



Mary Immaculate Catholic Cemetery

We are nearing the *Memorial Day holiday* to honor, remember, and pay tribute to our deceased loved ones. During this month we invite you to visit our Mary Immaculate Parish Cemetery, located at 615 S. Jamison St. (Entrance through Highland Park Cemetery.) You can check the location on *Google* by typing in “Mary Immaculate Cemetery Kirksville MO”. A *Memorial Day Mass and Blessing of Graves* is scheduled for 9am on Monday, May 27th at the Cemetery. Remember to bring a lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be held at the church, and we will proceed to the cemetery for the blessing as weather permits.

Our cemetery upkeep is funded through the sale of lots, marking of graves and headstone fees, as well as the generosity of parishioners. There is not a mandatory upkeep fee, but as with many aspects of life, costs are always rising, and we appreciate your support. (Expenses for cemetery upkeep are approximately \$3000 per year.) There is an envelope in your donation packet designated for *Cemetery Care* (dated May 26, 2019). You may place a contribution in the regular collection basket or you may send your contribution to the Parish Center in an envelope marked “MI Cemetery”. Checks should be made *payable* to “*Mary Immaculate Cemetery*”.

MAJOR REPAIR PROJECT: As reported in November, over the past century, flood & drought as well as freezing & thawing, have taken a toll on some of the oldest headstones and foundations, causing them to lean and tilt. Many parishioners have been generous in donating money to the repair project. We have contracted with Hamlin Monument Repair service, Brashear MO, to repair two dozen of the oldest foundations and tilted headstones. Winter and spring weather has delayed the start of repairs, but Mr. Hamlin assures us that work will start as soon as possible. We will continue to advise you of the progress of repairs.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: In order to update records with the Diocese, we have determined that the deed for the “old section” of our Mary Immaculate Cemetery was registered with Bishop Burke of the Diocese of St. Joseph on Aug. 11, 1911. The Diocese of Jefferson City was established later. Our “new addition” was deeded to Bishop McAuliffe on March 28, 1983, and all property transferred to Bishop Gaydos, Aug. 26, 1997. We are working with our new Bishop to make sure our MI Cemetery is properly registered with the Diocese.



Regulations for decorations, statues, & flowers



- Temporary decorations, including flowers and hanging baskets are permitted from May 15th to June 15th to coincide with Memorial Day. From June 15 through October 15, *temporary* decorations are not permitted. Our lawn mowing service appreciates your help in this matter.
- Vases, decorations, and statues are permitted throughout the year if *permanently* and professionally mounted on the headstone.

Mary Immaculate Cemetery Committee

The cemetery committee is grateful to have parishioners volunteering their time to serve on this important committee to keep our cemetery in a condition that respects our deceased loved ones. If you have any questions or comments concerning the cemetery or wish to purchase a plot, please contact one of committee members or contact the Parish Center.

Officers:

President	Sarah Delaware
Vice President	Lynn Petre
Secretary	Bill Crnic
Treasurer	Dana Delaware

Members:

Paula & Kevin Brawner
 Mary Kay Crnic
 Bob Dager
 Tom Daugherty
 Dan Hagan

Prices

Plots -	\$300.00
Marking of Gravesites -	\$75.00
Marking of Headstones -	\$75.00

Please contact a member of the committee or the Parish Center if you wish to purchase a plot.