

MAINTENANCE

Families and friends are welcome to place flowers and appropriate decorative items in remembrance of their deceased loved ones, keeping in mind the following:

- All plants and flowers, live or artificial, as well as other decorations should be in pots, on plant stands or hangers, or on the ground to the left or right side of the monument or marker.
- All other potted artificial flowers, plants, or decorations will be allowed one week before, through one week after, Memorial Day.
- Maintenance personnel will discard all artificial plants, flowers, or decorations not in pots and not to the side of the memorialization stone one week after Memorial Day.
- Plants and flowers that have died will be disposed of, as well as decorations that become unsightly or damaged.
- Christmas wreaths left after April 1 will be discarded.
- Plants or flowers are allowed in front of a columbarium niche on the paving bricks for one week after an inurnment, as well as for one week prior to, and after, Memorial Day and anniversaries. Decorations of any kind are not permitted on top of the columbaria.

PREPLANNING

It is wise to make important decisions regarding a final resting place before the time of need, as a consideration to oneself and to one's future survivors.

Better and more-informed decisions generally can be made when one has the time to thoughtfully consider all the many options available, such as described in this pamphlet.

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St. Michael Cemetery
3160 208th St. West
Farmington, MN

(note: not a mailing address)

Located east of Hwy. 3 on 209th Street;
follow the road to 208th Street;
St. Michael is east of Corinthian Cemetery

= the parish cemetery of =

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FARMINGTON, MINNESOTA

**Serving Catholics in the
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Since 1911**

**Dedicated to
celebrating the lives
of those remembered
by providing a peaceful
and dignified place for
those who remain**

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A Catholic cemetery is holy ground, having the same degree of sacredness as the church itself

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St. Michael Catholic Cemetery provides a respectful resting place in a pastoral setting of dignity and peace. Having shared the same faith in life, it is only natural for us to desire carrying on that sense of community in death. Our parish cemetery offers reminders of this connectedness where family and friends may visit for generations, while remaining hopeful in the promise of eternal life.

BURIAL CHOICES

Choosing a final resting place for oneself or a loved one is a highly personal matter. Our cemetery recognizes this and thus offers several interment options, all in keeping with the norms of the Catholic Church.

LAWN BURIAL

Each standard-sized lot will accommodate one casket/vault for a traditional full-body burial. In addition, up to two cremations are allowed above a casket. All lawn cremation burials require an urn-vault.

CREMATION BURIAL

Cremation continues to grow in popularity among Catholics. We offer both in-ground and above-ground burial options. One in-ground option was described in the preceding section, where any combination of a full-body and up to two cremations are allowed in a standard-sized lot.

The second in-ground possibility is in a smaller cremation-sized lot, which accommodates a single urn with its vault.

A columbarium is an above-ground granite structure designed for the specific purpose of inurned cremated remains. The term comes from the Latin which literally means “dove cove.” Offered are single- and double-depth niche spaces. An attractive bronze plaque graces each niche face with the name(s) and commemorative dates of the owner(s).

A separate Back-to-Nature section has been established that holds granite boulders which have been cored to accept cremated remains; these function essentially as personal columbaria. Other in-ground and above-ground options are available from our primary vendor or a supplier of your choosing. You are invited to explore these possibilities with a cemetery representative.

MONUMENTS & MARKERS

A monument is an upright structure, usually of granite or marble, that sits above ground level. It is typically installed at the head of a grave with the inscriptions facing east. Displaying the family name on the back (west) side is optional, but it is highly encouraged.

A marker is a flat stone set at ground level and made of materials as described above. It is to be placed so that its inscriptions face east as well.

Cemetery policy states that all lots are to be marked with a permanent upright monument or a flat marker within one year of an interment.

St. Michael Cemetery does not sell memorials. It is the responsibility of the family or friends of the deceased to make these arrangements with a vendor of their choosing. Likewise, we do not endorse specific firms, yet we are happy to provide contact information for dealers in the area. Purchasers should perform their own due diligence in selecting a company with which to do business.

Drawings of all proposed memorials must be submitted by the vendor to cemetery administration for approval. Size and appropriateness-of-content are two critical aspects that are reviewed for compliance.

These visible and permanent memorials will mark the place of rest of a loved one for generations to come. Cemetery staff works very closely with lot owners and their chosen vendor to achieve acceptable outcomes for all.

INFANT SECTION

When an infant dies or is stillborn, cemetery officials make every effort to accommodate the needs of the family during this most difficult time. Graves are available in a special area, in honor of the lives of these tiny souls.