foundations and markers will be laid out by the cemetery crew.
- Only one above ground monument or bench is allowed per lot. Multiple grave lots can have a flat marker to identify each grave.
- Monument, marker, and bench size requirements:
 - ü Monuments for 4, 6 and 8 grave lots
 - § maximum base 5' x 14" wide
 - § maximum die width of monument 4'
 - § overall height including base not to exceed 38"
 - ü Markers for individual graves
 - § maximum 1' x 2' x 4" set flush to the ground
 - § maximum 1.5' x 3' x 4" for 2 side by side graves, set flush with the ground
 - ü Benches for 4, 6 and 8 grave lots
 - § maximum base 7' x 18" wide if flush with ground, 5' x 14" wide if above ground
 - § maximum bench 4' x 14" wide
 - § overall height including base not to exceed 38"
- The maintenance and repair of the monument, marker or bench is the responsibility of the plot owner.