Saint Mary Queen of Creation Parish Cemetery Rules and Regulations

Cemetery Office Location: 50931 Maria Street, New Baltimore, Michigan 48047
Phone Number: 586-725-2441

In order to maintain and improve the general beauty and uniform appearance of Saint Mary Parish Cemetery, and to show the proper respect to the loved ones buried there, it is necessary that the following rules and regulations be honored and respected:

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. New regulations shall be adopted from time to time as deemed necessary by the Saint Mary Cemetery Committee. Such regulations shall apply to all purchases of graves and to all rights of burial, whether prior to or subsequent to their adoption.

2. Conveyance of burial rights, for human remains only, may be made only on forms prescribed by this Cemetery. All transactions must take place at the Saint Mary Cemetery Parish Cemetery office. At that time, all charges for internment services in connection therewith, shall be paid. Payment of any and all indebtedness due to the Cemetery must be made at that time.

3. Visiting hours vary with the time of year, from 7:00am until sunset. Visitation before or after regular visiting hours is not permitted. This cemetery is not to be used as a recreational area.

4. Leashed or unleashed pets of any kind are not permitted.

5. All work on grave repair, internments, inurnments, removals, memorials will be completed under the supervision of, and in such a manner as deemed necessary by, the Cemetery management for the orderly operation of the cemetery.

MONUMENTS, MARKERS, TABLETS, HEADSTONES, and TOMBSTONES

Any monument, marker, tablet, headstone or tombstone, hereafter shall be referred to as Memorial. Every occupied grave should have some sort of identification marker.

6. All Memorials shall be installed on a concrete foundation, which cost is borne by the grave owner and, for which the specifications of the foundation will be determined by the Memorial Supplier based on the size and weight of the Memorial. Foundations must be installed by licensed contractors approved by Cemetery Management. The foundation must be no larger than two inches around the base of the memorial to prevent encroachment on neighboring graves. Because of shifting and unsettled ground, you must wait at least four months after burial. Foundations cannot be installed during the winter months.

7. All Memorials must be approved in advance of purchase and installation, and are subject to specifications, terms and conditions of a separate Memorial Agreement between the grave owner and the cemetery, and approved by the Pastor of Saint Mary Queen of Creation.
    - All Memorials must be of granite, marble or bronze.
    - See # 10 for the approved dimensions for cremated remains memorials.
    - Due to their quick deterioration, no wooden crosses are permitted.
    - Any reports of damage or need for repair should be reported to the grave owner's homeowner insurance company.
    - No benches are allowed.

The Memorial type shall be one of the following:

Family Memorial, 3 or more graves, which shall extend no more than 20 (twenty) inches wide, by 90 (ninety) inches long, by 48 (forty-eight) inches high, excluding the dimensions of the base, which shall not be more than 10 inches high. Family Memorials are permitted in designated areas only.

Double Memorial which shall extend no more than 16 (sixteen) inches wide, by 48 (forty-eight) inches long, by 36 (thirty-six) inches high, including the base.

Single Memorial which shall extend no more than 16 (sixteen) inches wide, by 30 (thirty) inches long, by 30 (thirty) inches high, including the base, per single grave.

Single Flush Memorial which shall be flush to the ground and shall extend no more than 16 (sixteen) inches wide, by 30 (thirty) inches long, including the base, per single grave.
All other Monuments shall extend no more than 16 (sixteen) inches deep, by 30 (thirty) inches wide, by 30 (thirty) inches above ground, including the dimensions of the base, per single grave.

8. All carvings, art, icons, inscriptions, epitaphs, etc. must be of a religious nature and must be approved by the Pastor of Saint Mary Queen of Creation prior to order and installation. Names placed on memorials must conform exactly with cemetery records. A cross must appear somewhere on the memorial.

9. Mausoleums are not permitted. Above-ground crypts, not to exceed four feet in height, are permitted in designated areas only. No ledger monuments of any size are allowed.

10. In-ground interment of cremated remains in approved containers is permitted, with a maximum of three cremated remains burials per grave. The scattering of cremated remains, or the leaving of cremated remains on the tops of graves, is forbidden. One memorial, meeting the above criteria, is permitted for the first in-ground interment of cremated remains. Cremated Remains memorials for second or third same-site interments, if they are not part of the original memorial, must be flush with the ground, nor more than 10 (ten) inches wide by 16 (sixteen) inches long.

11. Fresh cut flowers, natural plants, and artificial flowers and plants are permitted, as long as they are maintained and attractive in the judgment of the Cemetery management. A planting area is permitted only in front of the monument/marker, as long as it is flush with the ground and is placed within 12 (twelve) inches of the headstone. No planting is permitted along-side of or behind any monument/marker, as it encroaches on neighboring graves and will be removed. Planted areas must be maintained and weeded by the grave owner or by their designate. Shepherd hooks and hanging plants are not permitted. The planting of new trees, shrubs, and perennials is never permitted and they will be removed.

12. The Cemetery management has the authority to remove any decoration or statue and all artificial and natural floral designs, flowers, weeds, trees, shrubs, plants or herbage of any kind from the Cemetery as soon as, in the judgment of the Cemetery management, they are or become unsightly, dangerous or detrimental to the well-being, beauty and appearance of this Cemetery.

13. Winter grave blankets and wreaths are permitted from November 15 to March 25. They are not to exceed 30 (thirty) inches by 5 (five) feet. They are to be made of natural evergreen boughs, red ruscus, natural pine cones and ribbon.

14. All glass and plastic objects, cans and bottles are never permitted and will be removed. No other decorations, other than those expressly described here, are permitted.

15. All statues must be of a religious nature and are not to exceed 30 (thirty) inches in height by 8 (eight) inches in width by 8 (eight) inches in depth. They must remain within the 12" planting area in front of the memorial. Vigil lights are not recommended. Any vigil lights not maintained will be removed.

16. An American flag may be placed at a Veteran's grave on Memorial Day (late May) and must be removed by October 1. Any flag may be removed at any time, if in the judgment of the Cemetery management, they become unsightly.

17. No decorative borders, edging or structures of any kind are permitted around the planting area or around the grave. Rocks or loose stones are never permitted and will be removed.

18. The Cemetery management reserves the right to landscape according to a prepared landscape plan. Private plans for landscaping a particular grave must be approved by the Cemetery management. The Cemetery caretakers will be responsible for seeding new burial sites once. However, due to the volume of burials and the uncertainty of weather conditions, the watering of individual graves by the Cemetery personnel on a regular basis is not possible. Sod placed on a grave site must be flush with the ground. All grass cutting and fertilizing must be done by authorized cemetery personnel only.

19. Anything placed on lots in this cemetery is done at your own personal risk. The Cemetery will not replace any decoration destroyed, stolen, damaged or removed for any reason. Damaged sod will not be replaced. The Cemetery management reserves the right to remove any decorations at any time.

20. Do not stack stones, rocks, sod, weeds, clippings, and refuse along the roadway or on another grave site. Please take them to the DUMPSTER, located near the maintenance garage.

21. No additional decorations, flowers or ornamentation of any kind are allowed on any Columbarium Niches and will be removed.

We appreciate your patronage, and we are grateful for your cooperation.

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By the Saint Mary Queen of Creation Parish Cemetery Committee.