

# The Catholic Community of | *La Comunidad Católica de* **Saint Katharine Drexel Parish** Beaver Dam, WI

## Cemetery Grounds Policies

For those visiting our cemeteries, this is beautiful, holy ground and in order for it to be maintained to the best of our abilities we request the following:

- Monuments/markers can only be placed on a grave once the plot has been paid for.
- All monuments/markers must be set on a concrete/granite base and be flush to the ground. There must be a minimum of a 4" wash. The depth of the concrete base must be from 6-8" deep.
- All military plaques must be mounted to a headstone or beveled placement stone. They CANNOT be placed directly in the ground or level with the ground surface. These must have a minimum of a 6" bevel.
- No campaign or political party signs/flags are allowed on cemetery grounds or gravesites.
- Natural (ANNUAL ONLY) and artificial flowers may be used and can only be placed directly in the ground, with an allotment of 12" from the front of the base of the monument/marker. Nothing is to be placed to the sides or behind the monument/marker. There may also be a permanent planter as part of the monument/marker or its' base. No glass, containers, or extra pots/planters may be used. All flowers must be removed every Spring and Fall cleaning.
- All natural flowers planted are the responsibility of the person who planted them. They will not be maintained by the cemetery.
- Adornments may be placed on the monument/marker or the base, however we are not liable for any lost, stolen, or damaged items. BENCHES are not allowed, unless approved by the board. They may be used as the headstone with the appropriate dimensions. **All** benches must be preapproved by board.
- No edging material, trellises, guards, etc., may be used or placed at the cemetery.
- Only ONE shepherd's hook may be used per monument/marker. It must be placed as close to the monument/marker as possible. If it is too far from the base, it will be removed. You MUST remove the hook during every Fall cleaning.
- No other permanent marker may be placed other than the headstone or military marker unless approved by the board.
- No alcoholic beverages, containers from alcohol, drugs, and/or weapons are allowed on the properties, and are not allowed to be used as adornments.
- Bushes, trees, shrubs and other perennials (such as hostas, etc.) are not allowed to be planted unless permission given by the cemetery board. If one is planted without prior permission, the items will be removed.
- Spring cleanup begins the first weekend of April and Fall cleanup begins the first weekend of October. ALL items must be removed from the monuments and can be replaced beginning the Friday before Mother's Day and the second weekend of November.
- **Any item placed in the cemetery that is deemed by the board to be against these policies or their permission, will be removed without notice.**
- We strive to take as much care as possible to maintain these precious grounds, however, accidents and/or vandalism do happen. **The cemeteries will not be held liable for any damage to plants, monuments and/or adornments whether by accident or vandalism.**

If you have questions, please contact the Parish Center at 920-887-2082 to leave a message for the Cemetery Board.

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