

The Church of the St. Pius V Catholic Cemetery

***The mission of the St. Pius V Cemetery
is to ensure proper interment/inurnment, memorialization and perpetual care
in the tradition of the Catholic church.
The Cemetery is our sanctuary until we become one with our soul in
everlasting life.***

Rules and Regulations

For the mutual protection and benefit of grave owners, the following Rules and Regulations have been adopted by The Church of St. Pius V Cemetery, and all grave owners and visitors within the Cemetery and all graves sold shall be subject to said Rules and Regulations, and subject further to such other Rules and Regulations, amendments or alternatives as shall be adopted from time to time.

DEFINITIONS

- DEFINITION 1 The terms lot, plot, grave or burial place shall be used interchangeably and shall apply with like effect to one or more adjoining grave.
- DEFINITION 2 The term interment shall mean the permanent disposition of the full body remains of a deceased person by burial.
- DEFINITION 3 The term inurnment shall mean the permanent disposition of the cremated remains of a deceased person by burial, either in-ground or in the Columbarium.
- DEFINITION 4 The term memorial shall include a monument or marker. A monument is an upright, above ground headstone; a marker is a headstone or footstone that is level with the ground. If a marker is the only memorial, it will be placed at the head of the grave. A memorial may include both a monument and a marker if in a designated upright row in the cemetery. If the marker is in addition to a monument, the marker will be placed at the foot of the grave.
- DEFINITION 5 The term management shall include the persons constituting the St. Pius V Cemetery Committee, a Sub-Committee of the Finance Council, the Finance Council, the Pastor, and the Parish Administrator. The Parish Administrator is the Cemetery Manager and is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Cemetery.
- DEFINITION 6 The term care shall apply to the entire Cemetery provided by either a permanent care fund or by St. Pius V Church.
- DEFINITION 7 The term permanent vessel or urn refers to a sealed container for cremated human remains.

- DEFINITION 8 The term Vault means any container or enclosure made of concrete, fiber-glass or steel which is placed in a grave around a casket to prevent the collapse of the grave and/or to protect the casket or for burial of a permanent vessel or urn.
- DEFINITION 9 The term Deed / Title refers to the written confirmation of ownership of the Grave Lot.
- DEFINITION 10 Size of a Full Body Grave Lot is – 4ft. X 12 ft. (length and width are dependent on the Section).
- DEFINITION 11 A St. Pius V Cemetery Committee member must also be a registered member of St. Pius V Church.
- DEFINITION 12 The Parish Cemetery Authority is defined as the Parish Administrator or Parish Pastor or the Director of Maintenance or designated by the Parish Administrator.

GENERAL RULES

- RULE 1 St. Pius V Church Cemetery is owned and operated in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota and the rules and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church. It reserves the right to refuse admission to the Cemetery and to refuse the use of any of the Cemetery's facilities, at any time, to any person or persons whom the management may deem objectionable to the best interests of the Cemetery.
- RULE 2 The Cemetery is intended for the burial of Catholics and members of their families who are entitled to Christian burial according to the rules and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church. Any question of the burial of a non-Catholic member of a lot owner's family or of any person not entitled to Christian burial, shall be decided by the Pastor.
- RULE 3 Religious ceremonies other than those of the Roman Catholic Church are not permitted within the Cemetery unless the consent of Pastor has been obtained.

LOTS AND LOT OWNERS

- RULE 4 Cemetery Grave lots may be sold to registered parishioners, members of their family, to family members of individuals buried in the Cemetery, or other circumstances as approved by the Pastor.
- RULE 5 Unused Grave Lots may NOT be privately re-sold to another individual. Unused Grave Lots may be sold back to St. Pius V at the original purchase price.
- RULE 6 Any Priest who has served St. Pius V at Cannon Falls, Minnesota is eligible for free lot and interment/inurnment in St. Pius V Cemetery.

- RULE 7 No grave shall be used for any other purpose than for the burial of the human dead.
- RULE 8 The Cemetery disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control.
- RULE 9 Grave owners are granted only the right of interment/inurnment in their graves. The Cemetery reserves the right to refuse to permit the interment/inurnment of anyone who was not at the time of the death the owner of the grave and the individual listed on the title.
- RULE 10 Grave lot (s) are to be purchased through the Business Administrator at the Parish Office at 263-2578.
- RULE 11 A single lot (4ft by 12ft) cost is: \$600.00
From time to time these prices are subject to change to conform to the Community Cemetery.
- RULE 12 Cemetery lot owners are only granted the right of burial. You are not a titleholder to the property itself. You only have an easement. Said easement is subject to the rules and laws controlled by the Cemetery Board and the State of Minnesota.

CORRECTION OF ERRORS

- RULE 13 The Cemetery office personnel under the direction of parish administrator also have the right to correct Original Deeds. If Original Deeds need to be corrected for various reasons a revised Deed will be issued.

CARE OF GRAVES

- RULE 14 The Cemetery will give such care as it can to consist of cutting the grass and general preservation of the grounds.
- RULE 15 The general care assumed by the Cemetery shall in no case mean maintenance, repair, or replacement of any vase, basket, memorial, flowers or other objects placed upon graves.

