

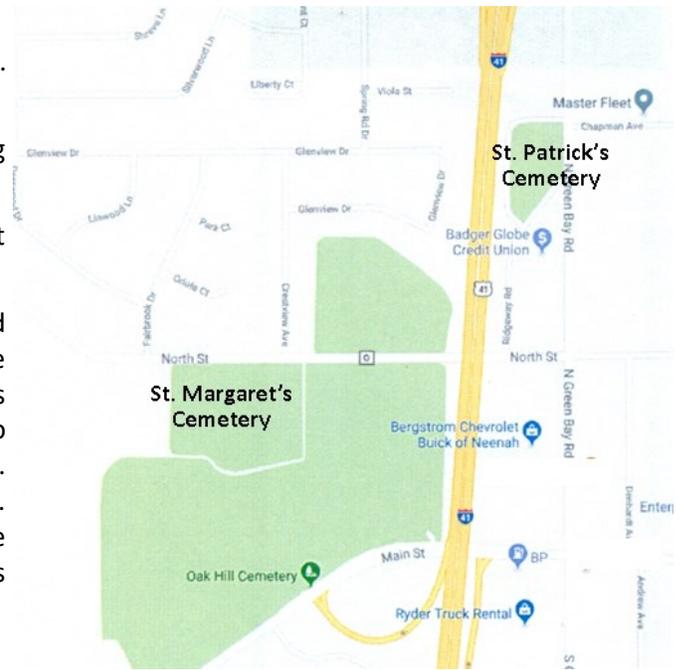
St. Margaret's and St. Patrick's Cemeteries

Did you know that St. Patrick's, St. Margaret Mary, and St. Gabriel have **two** Catholic cemeteries?

St. Patrick's Cemetery is located in the Village of Fox Crossing at Green Bay Road and Ridgeway Road

St. Margaret's Cemetery is located in the Town of Neenah just north of Oakhill Cemetery. Main entrance is on North Road.

Our three parishes are also responsible for the care and maintenance of the cemeteries which is overseen by the cemetery board consisting of all pastors and pastoral leaders and a members from all three parishes. The by-laws also include a representative from the Sensenbrenner family. Board members are: Pastoral Leader, Mary Krueger; Rev. Larry Seidl, Rev. Dennis Bergsbaken, Gerry VanHandel, Dave Brotski, Dick Voelzke and Mame Heaney. Joyce Naps works with the Board to oversee operations.



Cemetery History:

These cemeteries have a rich history in our community.

St. Patrick's Cemetery, located in Fox Crossing at Green Bay Road and Ridgeway Road, was established around 1850 and was originally referred to as the Old Irish Cemetery. This small cemetery is where the Irish Catholic pioneers, and later the German Catholic settlers, are buried.

St. Margaret's Cemetery, located just north of Oakhill Cemetery in the Town of Neenah, is named after Frank J. Sensenbrenner's mother. On October 6, 1913, Frank J. Sensenbrenner sold 11.6 acres of land for a cemetery to St. Patrick's congregation for \$1.00. The land was conveyed to the parish by Warranty Deed, which requires that the name forever remain St. Margaret's in memory of Mr. Sensenbrenner's mother.

On December 14, 1954, St. Margaret-Mary Parish replaced St. John and St. Mary Parishes in the governance of St. Margaret's and St. Patrick's cemeteries. They were later joined by St. Gabriel Parish in 1959.

An additional 6.6 acres, which included a farm house and barn, located west of the St. Margaret's cemetery, was purchased circa 1961 and was used as a residence by the cemetery sexton (caretaker) until October 2015 when the most recent sexton retired. Since that time, the Cemetery Board has contracted with Oakhill Cemetery to open cemetery plots and the house and barn were razed in December 2016.





Why a Catholic Cemetery?

Catholic Cemeteries are consecrated grounds and are a continuation of your Catholic experience. When you are buried in a Catholic cemetery, you can trust that your Catholic faith will be honored. When it comes to the issue of death, the needs of Catholics are unique and call for certain practices in the handling and care of the remains of the deceased. The consecrated grounds of a Catholic cemetery provide safeguards which guarantees permanence, reverence, and respect for the remains of the deceased as mandated by the Church's Canon Law.

Catholic cemeteries represent a continuation of the belief in the Resurrection for yourself and your family. Catholic burial

Who can be buried in a Catholic Cemetery?

Catholic cemeteries have a long tradition of dedicated service to the Catholic community, including spouses, children, parents and other relatives who are not Catholic.. Christians with a connection to the Catholic community may also be buried in Catholic cemeteries.

Catholic cemeteries also accept cremated remains. In 1963, the Catholic Church eliminated its prohibition against cremations. Although cremation represents a means of disposition, it is not the "final disposition" - burial is. Human cremated remains are still the body of the deceased – just in a different form. Cremated remains should be treated with the same respect as the "full" body is treated prior to cremation. Burial in a Catholic cemetery means that the deceased will be honored and respected by keeping their remains safe, undisturbed, and memorialized in a time-honored tradition.

Pre-Planning

Why should I think about where I will be buried now?

By making arrangements in advance, you can provide peace of mind to you and your family. Pre-planning ensures that your wishes are known and that your survivors will be spared making last-minute decisions under stress in a time of tremendous grief. Your advance planning will give your family the comfort of knowing they are carrying out your wishes.

How do I get more information on purchasing a plot?

St. Patrick's Parish administers the oversight and management for St Margaret's and St. Patrick's Cemeteries. We've partnered with Twin City Monument Works, Inc. who can show you the sites available and review options with you.

For more information, contact St. Patrick's Parish Center at 920-725-8381 or Twin City Monument Works, Inc. at 920-722-8271.

