



St. Catherine Cemetery Expansion

Our cemetery has been in its current location since 1910 and has very few plots available. Those that are available are not in the most desirable locations (along the road, in the midst of family plots, etc.). Because we still have requests for graves, we have additional plots available directly south of the current cemetery. (The section is outlined above.) The area has been marked and graves are available for purchase.

See the reverse side for more information about these graves as well as a possible columbarium.

New Graves

An additional 120 graves are available immediately south of our present cemetery, 60 on each side in the sections indicated on the reverse side.

Cost of these graves will be \$800 . (This does not include the cost of opening/closing the grave or the tombstone.)

If you are interested in seeing the layout of the new section or have other questions, contact Jon Gabik, our Director of Administrative Services, in the parish office. You can reach him at (414) 365-2020, ext. 12 or at jgabik@stcatherinemke.org.

Grave and Columbarium Niche Price Comparison (prices subject to change)

Grave

Cost of grave:	\$800
Opening/Closing (casket):	\$1,000
Burial Vault (casket):	\$1,000
Tombstone & Engraving ¹ :	*

Columbarium

Niche:	\$1,600
Opening/Closing:	\$250
Engraving ² :	\$300

A vault is required to bury a casket; it is optional to bury an urn.

¹*The cost of a tombstone and its engraving are dependent on your choices.*

²*The engraving on a niche would be completed by a company chosen by the parish to maintain uniformity on the columbarium.*

Columbarium

We have completed our the addition of our columbarium in our cemetery, a structure for urns holding a deceased's cremated remains. (See the placement as indicated on the picture on the reverse side.) About half of the funerals that take place at St. Catherine now involve cremains rather than burial in a casket.

While there was a time when the Catholic Church did not allow cremation, that changed in 1963. However, the cremated remains of the body should be buried or entombed. The scattering of the cremated remains of the body, or the keeping of them at home, or the dividing of them among various family members, or mixing the cremains of a loved one with the cremains of another is not considered the reverent disposition the church requires.

Most Catholic cemeteries have grave space or crypt space or niches for the cremated remains of the body. This allows for visitation, memorialization and prayers.

We are excited about our addition of our columbarium. At this time a niche in the columbarium costs \$1,600. (This does not include the cost of opening/closing the niche for entombment or engraving.) Each niche is able to hold one urn, companion niches are available.

If you may be interested in a niche, please contact Jon Gabik at (414) 365-2020, ext. 12 or email at jgabik@stcatherinemke.org.