

Personal Record for: _____
(Name/s)

Cemetery (circle one): St. Clare, Town of Merton / St. John, Town of Erin

Section: _____ - OR - Columbarium: _____

Row: _____ - OR - Wall: _____

Plot/s: _____ - OR - Niche/s: _____

Checks payable to: St. Clare Cemetery **OR** St. John Cemetery
Attach your receipt here and save with your important papers.

Song of Farewell

May the choirs of angels, come to greet you. May they speed you to paradise.

May the Lord enfold you in his mercy. May you find eternal life.

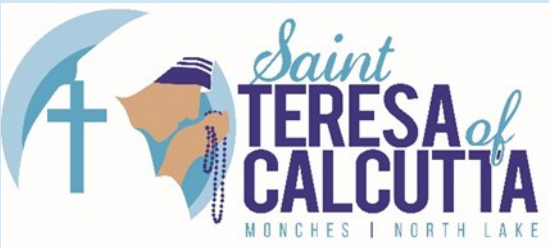
The lord is my light and my help; it is he who protects me from harm.

The Lord is the strength of my days; before whom should I tremble with fear?

Text: Refrain based on *In Paradisum*
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THE PURPOSE OF CEMETERIES:

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) states a preference that Catholics be buried in Catholic cemeteries or columbaria for cremated remains. Catholic cemeteries are sacred places with blessed ground. They are places of prayer and deep respect for the deceased.



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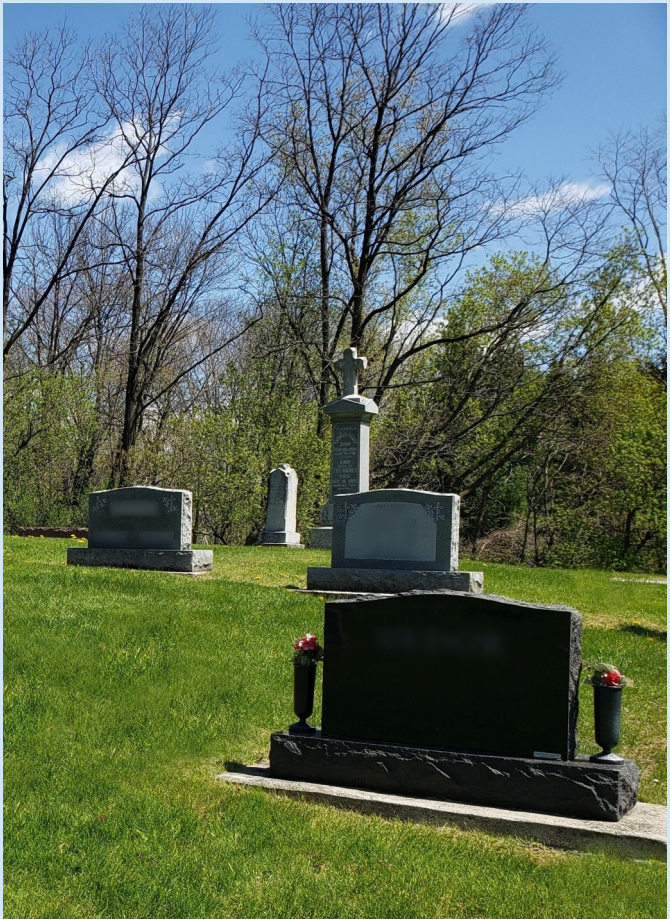
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Dignified & Holy Burial Options: Our Parish Cemetery Guidelines & Standards



St. Clare Cemetery, Town of Merton



St. John Cemetery, Town of Erin

St. Clare Cemetery

N76W30820 COUNTY HWY VV
TOWN OF MERTON (HARTLAND)

St. John Cemetery

NORTH OF MONCHES CHURCH
ON HWY. K, TOWN OF ERIN

Managed and operated by St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish

Parish Office Location Address: W314N7462 State Road 83

Parish Office Mailing Address: PO Box 68 , North Lake, WI 53064

Open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am to 3 pm

Burial at a Catholic cemetery is our final commitment to the resurrection to our new life promised to us by God. It is comforting to know, as we make our funeral plans, that blessed and holy space has been reserved for you at either of our two cemeteries. We are dedicated to keeping the properties inviting and prayerful, striving to make them restful places for you or your loved one.

There are so many details to think about when planning a funeral; it can be extremely overwhelming, especially if the death was sudden. We encourage people to plan ahead for this inevitable passing, so that your wishes are known to the family or to those who are executing your plan.

