

Christmas and Winter continued.

Vases must be turned down all winter.

Cemetery grounds crews clean every cemetery regularly during the spring, summer and fall months to remove and discard decorations not in compliance with decoration policies. Anything not in a vase or approved container will be removed in time.

Mausoleum Decoration Privileges

In order to maintain consistency and beauty throughout the mausoleum areas (crypts and niches), as well as abstain from subjective day-to-day approval, the Diocese of Madison has developed objective placement standards. All crypt and niche memorialization (bronze emblems and crosses, vases, photoceramics, lettering) must be purchased through and placed by the Diocese of Madison Cemeteries only.

Silk flowers are permitted; however, they contain wire. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the crypt owner to make sure the flowers are properly wrapped and no wire is exposed. Otherwise, the wire will rust and permanently stain the crypt front and/or bronze memorial. If rust occurs, the cemetery will replace the crypt front at the owner's or their relatives' expense. Please ensure the decoration is securely placed in the vase. Decorations should not be attached to the bronze name plate.

Mausoleum Cleaning

Anything placed on a crypt or niche front not purchased through the Diocese of Madison Catholic Cemeteries is considered a violation of decoration policies, including cards, photos, gifts and the like.

Please Observe the Following Rules:

- In-ground planting is not allowed.
- Trees and shrubs are not allowed.
- No wire, glass containers, tin cans, ceramic or clay pots, aluminum foil, or other dangerous or unsightly material should be used to hold decorations.
- No plastic border edging, coping, fencing, bricks, bark, wood decorations, rocks, gravel, toys, or figurines are permitted around or on the memorial.
- Grave blankets are prohibited.
- Placement of solar lights must be approved.

If any of the above items are found on the gravesites, they will be removed and discarded without notice. The cemetery is not responsible for these items, nor is it responsible for the theft or damage to anything placed on the gravesite.

We all have a common purpose...

...remembering and memorializing our beloved deceased at their graves, crypts and niches while maintaining an overall order, beauty and tidiness within our cemetery grounds and buildings. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Thank you to our donors!

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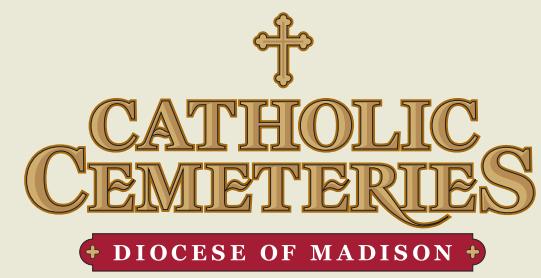
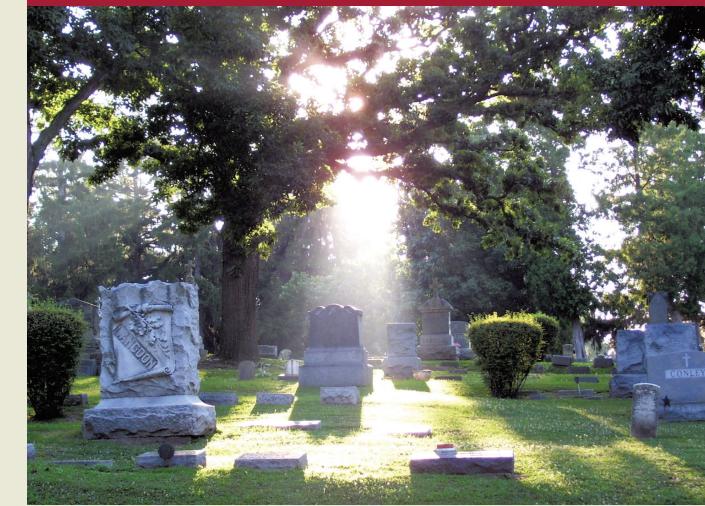
A Final Thought

We at the Roman Catholic Diocese of Madison Cemeteries are committed to serving those families who have chosen our cemetery for burial.

We hope that each visit to the cemetery is a meaningful experience as you commemorate your deceased family members and friends.

May you find comfort and hope, peace and meaning in the Holy Scripture of John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him may not die but may have eternal life."