INTERMENTS / INURNMENTS

- RULE 16 No interment/inurnment will be made in a grave not fully paid for.
- RULE 17 Funeral Director, upon arrival at the Cemetery, must present a burial permit from the local health office.
- RULE 18 Once a casket containing a body is within the confines of the Cemetery, no funeral director nor his embalmer, assistant, employee or agent shall be permitted to open the casket, or to touch the body, without the consent of the next of kin or of the legal representative of the deceased or of an order signed by a court of competent jurisdiction.

- RULE 19 No interment of more than one full body shall be made in one grave lot except in the case of an infant or two infants buried in one casket, or cremated remains of a family member not exceeding three per grave. One grave full body lot (4 ft. x 12 ft.) may contain: One full body and two cremains, or three cremains. All interment/inurnment agreements made at time of purchase prior to March 4, 2014 will be grandfathered in.
- RULE 20 No interment of a full body may be made unless the remains are contained in a casket and vault.
- RULE 21 The burial of cremated remains in all sections must be contained in a proper receptacle. A vault is required for the cremation urn to be contained in.

PLANTING ON GRAVES

- RULE 22 All decorations and plantings are prohibited.
- RULE 23 In-ground planting of flowers or shrubs are prohibited.
- RULE 24 Vigil lights and vigil light holders with candles are not permitted on grave sites at any time and will be removed by the cemetery personnel.
- RULE 25 No solar lighting is allowed except if it is part of the monument or placed within the plant urn or stand as of March 4, 2014.

TREES AND SHRUBS

- RULE 26 Individual owner(s) is (are) prohibited from purchasing and planting trees or shrubs within the Cemetery.

FLOWERS

- RULE 27 Flowers, whether perennials or annuals are allowed in the plant urn stand only.
- RULE 28 Wreaths may be placed in urn stand or holder on monument from November 1 through April 1. These items will be removed during Spring Clean-up.
- RULE 29 Depending upon seasonal weather conditions, general cemetery clean-up takes place during the early spring and early fall each year. During this time, all grave decorations are removed from graves so that a thorough clean-up of the properties can take place. Notifications of these clean-up times are communicated in the parish bulletin. Owners of the lots are requested to remove all floral tributes (live or artificial) prior to the clean-up date or they will be removed by the cemetery personnel at time of the semi-annual clean up.

MEMORIAL WORK

- RULE 30 All graves require a memorial. (Monument or marker)
- RULE 31 Monuments or markers must be installed by registered monument companies.
- RULE 32 Military Markers for persons who served in the United States Armed Forces may be placed in the ground abutting a marker; or may be placed in a plant urn stand.
- RULE 33 Monument Sizes and Marker Sizes which are allowed:
- For Single Plots:**
A single grave is 48 inches wide. The size of the concrete base for a single (4 ft. X 12 ft.) Plot cannot exceed 40 inches wide which limits the monument granite base to 36 inches.
- For Double Plots:**
A double grave is 96 inches wide; the concrete base for the double lot may not exceed 64 inches concrete base which limits the monument granite base to 54 inches.
- RULE 34 A central or family monument shall be allowed on a set of two or more adjacent lots in the same row. .
- RULE 35 A Christian symbol must be inscribed on every memorial. Other epitaphs and symbols on memorials should be in the spirit of the Roman Catholic Church and in keeping with the design and size of the structure.
- RULE 36 Photo ceramic memorial portraits or other reproduction of photographs on permanent material may be affixed to a flush ground memorial, or upright monument. Management must approve the method of attachment. All memorial portraits on flush ground memorials must be set recessed into the stone. Covered or hinged memorial portraits are not permitted.
- RULE 37 Memorial etching may be used on flush or upright memorials, providing the artwork meets all criteria and must be submitted to Management for approval prior to the commencement of the work. Management reserves the right to reject any memorial design, material or construction method that does not meet Management standards.
- RULE 38 No monuments may be delivered or installed between November 1st and April 15th without permission of the management.
- RULE 39 At each grave and/or adjoining grave only one grave marker will be permitted except in the case of infant interment or cremated remains. All markers must be one piece and set level with the ground.
- RULE 40 All markers set level with the ground must be not less than four (4) inches or more than six (6) inches in thickness, with level or sawed bottom. All lettering or carving on markers must be sunk or incised.

- RULE 41 Markers must be placed at the end of the grave farthest from the base of the monument if both monument and markers are being used, and all inscriptions shall read from the foot of the lot.
- RULE 42 Crosses or other grave markers of wood, iron, cement or any like material are strictly prohibited, except the standard bronze insignia provided for the graves of veterans.
- RULE 43 When ordering a monument (Headstone) there needs to be a hole or opening on the side of the footing or stone which will hold the Urn Stand for flowers. A single grave is allotted only one place on the side of the stone for one Urn Stand. A double lot is allotted two openings; one on each side of the stone for the Urn stand holders.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS

These funds may be made to the St. Pius V Parish Office/Cemetery/Upkeep and Cemetery Grounds.

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