Preparing for the Funeral

At the time of death, the funeral home or the family must contact the Parish Office so that planning may begin, and burial arrangements made. Shortly after a loved one passes, the family is asked to meet with Deacon Allen and the Director of Liturgy and Music (online or in person depending on circumstances) to go through the choices for the funeral Mass or service. These decisions include music selection, readings, and choosing proclaimers and other ministers. Your selections will be added to a worship aide designed especially for your loved one’s funeral. If you would like to include a photo of your loved one, we suggest that you bring it along with you to the meeting, or be prepared to send the photo electronically.

Internment

Choosing between burial and cremation is a deeply personal decision, and one that is difficult for many people. Rest assured that both options are permitted in accordance with Catholic Church Law and Milwaukee Archdiocese regulations. Both our parish cemeteries offer burial plots and columbarium niches for holy and dignified internment.

Each burial plot costs \$795. The cost for a single columbarium niche (one cubic foot in size) is \$1795, or \$2995 for a double niche (2 feet x 1 foot x 1 foot in size). The niche prices include costs for a standard, bronze memorial plaque. Plots and niches may be selected and purchased in advance at the Parish Office. Please note that only one full-size burial is allowed in each plot, or two cremains vessels. Alternatively, one cremains vessel may be buried in the ground above an existing full-size burial.

General Overview

The cemeteries are open to the public from dawn until dusk. Vehicles should remain on cemetery roadways. Pets should be leashed; clean up as necessary. No alcohol is permitted.

The cost of in ground or columbarium burial may be changed without notice. Payment is due at the time a lot or niche is purchased with checks made out to the appropriate cemetery. No transfer of lots is allowed. Lots that will not be used as per the purchase agreement must be sold back to the cemetery at the original purchase price. All cemetery records are held at the Parish Office.

Monuments and Decorations

Memorial plaques for the cemetery columbaria must meet specific measurement and material requirements. For this reason, we ask families to order columbarium memorial plaques through Competitor Awards, located in North Lake, WI. The staff there are aware of all necessary specifications and will be happy to help you customize your plaque.

Grave monuments should be no taller than 3 feet with a foundation that is flush with the ground and at least 5 inches wider than the monument. Names of the deceased engraved on the monument should face the adjoining road. All decorations should follow these guidelines:

- Decorations deemed by the Cemetery Committee to be in violation of regulations or to be of bad taste will be removed and discarded without notice.
- Decorations that have deteriorated or are unsightly will be discarded without notice.
- Decorations are only allowed if they are securely fastened to the monument and/or base, do not protrude beyond the base and are of a material which will not be a safety hazard.
- Please use non-breakable vases or pots placed on or directly in front of the memorial. Do not fill pots or vases with stones or sand, or sink them into the ground in order to hold them upright.
- No wire, glass jars or containers, tin cans, ceramic or clay pots, aluminum foil or other unsightly material. Similarly, Styrofoam boxes, tubs, glass, shells, ornaments, chairs, benches, plastic border edging, fencing, brick, bark, rocks, gravel, wood, stuffed animals, pictures/frames, toys, or figurines are not permitted.

Annual and perennial flowers/ plantings are allowed with these considerations:

- Rose bushes, peonies, irises, day lilies, or gladiolas which require additional care should not be planted.
- Only low growing flowers/plants planted in front of the memorial are allowed, reaching no higher than 18 inches. The width of the planting bed should not exceed the width of the memorial or extend more than 12 inches away from it.
- Flower beds must be maintained or they will be removed.
- Potted plants, hanging baskets, shepherd’s hooks or standing plants are not permitted.
- Artificial flowers are not allowed unless they are placed in a proper bouquet holder, such as a non-breakable vase, and securely fastened in place.
- Easel decorations are allowed only on Memorial Day (allowed for seven days following the holiday) and Christmas Day (decorations may be placed on grave after Thanksgiving and removed by Palm Sunday).
- The Cemetery Committee will oversee veteran’s flag holders (provided by the VFW).

Maintenance

During fall and spring, the Cemetery Committee sets aside one week in which all summer and winter decorations are removed including all artificial flowers. Cemetery management is responsible for restoring the lawn on new graves, for filling sunken graves and for re-establishing the lawn. Cemetery management assumes no liability for:

- Theft or damage to anything placed on grave sites.
- Damage to any casket, vault, niche, or monument.
- Defects in burial vaults, concrete cases and lids.