



Regulations for Saint Mary's Cemetery

(Updated July 2026)

A cemetery for St. Mary's Church was created soon after the founding of the parish, in 1845. The current cemetery dates to 1875. With this historic context, new monuments selected by plot holders should conform to forms and materials dominant among the other monuments here. This, and abiding by the following requirements, assures an appropriate degree of uniform appearance throughout this beautiful, serene site. Both also assure respect for the rights and privileges of other plot holders.

The following regulations, cover essential requirements and some restrictions. All designs must be reviewed and approved on a case-by-case basis.

Monuments: Material, Form, Size

1. All monuments must be approved by the Cemetery committee. Drawings submitted for review should indicate materials, dimensions, and all design features.
2. Monuments should be granite and of upright and generally rectangular form.
3. Maximum monument size per single plot: 36" high, 32" long, 14" deep. Larger sizes for multiple adjoining plots must receive Cemetery approval. Note: provision (space) for the placement of the names of all those interred in a plot must be provided for on the monument.

Front and rear surfaces should be polished.

4. Sides and top of the monument and base may be polished or cleft (natural).
5. Foot stones / Markers: Only one (1) permitted per plot. Must be 12" x 24" and set flush to the ground surface at the foot of the plot.
6. Bronze Government Markers may be used but must be approved by the Cemetery Committee.



Engraving on Monuments

1. Only the front of each monument should be engraved.
2. Every monument memorial must have a cross or other Christian symbol, either sculpture cut or engraved and be dominant in size and position. Generally, artwork of a Christian nature or of a floral design is also permitted. Only religious expressions, as approved by the Cemetery committee, may appear on memorialization. Insignias or symbols for Armed Services, police, fire fighters, medical, Knights of Columbus, Holy Name or Rosary Societies, and other similar religious societies are permitted but cannot exceed 4" in diameter.
3. Monuments may bear textual inscriptions beyond names and life dates. Such inscriptions may be taken from words found in Scripture, liturgies, prayers, devotions, and other approved texts of the Church. Prose and poetry clearly derived from, or inspired by, those words may also be permitted.
4. Monuments and memorials are not the proper place to express political views/statements, to commemorate a favorite past time or hobby, or to place other items more closely identified with creating shrines rather than commemorating entrance into eternal life as promised at one's baptism.
5. Coloring, pigmentation, enameling, gilding, bronzing, or lithographing of inscriptions or design elements is not permitted.
6. Photographs and cameos of persons, living or deceased, may not be affixed to monuments.

Interment

1. All interments (caskets) must be in non-deteriorating (concrete or equivalent) vaults.
2. Maximum allowed: 2 standard caskets per plot. (See #3 below)
3. Maximum allowed (with cremains): 5 interments per plot. (Example: 3 cremains / 2 caskets; 4 cremains / 1 casket; or 5 cremains)
4. All caskets must be placed prior to cremains placement.



Cemetery Fees

Cost of each 'Right of Interment' (2 standard burials) in St. Francis section: \$3,000. (This fee includes the perpetual care.)

Interments	\$2,000
Burial of Cremains	\$800
Foundations	\$500 flat fee single \$800 double width
Government markers	\$200
Saturday surcharge	\$125 (must be completed by noon)
Frost charge	\$75

*Prices are subject to change

Groundskeeping

1. Shrubby is not permitted, and will **be removed without notice.**
- 2 Planted flowers are encouraged during the growing season. The flowers can be the width of the monument and no more than 12" in front of it.
3. Vases, containers, candles, artificial flowers and other decorations that mimic a shrine for the deceased are **not permitted and will be removed.**
4. Christmas greens may be placed after November 17. Families are asked to remove their own greenery from the cemetery prior to February 1.



PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO ST. MARY'S

Cemetery Fees

Cost of each 'Right of Interment' (2 standard burials) in St. Francis section: \$3,000. (This fee includes the perpetual care.)

Interments	\$2,000
Burial of Cremains	\$800
Foundations	\$500 flat fee single \$800 double width
Government markers	\$200
Saturday surcharge	\$125 (must be completed by noon)
Frost charge	\$75

*Prices are subject to change

Groundskeeping

1. Shrubby is not permitted, and will **be removed without notice.**
- 2 Planted flowers are encouraged during the growing season. The flowers can be the width of the monument and no more than 12" in front of it.
3. Vases, containers, candles, artificial flowers and other decorations that mimic a shrine for the deceased are **not permitted and will be removed.**
4. Christmas greens may be placed after November 17. Families are asked to remove their own greenery from the cemetery prior to February 1.

I agree to abide by the rules and regulations stated in this document:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____