

St. Louis Catholic Cemetery  
Schultz Street  
Batesville, Indiana

*The St. Louis Catholic Cemetery is a sacred place worthy of being maintained with honor, dignity, today and in the future. The members of the St. Louis Cemetery Committee have set forth rules and regulations for its operations. They are subject to change without notice. All lessees having grave space in the cemetery are required to abide by these and any futures rules or regulation that may be adopted.*

### **General Rules and Regulations:**

1. Grave space for St. Louis Cemetery must be leased through the Parish office. The lease is a contract that confers the right of burial only. It is not a transfer of real estate or a title to real estate. A maximum of two (2) grave spaces are allowed for lease on a pre-burial need.
2. All graves must be paid for prior to interment. Graves can only be reserved prior to interment by pre-paying for them. At that time the lessee will be given a lease indicating the location of their grave space(s). By leasing grave space, the lessee agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the cemetery currently in force along with any future amendments, as set forth by the cemetery board.
3. Lessees may not donate, will, or re-sell any unused grave space to a third party. Unused grave space must be returned to the Parish office and the original cost will be refunded to the lessee.
4. The lessee has the right to erect a monument or place a marker at the gravesite provided all requirements are met. There is no size limitation for a monument other than it must not exceed the boundaries for the grave it is intended for. A marker used as a headstone will be permitted to rest above ground and must also not exceed the boundaries for the grave it is intended to for. If a marker is placed on the grave in addition to a monument, it must be placed at the foot of the grave with the top of the marker flush with ground. The only exception will be a bronze veteran's plaque that may also be placed on the back of an existing monument.
5. All markers and monuments must be of traditional design. All markers and monuments must be made of granite, bronze, marble or limestone and must be consistent with products offered from a monument dealer. No boulders, rocks, driftwood, petrified wood, etc., will be allowed. It is the responsibility of the lessee to acquire approval of the shape, size and design of the headstone, prior to it placement, from the cemetery sexton. The final design/order from your vendor must be approved by the St. Louis Parish. If the design is not approved, the lessee may make an appeal to the cemetery board. The decision of the cemetery board is final. Failure to follow this procedure may result in the removal of an unauthorized headstone at the lessee's expense.
6. All markers and monuments must be placed on a cement foundation. All foundations must be at ground level and extend at least two feet below ground level. All foundations must extend four inches beyond the base on all sides (Foot stones must be placed into the foundation to comply with requirement that they be set at ground level). If a shepherd's hook will be placed on the grave, a mount must be incorporated into the foundation. All

foundation work must be approved by the cemetery sexton prior to the concrete being poured.

7. All monument work must be kept in good condition by the lessee. Monument work, which in the course of time becomes unsightly or unsafe, shall be repaired by the lessee within thirty days after notice has been mailed by the cemetery board to the lessees of record. Failing to comply in thirty days, the cemetery shall have the right to order the removal and disposition of any such problems if the situation has been ignored and no response received from the lessee.
8. Maintenance of the grounds is the duty of the cemetery board. The cemetery sexton will level, seed, water, fertilize and mow the grounds. Individuals are prohibited from watering, mowing, fertilizing or disturbing the sod in any way.
9. Temporary grave decorations are permitted two days prior to: Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Veterans Day and Christmas. Any decorations remaining two days after each of these dates will be removed and they will be held for 2 weeks at the cemetery maintenance shed. After the holding period, cemetery personnel will discard the decorations. Evergreen grave blankets and wreaths will be permitted to remain on the grave during the months of December, January and February. They will be removed and discarded beginning in March.
10. Permanent decorations are allowed year round if they are kept in a permanent vase or attached to the top of the stone. Vases must be attached to the stone, its' base or the foundation of the stone. Any flags, banners, shepherds hooks, eternal lights etc., must be either mounted to the stone or in a sleeve in the foundation.
11. Planting trees, shrubs, flowers, etc., or installing a trellis, fences, etc. are prohibited. Also prohibited on graves are: statues, glass or plastic objects, cans, toys, bird feeders, Christmas decorations, etc. These items must be attached to the headstone, its' base or the foundation of the stone. (Items placed on the grave make perpetual care difficult)
12. The church and cemetery board is not responsible for any items left at the grave, which become damaged, lost, stolen or removed for any reason.
13. Anyone wishing to erect a private, companion or family mausoleum must submit a set of plans to the cemetery board for approval prior to any work being started. No full grave ledgers are allowed.
14. St. Louis cemetery requires that caskets be placed in a burial vault. Those vaults must be constructed of either concrete or steel. Plastic, wood, fiberglass or other materials shall not be permitted. Exceptions to the burial vault must be approved by the cemetery committee.
15. Cremated remains are required to be buried in an urn vault. St. Louis Cemetery does not allow scattering of cremated remains on cemetery property.

**Grave Specifications:**

1. Casket burial (adult)
  - a. Single
    - i. Dimensions of grave: Length - 11 feet, Width - 5 feet 3 inches
    - ii. Dimensions of markers: Length 5 feet 3 inches, Width – 18 inches
  - b. Double
    - i. Dimensions of grave: Length - 11 feet, Width - 10 feet 6 inches
    - ii. Dimensions of markers: Length 10 feet 6 inches, Width – 18 inches
2. Casket burial (infant, located near the shelter house)
  - a. Dimensions of grave: Length – 5 feet, Width – 2 feet
  - b. Dimensions of markers: Length – 2 Feet , Width – 18 inches
3. Cremation burial
  - a. Dimensions of grave: Length –15 inches, Width – 15 inches, Height – 18 inches
  - b. Dimensions of markers: Determined by location of burial and grave. Must be approved by the cemetery committee.
4. Marker Foundation
  - a. Approval must be granted by the cemetery sexton prior to a foundation being poured. Please contact the parish office 812-934-3204.
  - b. Must extend 4 inches on all sides of marker.
  - c. Must be flush with the ground.
  - d. Must be minimum 30 inches below ground level.

All specifications are not to be exceeded.