

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC PARISH

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

CEMETERY GUIDELINES

APPROVED: January 2020

1. All parishioners are eligible to be buried in St. Joseph Parish Cemetery. The cost for a grave will be one/half the listed price for a grave with monument at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in the city of Evansville. (As of 1-1-2020) that cost is \$2,800 for a double lot and \$1,400 for a single lot grave). Thus, the cost for a double lot grave for parishioners at St. Joe Parish is \$1,400 for a double lot and \$700 for a single lot.
2. As these prices increase for St. Joe (city) Cemetery, they will correspondingly increase for St. Joe (County) Parish Cemetery.
3. Former members of St. Joseph Parish may also purchase a grave space in St. Joe Cemetery. (St. Joseph Parish will be the final determiner as to what constitutes a “former parishioner.”) The cost for these graves will be the same cost as a double or single lot monument grave at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in the city of Evansville. (As of 1-1-2020 that cost is \$2,800 for a double lot and \$1,400 for a single lot grave).
4. As these prices increase for St. Joe (city) Cemetery, they will correspondingly increase for St. Joe (County) Parish Cemetery.
5. All graves our sold in succession, which means that when people buy a grave, they will buy the next available grave in the line.
6. Parishioners may purchase a grave for themselves and their spouse at the time they purchase a grave.
7. Former members of St, Joseph Parish may purchase a grave for themselves and their spouse at the time they purchase a grave.
8. Once a grave has been purchased, parishioners and non-parishioners are given six months time in which a monument must be purchased and erected.
9. All monuments must have a poured concrete footing. Footings for a monument must be 4-5’ long (depending on the length of the monument), 14” wide and 36” deep. All those who purchase graves must see to it that the monument company, from which they purchase their monument, provides this service.
10. During the lawn mowing season (March 1 to November 1) all flowers and other objects (e.g. shepherd’s crook) that are not on the monument or placed in flower-holders that are built into the monument, must be removed.

11. It is permissible to bury cremains in the cemetery. A couple can purchase a single lot (in rotation) and bury the cremains of both persons on this one lot. The monument will have to fit over the one grave space and any wording the buyer wishes to put on the monument must fit on this space.
12. The St. Joe Cemetery Board will have the authority and responsibility for the proper maintenance and care of the cemetery and will be the final determinant for any questions that may arise with regard to the operation of the cemetery.
13. Money received for sale of cemetery plots will be placed in a restricted fund within the Parish General Fund. This fund will provide money needed to service lawnmowers and related equipment used for mowing the cemetery as well as purchasing new mowers. As money accumulates, excess funds will be put into the Cemetery Endowment Fund.
14. The St. Joe Cemetery Board will meet at least yearly.

St. Joe Cemetery Board Members

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Addendum: In 2004, St. Joseph Parish received two parcels of land located just west of the current St. Joe Parish Campus. These lots are intended for the future use of St. Joe Cemetery. While they may be used for other purposes (e.g. ball fields) for the next several years, all should be aware that when the time comes that there is need to expand the cemetery, this land is reserved for such use.