



## CEMETERY INFORMATION

### VISITING YOUR CEMETERY

Our visits to a cemetery are prompted by love and faith. We come to remember, to mourn, to give thanks for the life our beloved shared with us, to pray for peaceful rest in death, and to strengthen our belief that one day we will be united with our beloved in eternal life. At St. Michael Catholic Cemetery, we desire that your visits be frequent and prayerful. Praying for the souls of the faithful departed is one of the spiritual works of mercy. To better serve all families who come to visit their beloved dead and to maintain your Catholic cemetery in a neat and presentable manner, we have instituted the following guidelines.

### CEMETERY DECORATIONS

The cemeteries are mowed and maintained by many volunteers of our parish throughout the year. Because care must be taken to protect both visitors and cemetery volunteer workers from injury while using heavy equipment, the cemeteries reserve the right to remove all floral designs, flowers, shrubs or trees from the cemetery three weeks after Memorial Day, or as soon as they become unsightly, dangerous, and/or diseased. Please note the following about decorations.

- Neither statues nor glass containers are permitted at any burial site at any time.
- Above ground wrought iron floral planters are the only permitted decoration (one per person only). Metal shepherd hooks are not allowed.
- All decorations should be consistent with the Catholic character of the cemetery.
- If anything of value has to be removed, it will be placed by the fenced area at the south end of the cemetery.
- Solar lights are only permitted in wrought iron plant stands, not on the ground.

On a few occasions, flowers and decorations have been taken. The cemetery cannot accept responsibility for ensuring that flowers or other decorations remain in place. We recommend that families take this into consideration when selecting flowers or decorations for graves.

## CEMETERY MARKERS

Special care must be taken to properly mark the grave with the individual's names when two bodies are interred in the same grave. At each grave only one, single-wide marker is permitted. On two adjacent graves a double-wide marker is permitted. All markers must be set on a concrete foundation with a four-inch cement border and a two-inch bottom. Cremation-sized markers will be used on all cremated burial sites.

No coping, curbing, fencing, heading, borders or enclosures of any kind are allowed around any grave(s). No walks of brick, cinders, tile, terra cotta, sand, cement, gravel or wood will be allowed on any grave.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

To purchase a grave, or for more information about the St. Michael Catholic Cemetery, please contact Kerry or Kathy Jo Barthel at 763-286-6561, or by email at [kjbarthel15@gmail.com](mailto:kjbarthel15@gmail.com).