



## St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish

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# Calvary Cemetery Rules and Regulations

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### **Rules to be abided by:**

Anyone interested in obtaining internment (burial) rights for a burial plot in Calvary Cemetery, Rushville, IN must read and abide by these rules and regulations and do so by signing a copy of this document for retention for both the individual and church records.

### **Definitions:**

- A burial plot also known as a grave and is defined as an area of ground intended for the burial of human being in a full size casket or cremains.
- Cremains is the term used for a human being's cremated ashes.
- Spouses are defined as a man and woman united in the Sacrament of holy Matrimony, as recognized by the Catholic Church.
- Monument, also known as headstone, is defined as a stone, cast concrete, or bronze marker or sculpture to adorn the grave(s) of the deceased buried within the grave.
- Monument footers are made of concrete and are installed at the head of the grave by the cemetery committee for a fee.
- Outer burial containers also known as vaults, made of concrete or heavy steel and encase the body in the grave either in a full size casket or urn for cremains.

### **General Rules:**

- The cemetery committee with the approval of the pastor has final authority and reserves the right to add or change any rules or regulations.
- Any burial in a grave will require and outer burial container or vault wither full size casket of cremains.
- Two (2) sets of cremains may be buried in one grave. Examples would be husband and wife; parent and child; siblings
- Cremains or infants may not be buried on another grave of a deceased.
- The cemetery board and pastor must approve every monument to be erected with the cemetery.
- Decorations must be in line with monuments, so as not to interfere with the grounds crew
- No glass or ceramic decorations/containers
- Annual spring cleanup is the second Saturday of March, all decoration must be removed
- Motor vehicles on driveway only

### **Visitation Rules:**

- Visitation hours are from sunrise to sunset. Visitation outside these hours is strictly forbidden.
- No loitering
- No pets allowed
- No recreational use, such as snowmobiles, four-wheelers, utility vehicles, or sledding

**Monuments:**

- This is a Roman Catholic Parish Cemetery; grave markers should reflect and honor this Catholic Christian Tradition.
- Monuments in the shape of secular symbols are not permitted.
- All final headstone designs and layouts must be approved by the pastor and if needed consultation with the cemetery committee, prior to final order placement and purchasing of said monuments from a monument company.
- Headstones that have engravings that are secular (non-Christian) are to be approved by the pastor and if needed, consultation with the cemetery committee.
- The cemetery board with the approval of the pastor reserves the right to place a simple marker after 12 months of burial at the grave that will include the name of the deceased, the date of birth, and the date of death.
- Monuments damaged by time, weather, or accident must be repaired by the family immediately. If no living family members reside in the parish, the cemetery board may repair the headstone at their discretion and as convenient for them. The cemetery is not responsible for any damage that may happen to monuments placed within our grounds.
- All monuments directed within our parish cemetery must be approved by the cemetery board and or pastor. The pastor reserves the right to refuse installation of any monument not deemed suitable for cemetery display.
- The cemetery committee with the approval of the pastor has the right to refuse any stone that does not meet the intentions of these rules at the owners expense.

**Decoration Rules:**

- During the mowing and trimming season of April 15<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>, it is required that flowers will be placed on the headstone or in line with the headstone. This applies to any type of decoration, plague, perpetual light, or concrete statuary.
- Any flowers, lights, or concrete statuary left on the grass after the Annual Spring Cleanup may be discarded without consent of the owner.
- American flags may be placed on the graves of veterans from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Flags must be oriented over the headstone out of the way of the mowing area so not to interfere with those who maintain the cemetery grounds. American Flags will be collected and properly retired at the Annual Spring Cleanup.
- Anything left on the burial plot after a funeral other than the headstone or grave marker must be removed within 10 days or it will be discarded by the cemetery board.
- Rods to hold flowers, also known as shepherd hooks, maybe used but must be oriented over the headstone so not to interfere with those who maintain the cemetery grounds.
- Stone borders or fences are not permitted at any time.

**Costs:**

- See separate Price List for current rates and associated fees
- Purchaser of Interment Rights must complete a Grave Purchase Agreement with the cemetery

I have read the **Rules and Regulations** and promise to abide by them, so help me God.

Purchaser Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchaser Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_