

St. Mary Queen of Creation Cemetery Rules and Regulations

Parish Cemetery Office: 50931 Maria, New Baltimore, Michigan 48047
Parish Phone Number: (586) 725-2441

In order to maintain and improve the general beauty and uniform appearance of St. 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 St. 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 St. Mary Cemetery Parish Cemetery office. At that time, ALL CHARGES FOR INTERMENT 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 7:00 A.M. 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, INTERMENTS, INURMENTS, REMOVALS, MONUMENTS AND MARKERS 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

6. The term MONUMENT shall include a tablet, headstone, tombstone, or crypt which shall extend no more than 30 (thirty) inches above the ground (including the base). The term MARKER shall include a tablet, headstone, or tombstone which is flush with the ground. The term FAMILY MONUMENT shall include a headstone for a six grave configuration (3 by 2) which shall extend no more than 48 (forty-eight) inches above the ground, and 90 (ninety) inches wide (including the base).
7. 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.
8. ALL MONUMENTS AND MARKERS 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 cemetery management.
 - Family Monuments shall extend no more than 20 (twenty) inches deep, by 90 (ninety) inches wide, by 48 (forty-eight) inches high, excluding the dimensions of the base, which shall not be more than 10 inches high. Family Monuments are permitted in designated areas only.

- All other Monuments shall extend no more than 20 (twenty) inches deep, by 30 (thirty) inches wide, by 30 (thirty) inches above ground, including the dimensions of the base, per single grave.
- All Markers shall be flush to the ground and shall extend no more than 20 (twenty) inches deep, by 30 (thirty) inches wide, including the dimensions of the base, per single grave.
- All Monuments and Markers must be of granite, marble or bronze.
- Every occupied grave should have some sort of IDENTIFICATION MARKER. Each grave should have a foundation, no larger than two inches around the base of the monument/marker. This prevents encroachment on neighboring graves.
- See # 10 for the approved dimensions for cremains markers.
- Due to their quick deterioration, no wooden crosses are permitted.
- Because of shifting and unsettled ground, we ask that you wait at least four months after burial before having a foundation or monument/marker placed on the grave. Having this done sooner is at the owner's risk. Referrals to companies that handle sinking monuments/markers are available by contacting the cemetery office. The cemetery management is not responsible for foundations.
- Any reports of damage or need for repair should be reported to the grave owner's homeowner insurance company.
- No benches are allowed.

- 9. ALL CARVINGS, ART, ICONS, INSCRIPTIONS, AND EPITAPHS MUST be of a religious nature and must be approved by the cemetery management prior to ordering and installation.** NAMES placed on monuments and markers must conform exactly with all cemetery records. Because of the Catholic nature of our cemetery, it is recommended that a Latin cross appear somewhere on the monument/marker.
10. 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.
11. IN-GROUND INTERMENT OF CREMAINS in approved containers is permitted, with a maximum of three cremains burials per grave. The scattering of cremains, or the leaving of cremains on the tops of graves, is forbidden. One monument/marker, meeting the above criteria, is permitted for the first in-ground interment of cremains. CREMAINS MARKERS for second or third same-site interments, if they are not part of the original monument/marker, must be flush with the ground, nor more than 10 (ten) inches deep by 16 (sixteen) inches wide.
12. 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 the grave owner's designate. Shepherd hooks and hanging plants are not permitted. The planting of NEW TREES, SHRUBS AND PERENNIALS IS NEVER PERMITTED AND WILL BE REMOVED.
- 13. 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.**

14. WINTER GRAVE BLANKETS AND WREATHS are not to exceed 30 (thirty) inches by 5 (five) feet are permitted from November 15 to March 25. They are to be made of natural evergreen boughs, red ruscus, natural pine cones and ribbon.
15. 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.**
16. **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 monument/marker. VIGIL LIGHTS are not recommended. Any vigil lights not maintained will be removed.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. Anything placed on lots in this cemetery is done at 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.**
21. 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.
22. No additional decorations, flowers or ornamentation of any kind are allowed on any COLUMBARIUM SHELTER NICHES and will be removed.

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

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By the St. Mary Queen of Creation Parish Cemetery Committee.