Cemetery Information and Decorating Regulations



**Sacred Places
of Prayer and Remembrance**

Mount Thabor Cemetery - Beloit

Calvary Cemetery - Beloit

Mount Olivet Cemetery

1827 North Washington Street

Janesville, WI 53548

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The staff of the Catholic Cemeteries, Diocese of Madison, wish to extend condolences and prayerful remembrance to you at this sorrowful time in your life. We hope you will find consolation and support in visiting the burial or entombment site of your beloved.

In this brochure you will find general information regarding the cemetery and care of gravesites. Also included are guidelines and regulations for grave decorations and floral plantings.

If you have any questions, please call the cemetery office during regular business hours.

General Rules

Use of the cemetery shall, at all times, be subject to the limitations, restrictions and conditions of all church canons, rules, regulations, laws and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church and the Diocese of Madison Catholic Cemeteries, either now in force or hereafter enacted.

The cemeteries reserve the right to update and change policies at any time.

Visitation Policy

We respectfully ask those using these sacred grounds to extend the following courtesies:

- Assume the good intent of everyone on our grounds and presume their respect of the sacredness of these premises.
- Walkers, runners, riders and the like should remain only on roadways.
- Pets must be kept on a leash and never allowed to run free among the graves, staying only on roadways. No one wants pet feces on a loved one's grave. Cleaning up after a pet is essential, and droppings should be disposed of properly.

The Catholic Cemeteries are committed to public safety and security. The police, as well as private security companies, have access to our grounds. Modern security practices and equipment are employed as well.

Reverent Attitudes and Respectful Actions are Requested at All Times.

Visitation Hours

Cemetery Grounds & Exterior Mausoleums

Every day from dawn to dusk

Interior Mausoleums

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or electronic key

Closed Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays

Office Hours

Cemetery Administration

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Closed Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays

Counselor Cemetery Coverage

See hours above. Appointments can be arranged at any agreed time and place.

Memorialization

Monuments and memorials may be ordered any time during the year from the cemetery office. Also, the cemetery offers the service of carving names and death dates on existing memorials. The Family Service Counselor can answer any questions regarding memorialization. If graves or monuments require raising or leveling, please do not hesitate to call the office.

Cemetery Cleaning

Primary Cleaning Periods

Spring Cleaning

Annually March 15-April 15

Fall Cleaning

Annually October 15-November 15

Cemetery grounds crews completely clean every cemetery twice a year—spring and fall.

During the cleanings, the crews remove and discard all artificial decorations from the previous decorating period.

Families or friends should remove any decoration they wish to save for reuse. The artificial decorations must be removed by March 14 and by October 14, that is, before the two Cleaning Periods begin.

Once a decoration has been removed from a grave, it cannot be retrieved.

New decorations are allowed only after each cleaning is completed.

Spring decorations can be placed after April 15. Fall decorations can be placed after November 15.

Cemetery Decoration Privileges

Spring, Summer and Fall

Annually April 16-October 14

Vases approved by cemetery are permitted at any occupied and marked grave.

Decorations must always be placed in a secured vase and never just stuck in the ground.

Vases may be turned up and used only from April 16 to October 14. Cemetery personnel turn vases down in fall; personnel do not turn vases up in the spring.

Annual and Perennial Plantings are allowed, however, type and placement must conform to cemetery regulations. Flowers must be planted in a cement or granite flower urn. The urn must be placed next to either side of the memorial in the protected marker row. Check with the cemetery office to verify that no infringement will occur in the adjacent gravespace(s). Single rod plant holders are allowed in lieu of flower urns. Plants that reach 6 to 8 inches in height are recommended. Do not plant, dig, or fertilize on the graves. Only single loop shepherd hooks or hearts are allowed. They must be placed as close to the left or right side of the marker as possible. The basket must hang over the marker.

American Flags in standards may be placed at any grave as close as possible to the marker. It is preferable for family or friends to remove flag (and standard) during winter months. Small flags may also be put in mausoleum vases.

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Annually November 16-March 14

Wreaths and Other Decorations at any grave should be on a stand at least 24 inches high. Floral wreaths are permitted.

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