



CHURCH OF ST. RITA MEMORIAL GARDEN

Several months ago our Parish Pastoral Council started investigating the concept of building a brick garden for parishioners to either honor loved ones or commemorate important dates or events such as anniversaries, births, confirmation, baptisms, etc., in the form of bricks to be included in a garden type setting on the parish campus. We looked at all available areas that would provide some seclusion and separation from normal foot traffic inside and outside of the building. Our first choice was the flat ground at the northwest edge of the parking lot, but the demands of winter snow removal from the parking lot would have caused snow/salt damage to the bricks.

We then looked at the 80th Street side of our building. We have been considering how to beautify this stark open space for some time and determined this would be the best place for our memorial garden. The garden would consist of a brick paved walkway to a brick paved rectangular garden. The main part of the memorial garden would initially be constructed with brick pavers and would then be replaced with dedication bricks as they are purchased. The garden would have a natural privacy "wall" consisting of 6 foot high juniper trees with tall grasses intermixed along the 80th Street side of the garden. The junipers and grasses would provide some privacy for those who would like to use the garden for prayer, along with beautifying this part of our campus.

We are offering several options for dedications. The first option is a single 4" x 8" brick with up to 3 lines of engraving with 18 characters per line at a cost of \$150.00. The second option is a double 8" x 8" brick with up to 6 lines of 18 characters per line at a cost of \$250.00. The third option is a 15" high x 24" long x 8" deep concrete bench with up to 6 lines of engraving with 40 characters per line. The cost of the bench is \$1000.00.

In order to proceed with the project, we will need a commitment/payment of the equivalent of 100 single bricks. Once we hit our commitment goal, the construction process will begin which will consist of excavation, base installation, laying of the pavers and planting of the trees and grasses. All bricks will be installed as they are received. If we are unable to meet the initial commitment/payment goal of 100 single bricks, the project will not move forward and any money collected will be returned.

If you would like to place an order, please see the back side of this handout.

I would like to purchase a memorial and include my check payable to the Church of St. Rita Memorial Garden. I understand that my purchase is contingent upon an initial memorial brick commitment of 100 single bricks received by the Church of St. Rita.