



# HOLY CROSS PARISH CEMETERIES

**Miracle of Life Rosary Garden**

**St. Mary | Pine Bluff**



# **Policy Statement for Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery Miracle of Life Rosary Garden St. Mary | Pine Bluff**

## **1.0 General Policy Statement**

- 1.01 Use of our cemeteries shall, always, be subject to the limitations, restrictions, and conditions of all church canons, rules, regulations, laws, and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church, the Diocese of Madison Catholic Cemeteries, and Holy Cross Parish Cemeteries, either now in force or hereafter enacted.
- 1.02 All burials in the Holy Cross Parish Cemetery Miracle of Life Rosary Garden, not approved as of this day – May 1, 2025, shall come under the following policies.
- 1.03 All Holy Cross Cemeteries are open from sunrise to sunset.
- 1.04 The Holy Cross Parish Cemeteries reserve the right to update and change these policies at any time. Call 608-798-0100 or email [cemetery@holycrosswi.org](mailto:cemetery@holycrosswi.org) to request a copy of these policies.

## **2.0 Policies**

- 2.01 The Miracle of Life Rosary Garden serves families by providing sacred ground to bury the remains of babies lost to miscarriage, who were under 20 weeks gestation at the time of loss. At this time, we are unable to provide a memorial option for babies lost to miscarriage where no remains were recovered. Resurrection Cemetery in Madison offers a beautiful memorial brick option here: [BricksRUs Cemetery Statue](#)
- 2.02 Full payment must be received before a memorial brick is ordered or a graveside burial service is scheduled.
- 2.03 All burials must have a Catholic Priest or Deacon (in good standing) present to pray over the dead. If you prefer to bring your own Priest or Deacon, please provide their name and contact information, so we may coordinate the service with them and record them as part of the burial record.

- 2.04 Graveside burial services occur year-round and are offered at specific weekday times. No evening, weekend or holiday options are available.
- 2.05 Burials are conducted by a professional contracted and insured cemetery excavating service who will prepare the opening and closing for your burial service. Families may not dig their own grave.
- 2.06 There is a maximum of two (2) miscarried baby burials per plot when buried at the same time. There is no limit to the number of baby *names* that you may memorialize on the 8 x 8" brick. The number of characters that fit on an 8 x 8" brick is the limiting factor. See the Memorial Brick Order Form for more information.
- 2.07 The remains should be brought to the service in a dignified sealed container.
- 2.08 Holy Cross Parish does not offer private Mass in conjunction with a Rosary Garden graveside burial service.
- 2.09 Disinterment is not allowed.

### **3.0 Process**

- 3.01 At the time of need, contact us at [cemetery@holycrosswi.org](mailto:cemetery@holycrosswi.org) or 608-798-0100. Within 3 business days (M-TH), we will send you our Rosary Garden Packet that includes the Rosary Garden Policies, Burial Information Sheet, Memorial Brick Order Form and Rate Sheet.
- 3.02 Complete the Rosary Garden Burial Information Sheet
- 3.03 Complete a Memorial Burial Brick Order Form.
- 3.04 Submit full payment to *Holy Cross Parish Cemetery* and drop off or mail to: Holy Cross Parish Office, Attn: Rosary Garden, 2947 Thinnes Street, Cross Plains, WI 53528. Our Parish Office is open M-Th, 8:30 - 4:30 pm. See our Rosary Garden Rate Sheet for more information.
- 3.05 Once full payment and forms are received, we will order the brick.
- 3.06 Staff will then coordinate a graveside service burial date.

### **4.0 Rosary Garden Decoration Policy**

- 4.01 No plantings (in ground or above ground) are allowed in the Rosary Garden. Donations will be accepted in a baby's name to plant around the Rosary Garden. See 7.03 for details.
- 4.02 The placing of any items, such as toys, signs, wreaths, ornaments or other articles, are not permitted in or near the Rosary Garden area and will be removed and disposed of without notice.
- 4.03 Live flowers may be laid upon a grave after a burial but will be removed after a couple of weeks or at the discretion of the maintenance / lawn care team.

## **5.0 Family Responsibilities**

- 5.01 Submit full payment before a brick is ordered or graveside burial service is scheduled.
- 5.02 Be financially responsible for the upkeep or financial replacement of the brick.
- 5.03 No memorial brick shall be removed from the cemetery without the consent of the Cemetery Sexton and family. If the family cannot be located, the Cemetery Sexton shall correct and record the repair/replacement.
- 5.05 Adhering to Holy Cross Cemeteries and Rosary Garden Policies.

## **6.0 Cemetery Sexton Responsibilities**

- 6.01 Coordinate graveside burial services.
- 6.02 Mark the burial location, order and placement of the Memorial Brick.
- 6.03 If a memorial brick becomes unsightly, dilapidated, or a menace to visitors, the Cemetery Sexton shall have the right to correct the condition or to remove it at the expense of the family.
- 6.04 Manage maintenance and the general physical upkeep of the Rosary Garden.
- 6.05 Maintain Rosary Garden records, update and promote the Holy Cross Cemeteries and Rosary Garden Policy.
- 6.06 Ultimate discretion for decisions made on behalf of the Rosary Garden remain with the Cemetery Sexton or their designated Parish Staff representative.

## **7.0 Contact Information, Payments, Donations**

### 7.01 Non-Emergency Contacts

For information about our Holy Cross Parish Cemetery, Miracle of Life Rosary Garden go to [www.holycrosswi.org/rosarygarden](http://www.holycrosswi.org/rosarygarden) or reach our Cemetery Sexton at [cemetery@holycrosswi.org](mailto:cemetery@holycrosswi.org) or 608-798-0100.

The Miracle of Life Rosary Garden is located at St. Mary Catholic Church Cemetery, 3673 County Road P Cross Plains, WI 53528

### 7.02 Payments for Brick & Burials

May be made in one check to: *Holy Cross Parish Cemetery* and mailed to or dropped off at the Holy Cross Parish Office, Attn: Rosary Garden, 2947 Thinnes Street, Cross Plains, WI 53528.

### 7.03 Donations

In-kind donations for flowers, perpetual care or other may be made out to *Holy Cross Cemeteries - Rosary Garden* and sent to Holy Cross Parish Office, Attn: Rosary Garden, 2947 Thinnes Street, Cross Plains, WI 53528. Suggested minimum donation is \$20.

## 8.0 Definitions

8.01 Registered and Active Member of Holy Cross Parish - Person or family who is a registered, tithing, and a participating member within the Holy Cross Parish. Please email or call the church of your registration if you are unsure of your registration status.

8.02 Memorial Burial Brick - an 8 x 8" brick placed over the buried remains of a miscarried baby in the center of the Rosary Garden to memorialize their life.

8.03 Miscarriage - the loss of a pregnancy before the 20th week of gestation.

8.04 Rosary Garden Internment - permanent placement of miscarried remains in a dignified sealed container and buried in a small grave at the Rosary Garden.

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