

## **ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CEMETERY RULES AND POLICIES**

The following rules and policies have been adopted for St. John's Cemetery by the St. John's Cemetery Board.

- The holder of burial rights is known as the grave holder, 12 graves make up a lot. The grave holder has title to burial rights only. The title to all of the cemetery land remains with St. John's.
- Burial rights may be sold to Roman Catholics only. The grave owner may assign burial rights to non-Catholic family members. Upon death of the grave holder the burial rights to unreserved graves pass to the next closest family member of the original purchaser.
- Grave holders who wish to relinquish burial rights are to sell them back to the Cemetery Association. The Association reserves the right to resell them to its own criteria.
- The price of graves is set by the cemetery board, taking into consideration the rates at neighboring cemeteries.
- No grave is sold without perpetual care.
- There shall be no more than 1 full burial and either 1 cremation or the cremains of 1 married couple per grave, or the cremains of 2 married couples per grave in order that there can be no more than 2 headstones per grave provided that they are placed correctly for mowing and upkeep.
- Memorials may not be placed unless the full purchase price of the grave and all fees are paid and the complete remains of the memorialized is/will be interred in the grave beneath the memorial. Memorials are to be placed in line with the other stones in the lot and be placed strictly within the boundaries of the grave. Care of all monuments and markers are the responsibility of the family of those buried in the grave.
- Each grave is 4 feet by 10 feet. All flowers or decorations must be placed as close to the stone as possible and not interfere with neighboring graves. No trees or shrubs are permitted and all retaining stones or landscaping must be approved by the Cemetery Board.
- Any decorations are the responsibility of the family. Live plants are encouraged over artificial decorations. Any decorations which are un-kept, weedy, faded, falling apart, improperly placed, or not pleasing to the eye may be removed by the Board or its representative.
- Summer décor must be removed by October 1st and winter décor must be removed by April 1<sup>st</sup>, if not they may be removed by the Board or its representative.
- Burials will only be done by parties designated by the Board to do so.
- The Cemetery Board is the final authority in disputes as to who has the right to be buried in any grave once the original grave/lot owner has died, preference may be given to parish members.
- Only people with ties to the parish may be buried in the cemetery.
- All newly purchased graves must have the name of the potential occupant at the time of purchase.
- The Board may at its discretion institute action to resell unused, abandoned graves according to Wisconsin State Statute 157.115(2).

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