

**NOTE: EFFECTIVE MAY 10, 2019 – Shepherd hooks/plant hangers will no longer be allowed in the cemetery. Please pull any hooks you may currently have at a gravesite. After May 10<sup>th</sup>, they will be pulled and placed near the northwest corner of the cemetery for you to pick up. A shepherd hook/plant hanger will only be allowed if it is placed in the foundation (via a drilled hole).**

The Creed of the National Catholic Cemetery Conference states: “The Catholic cemetery was established to carry out the sacred religious function of the burial and care of the resting place of the deceased who even in death remain a part of the whole Christian community.”

Both the old as well as the newly revised Code of Canon Law state that there are two sacred places: a church and a cemetery. This Code infers that a cemetery has a special “status” as a holy place where religious ceremonies are held, where people pray in a special way for those buried there, and where the living can find consolation of our faith.

### **Cemetery Schedule for Placing and Removing Decorations**

April 19 – All Winter decorations are to be removed by this date.

May 1 – Spring and Summer decorations may be put out after this date.

November 1 – Flowers and plants should be removed by this date.

### **General Information about Memorializing and Decorating**

Decorations are meant to honor the deceased and when tastefully done can make the entire cemetery look beautiful. It is always good to remember that no family owns land or a grave in our cemetery. Families have purchased a “right of burial”.

Memorial markers should be installed within the first year after a burial. The memorialization on the marker must be appropriate to Catholic doctrine and include at least one Christian symbol.

The cemetery caretaker is responsible for seeding graves after burial, landscaping, planting and maintenance of the cemetery.

All decorations must be placed as close to the cement base as possible to be out of the way for mowing and grass trimming. Families are responsible for trimming around any decorations placed near the base of monuments. If grass is overgrown cemetery caretaker will remove decorations and place them in northwest corner of cemetery.

### **Cemetery Rules and Regulations**

- Please do not insert wire or anything on wire into the ground.
- Seasonal flower may be planted within 12 inches of the front. Please do not plant or place things on the sides or backs of monuments.

- Rose bushes, miniature rose bushes, ferns, shrubs, trees or any plants that tend to spread are not allowed.
- Gravel or decorative stone for mulch is not allowed.
- Vases, jars or other objects made of glass or anything breakable are not allowed.
- Bird houses, bird feeders and bird baths are not allowed.
- Calvary Cemetery has a contract with Tom Linley Excavating to dig all burial and cremation holes.

**For information about purchasing a right of burial in one of our parish cemeteries, please call the parish office (608-437-5348) or contact Tom Hefty (608-437-6424) Calvary Cemetery Sexton or Glenn Schwoerer (608-437-3126) Holy Redeemer Perry Cemetery Sexton.**

- St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Calvary Cemetery and Holy Redeemer Perry Cemetery are not responsible for any damage to decorations during normal operations of the cemetery.
- For a full listing of Catholic Cemetery Guidelines look at Diocese of Madison website <http://diomad.cemeterydata.com/Wisconsin/>
- All monument designs are to be approved by Calvary Cemetery Committee prior to final order. They should be sent to the parish office at 107 S 7th Street, Mount Horeb, WI 53572, or via email [stihr@mhtc.net](mailto:stihr@mhtc.net).
- No animals are allowed in the cemetery.