

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC CEMETERY OCEOLA TOWNSHIP

CEMETERY GUIDELINES

(Revised July 1, 2021)

Price of Graves

Parishioners

--Single Grave	\$500.00	(Includes perpetual care) (Limit of two cremations per grave)
--Family Plots	\$1800.00	(Contains four single graves) (Includes perpetual care)

Non-Parishioners

--Single Grave	\$800.00	(Includes perpetual care)
--Family Plots	\$3000.00	(Contains four single graves) (Includes perpetual care)

Opening & Closing Costs

Full Size Grave

--Parishioner	\$600.00
--Non-Parishioner	\$650.00
--Child-Parishioner (5 & under)	\$150.00
--Child-Non-Parishioner (5 & under)	\$200.00

Cremation

--Parishioner	\$250.00
--Non-Parishioner	\$300.00

Note: Sunday's & Holiday's have an additional \$200.00 cost, Saturday's an additional \$50.

Grave Size

- Single Grave: 5 foot by 10 feet by 8 feet deep
- All graves are "Adult Size".
At this time there are no "Child Size" graves available.

Parishioner/Non-Parishioner Status

A parishioner is one who is registered and active in the parish for at least 6 months at the time of purchase or burial.

Parishioner rates extend to the spouse of a registered, active parishioner and to their children (under the age of 21).

CEMETERY REGULATIONS

GENERAL

In order to preserve the natural beauty and dignity of this Cemetery, St. John Catholic Church reserves the right to adopt any regulations for the government of its Cemetery. These regulations may be changed without notice and will be enforced. Next to a church, the cemetery is a sacred place. Sunday is a Holy Day and to observe its sacredness, we request that no work be performed in this Cemetery on Sunday.

St. John Catholic Church reserves, and shall have the right to correct any errors made by the Cemetery either in making interments, removals, or setting of markers or monuments, and assumes no liability other than the necessary cost of making the correction. The Cemetery shall not be liable for any delays or interment, losses, damages, expenses, claims or demands of any conceivable kind and character whatsoever, resulting from or caused by an act of nature, the common enemy, vandals, or from some other cause beyond the reasonable control of the Cemetery.

The periods of March 31-April 15 and October 31-November 15 are used by the Cemetery to clean up the grounds from the preceding seasons and prepare the Cemetery for the new season. All decorations are removed as soon as the weather permits. At these times, we ask that you refrain from placing new decorations. If you wish to save your decorations, please remove them before these clean up periods.

BASIC RULES IN THE CEMETERY

NO alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs.

NO mowing of grass.

NO fertilizing.

NO garden hoses.

NO glass jars, bottles, statuary, crockery, ornaments and Paper Mache.

NO Pets allowed.

MONUMENTS

Markers and monuments can be no larger than 4 feet high and 4 feet wide (over 1 grave) or 6 feet wide (over 2 graves).

Foundations are required for all grave markers and are done by the Cemetery staff.

Foundations must be 2 inches larger than the monument on all sides.

The cost of foundations is \$.30 sq. Inch. (Subject to change without notice).

St. John is not responsible for temporary markers or deterioration of markers through normal aging and weathering.

No marker or monument shall be placed on a lot or grave without the written approval of the Cemetery staff.

VAULTS

Although the State of Michigan does not require a burial vault, most cemeteries in Michigan do require some type of outer burial container. The outer burial vault prevents the grave from collapsing, and if sealed can help protect the casket. St. John Catholic Cemetery requires a vault.

Appropriate containers must be used for cremated remains, though a vault is not required.

PLANTS AND DECORATIONS

Any plant, bush, tree or flower that is planted in the ground **MUST** be pre-approved by the Cemetery staff before being planted.

All other plantings are strictly prohibited and will be removed **without notice**.

All pots should be **set on the lawn and not dug into the turf**.

Breaking or changing of any sod on a lot or grave by any person not employed by the Cemetery is prohibited.

After time has been allowed for the grave to settle, the Cemetery staff will level the plot with soil and will plant grass seed.

The Cemetery staff reserves the right to remove flowers and decorations at their discretion. Any unsightly or inappropriate objects on graves, as determined by St. John Catholic Church, will be removed without notice. The Cemetery will not be responsible for their return.

The Cemetery staff will remove grave blankets in the spring.

No benches of any kind will be allowed in the Cemetery.

All decoration regulations are to protect the conscientious lot holders rather than hinder them. While we all cannot agree completely on decoration rules, the Cemetery has established the fairest set of rules and enforces them fairly and uniformly.

CEMETERY HOURS

Cemetery hours are sunrise to sunset, Sunday through Saturday.