

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
PINE CITY, MINNESOTA
CALVARY CEMETERY - POLICIES**

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 are permitted in a Catholic Cemetery, at the discretion of the local Pastor. All burials must have a minister present at the time of burial. This is done as a courtesy to the family.

Accordingly, parishioners and residents of Immaculate Conception Parish may be interred at Calvary Cemetery. A non-resident relative (by blood or marriage) or a non-resident who is likewise related to someone already interred in the cemetery may also be buried there. Exceptions as may be required by law are of course included.

LOTS AND LOT OWNERS

State law governs all matters pertaining to lot assignments, conveyances, trust deeds ETC. Lot owners are granted only the right of interment in their lots. The right of interment is subject to the terms and conveyance at the time of sale. The names of heirs/assigns are also required so that appropriate persons can be contacted in the event that memorial repairs are needed, or if there is a request for the purchase of an unused grave or related matter. The administrator of the cemetery reserves the right to refuse permission for the interment of anyone who, at the time of death, is not the owner of burial rights or who is not an authorized relative of the owner by blood or marriage. Use law at the time of the original owner's death generally applies in descent of title matters. A person is able to convey one lot to another, subject to the rules of Calvary Cemetery. Immaculate Conception/Calvary Cemetery does not refund the purchase of lots but will provide a contribution certificate to those that wish to donate them back to Immaculate Conception/Calvary Cemetery.

MEMORIALS

Permission is required before a memorial of any nature may be erected or set in the cemetery. Monuments or markers may not be installed until full payment for burial rights and perpetual care is made. Specifications of all monuments, markers and adornments must follow the Calvary Cemetery guidelines prior to their manufacture and placement.

The responsibility of keeping memorials, monuments, markers, etc., in a safe and proper state of repair belongs to the lot owner, his/her heirs or assigns. If however, no heir or assign can be located when a memorial is in need of repair, it becomes the responsibility of the cemetery management to return the memorial to a safe and proper state. **Monuments/raised stones may be erected in the new/old section of the cemetery with prior approval of the pastor and/or cemetery board.**

CEMETERY OPERATING FUND

The cemetery operating fund represents income from lot sales as well as gifts that are not designated for perpetual care. Annual interest from the perpetual care fund, seventy percent of monies from the sale of lots, and all other operational revenues, make up this fund. These funds are used for general preservation, maintenance or improvements of lots, grounds, walks, roadways, boundaries and structures, cutting of grass, snow removal, insurance, purchase of equipment, the pruning of trees and shrubs etc., employees and other administrative costs.

PERPETUAL CARE FUND

Gifts designated for perpetual care of the cemetery and thirty percent of monies from the sale of lots, make up this fund. No cemetery lot or portion of it can be sold without perpetual care being included. This fund is treated like an endowment fund from which only interest earned may be spent to ensure the cemetery property shall remain and be reasonably cared for as a cemetery forever. A gift for cemetery purposes shall be construed as a gift for the cemetery operating fund unless the donor specifically designates the perpetual care fund as the recipient, or the cemetery board elects to invest the gift or some portion of it in the perpetual care fund.

INTERMENTS

A burial permit as required by Minnesota Law must be presented before interment can take place in the cemetery. The permission of the lot owner or surviving owner is required for interment to take place of someone who is not otherwise entitled to be buried there; such permission must be in writing.

The interment of cremated remains is permitted so long as this is consonant with the beliefs of the Catholic Church. Cremations must have a vault. Contact a funeral home for pricing on a vault, Calvary Cemetery or Immaculate Conception Church does not provide a vault. There will be no scattering of ashes. Cremated remains are permitted so long as this is consonant with the beliefs of the Catholic Church. Two (2) cremated remains may be interred in one plot. If one is not already available in an existing family lot, a new grave must be purchased. Burial of cremated remains on top of an existing casket is permitted although only one cremain would then be allowed per plot. Any exceptions must have Pastor Approval.

The disinterment of remains, when requested or otherwise required, is governed by State Law. Written approval of the lot owner is required if disinterment is for the purpose of relocation of remains, unless disinterment is required by law as for example the relocation of a cemetery. Disinterment may proceed once approvals are received, or after reasonable investigation, it has been determined that no living heirs or assigns can be located to obtain approval.

CEMETERY ADORNMENTS

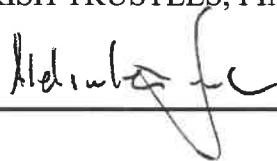
Each grave site is limited to 1 plant/flower stand with a single support post with base plate. The base plate shall be solid and remain intact and set flush with the adjacent grade. The stand shall be located in one of the holes provided in the base of the concrete border. The planting of trees, the placement of flowers, plants and other adornments or structures, are regulated by the Cemetery administration. No one is permitted to plant trees or shrubs, except in approved planting spaces and under the supervision of the cemetery management. Plants and flowers are permitted provided they are placed in raised urn stands to facilitate mowing and related care of the cemetery grounds. Otherwise, anything deemed by cemetery administration to be a hazard to the safety of cemetery users or employees, or detract from general appearance of the cemetery, will be removed. Urns need to be removed by October 15. **If an urn stand is not used for 2 years consecutively, it is tagged and pulled. Items placed on graves for Memorial Day which are not in an urn stand need to be removed by June 10th as stated on the signage at the cemetery.**

LOTS AND INTERMENT COSTS

Burial rights (plots) cost \$500 per individual grave for parishioners, non registered parishioners plots will be \$600.00; 30% of this amount is automatically assigned to the perpetual care fund. The cost of interment of a casket, for parishioners, is \$400.00 (open and close) and cremated remains (opening and closing) is \$200 which is ordinarily paid through the Funeral Home handling the arrangements. Non registered parishioner interment: Cremains will be \$400.00 April-November and \$600.00 November-April. Full casket \$600.00 from April-November and \$800.00 November-April. If not paid through the funeral home, it will be paid directly to Immaculate Conception Church. Burials during winter months, between November 1 and April 30, are subject to a surcharge of \$200 to cover additional operating costs and liabilities. All payments are made to Calvary Cemetery, Pine City. Please note these charges may be increased without notice at the discretion of the Cemetery Board and/or Parish Trustees). All inquiries to: Cemetery Administrator, 555 Eighth Street, Pine City 55063

APPROVED BY THE PARISH TRUSTEES, FINANCE COUNCIL AND EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Msgr. Aleksander Suchan
Signature



October 24, 2024
Date