

St. Stanislaus Catholic Church
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Cemetery Rules and Regulations

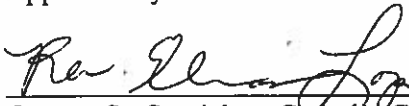
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Everyone's help is appreciated in keeping the cemetery beautiful. The Cemetery will be cleaned twice a year, once in February before Valentine's Day and again in August at the end of the summer.

1. The following persons may be buried in the Church Cemetery.
 - a. Parishioner
 - b. Parishioner's spouse (Husband/Wife)
 - c. Parishioner's dependent child or children (under the age of 21)
 - d. Non-Parishioner (must be approved by the Church Pastor)
2. A parishioner is defined as a registered member of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church for at least 18 months, attends mass on a regular basis, has been issued parish envelopes and financially supports the parish. If a new parishioner should pass away prior to 18 months of becoming a parishioner, his or her parish account will be reviewed, and the amount owed (if any) will then be determined.
3. If a parishioner wants to be buried in the cemetery and has not already reserved a space, they will be buried in the next available space as determined by the church sexton at the time of death at no charge and if that person is married, the space next to them will be reserved for their spouse at no additional charge. Infants may also be buried in the baby section at no charge
4. Any parishioner wanting to reserve a burial space may do so by paying a fee of \$500 per space and may be reserved with a down payment of at least \$250. Burial spaces must be paid in full within 6 months of the initial down payment or they will be released. Burial spaces are available on a first come first serve basis. The re-sale of grave spaces will not be permitted. Grave spaces no longer needed may be sold back to the church for the original price that was paid.
5. Non-parishioners wanting to be buried in the cemetery will be required to pay a fee of \$3,000 per space. Any non-parishioner wanting to reserve a burial space will be charged a fee of \$3,500 per space and it must be approved in advance by the Church Pastor and the Cemetery Sexton.
6. Each adult burial space shall be 5 feet wide and 10 feet deep. Each infant burial space shall be 3 feet wide and 4 feet long. Only one casket and up to 2 burial urns may be buried in a single burial space.
7. All graves must be dug by an approved contractor prior to interment. No person, firm or corporation shall perform any grave digging services in the cemetery without permission from the church and must be licensed and bonded. A list of these approved contractors will be kept on file at the church office.
8. All grave markers must be approved by the cemetery committee in advance. Grave markers shall not exceed 4 feet in width for a single marker or 8 feet in width for a double marker. This rule applies to new markers only. No brick, wood, rock, stone, gravel or concrete borders will be allowed and must be removed. No copings, hedges, fences, exposed vaults or other enclosures will be permitted. Concrete covers or ledgers will not be allowed. Any existing concrete covers or ledgers will be allowed to remain but must be flush with the ground. All headstones shall be placed flush with the top of the property line and centered.
9. Military markers and footstones are allowed and shall be installed flush with the ground.

10. No trees, shrubs or plants of any kind may be planted at any gravesite. Any existing plants, trees or shrubs must be maintained, or they will be removed. If they become too large, withered, unsightly or an obstruction to maintenance they will be removed.
11. Only one floral arrangement per burial space will be allowed unless that marker contains more than one permanently attached vase. Each vase shall not be more than 6 inches in diameter or 18 inches tall and must be placed within 6 inches of the marker.
12. Any holiday decorations (Christmas/Easter/Mother's Day/Father's Day, 4th of July) must be temporary and must be removed within 30 days after the holiday. Funeral flowers should be removed within 15 days of the funeral. Flags will be allowed on all military and veterans graves. No flag poles are allowed.
13. No Benches or objects of any kind will be allowed on grave spaces including any items that could become a flying projectile and must be removed. This includes toys, planters, glass bottles, baskets, statues, lights, candles, chimes or anything not considered part of the grave marker. Any prohibited items placed on gravesites will be removed without notification at any time. The church is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items. The church reserves the right to remove any artifacts from graves, i.e, artificial flowers, stuffed animals, ribbons, bows, and/or dead plantings which are determined to be unsightly or faded and present a detriment to the natural beauty of the Cemetery. The Church reserves the right to use their discretion to make this determination.
14. The church shall provide maintenance, operation and improvements to the cemetery as needed. This includes road construction and maintenance, mowing, pruning, landscaping and removal of plants as necessary. Maintenance does not include the purchase, erection, repair or replacement of markers, headstones, or monuments.
15. The Cemetery Sexton must be notified prior to any repair or replacement of grave markers in the cemetery. The cost to repair or replace a grave marker will be the responsibility of the grave marker's owner or direct family member. The church is not responsible for any broken or damaged markers.
16. In the event of a death the church office should be contacted as soon as possible so that arrangements may be made with the funeral home for the opening and closing of the grave. Once a grave marker has been selected it should be submitted to the Cemetery Committee for approval. Placement of the marker should be coordinated with the Sexton.
17. Cemetery records will be kept at the church office and maintained by the Cemetery Sexton. All inquiries concerning the cemetery should be directed to the Cemetery Sexton.
18. The Cemetery committee and the pastor may, from time to time, revise these Rules and Regulations and make reasonable administrative changes and conduct of the Cemetery.

Approved by:



 Pastor, St. Stanislaus Catholic Church

Date: 1-15-21

Date: _____

 Cemetery Sexton