

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH
CALEDONIA, MICHIGAN
CEMETERY LOT POLICY**

St. Mary's, St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's cemeteries are private Catholic cemeteries owned by the diocese of Grand Rapids and maintained by Holy Family Catholic Parish of Caledonia, Michigan.

Anyone may visit the cemetery during daylight hours. The cemetery is closed during the hours of darkness.

We ask that all visitors respect the sacred grounds, grave adornment and headstones and conduct themselves with appropriate reverence. To maintain the sanctity of the grounds, no pets except service animals are permitted.

Cemeteries:

St. Mary's	Corner of Kraft Ave. and 52 nd Street
St. Joseph's	Corner of Patterson Ave. and 146 th Street
St. Patrick's	9692 92 nd Street (East of Whitneyville)

Lot Fees:

Registered Parish Member:	\$300.00
(must be a member for at least 3 years)	
Non-Parishioner:	\$500.00

Interment Fees:

Sexton fee:	\$150.00 (Identify and mark gravesite)
Cremation Interment:	\$200.00 (provided by sexton)
Full Body Interment:	(open/close gravesite)
	Please inquire with funeral home.

**All fees are in effect as of July 1, 2018
and are subject to change without notice**

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Terms and Conditions:

- Eligibility: Both parishioners and non-parishioners may purchase lots in the cemeteries. The purchaser must be an active parishioner for at least one year to be eligible for the parishioner rate.
- Lot Purchase: No Lots will be sold until the Sexton and the purchaser have inspected the site to determine appropriate burial conditions.
- Number of Lots: No more than 4 adjoining lots may be purchased at one time without the approval of the business office.
- Payment: Cemetery lots must be paid for in full at the Parish office at the time of selection. A deed in the name of the purchaser will be provided.
- Cremation Lot: 'Cremation only' lots will be indicated on the Deed.
- Deed Transfer: The Deed may not be transferred to anyone unless indicated by legal documentation or noted in the church records in which case an amended deed will be issued. If no instructions for transfer of lot are available, the deed must be surrendered to the parish and the original cost of the lot is to be refunded.
- Ground Interment:
Ground interments must be arranged with the Church.
Interments must be in concrete grave liner or burial vault.
Cremated remains must be in decorative urns or a rigid

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plastic cremated remains container. Scattering of cremated remains in the cemetery is not permitted.

Two cremated remains are allowed per lot. One vault burial and one cremated remains are permitted per lot, only if the cremation urn is no more than (6) inches in height.

Grave Adornment:

Potted plants and flowers (fresh, artificial and/or planted) are permitted. Pots may be up to 18" high and no wider than 14".

Planted flowers must be within 12" of headstone.

Trees and shrubs shall not be planted.

All burial units cannot have any fencing, railing, matting, hedges or enclosures.

Potted plants and flowers damaged by snow removal and lawn maintenance equipment are not the responsibility of Holy Family Parish.

Management reserves the right to regulate the method of decorating lots so that uniform beauty may be maintained. The use of boxes, shells, metal signs, ornaments, plastic or Styrofoam crosses, concrete or crockery jars, statues, solar decorations and containers, or wood or metal cases, etc. shall not be permitted on any lot.

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Holy Family may remove items not in keeping with cemetery policy as well as those that are damaged or worn.

Headstones and Memorials:

Headstones with required footing shall not extend more than 30 inches above the surface of the ground and the width shall not exceed the width of the gravesite. Footing shall not extend more than 3" around headstone.

One memorial is allowed per grave or lot. However, one memorial may be in the center of two lots, e.g., for husband and wife.

Placement of footings and headstones must have the approval of the Sexton.

Outside Workers:

Sexton must authorize any workers, other than employees of the cemetery, before they may do work in any cemetery. Lot holders may have certain work done in accordance with these Rules and Regulations at their own expense upon application to the Sexton. All outside workers will comply with the requirements of Holy Family Parish.

Cemetery Care:

The cemeteries operated by Holy Family Parish, a non-profit entity, are 'Income Care' cemeteries. All monies from lot sales are used to provide general care. 'Income Care' is to be understood as that care and maintenance necessitated by natural growth and ordinary wear. This

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includes cutting of lawns and the maintenance of driveways and fences.

The term 'Income Care' shall in no case mean the maintenance, repair or replacement of any memorial placed or erected upon any lot; nor the planting, cutting, watering or care of any private lot adornment; nor any special or unusual work requests; nor the reconstruction of any monument damaged by any cause, direct or indirect, beyond Holy Family's reasonable control.

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