

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC CEMETERY OCEOLA TOWNSHIP

CEMETERY GUIDELINES (Effective November 10, 2025)

Price of Graves

Parishioners

--Single Grave	\$700	(Includes perpetual care) (Limit of two cremations per grave)
--Family Plots	\$2,500	(Contains four single graves) (Includes perpetual care)

Non-Parishioners

--Single Grave	\$1,000	(Includes perpetual care)
--Family Plots	\$3,800	(Contains four single graves) (Includes perpetual care)

Interments

Full Size Grave

--Parishioner/Saturday/Holiday	\$800 / \$900 / \$1,200
--Non-Parishioner/Saturday/Holiday	\$900 / \$1,000 / \$1,400
--Child (7 & under)	Gratis

Cremation

--Parishioner/Saturday/Holiday	\$350 / \$400 / \$550
--Non-Parishioner/Saturday/Holiday	\$450 / \$500 / \$650
--Child (7 & under)	Gratis

Note: Interments will not be scheduled on Sundays.
2 Cremains being interred at one time will have an additional \$50 cost.
There will be no Interments of cremains between November 1st – May 15.

Grave Size

Single graves are 5 feet wide by 10 feet long; depth is determined by cemetery regulations.
All graves are "Adult Size".

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 18).

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC CEMETERY REGULATIONS

CEMETERY HOURS

- Cemetery hours are sunrise to sunset, Sunday through Saturday.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

- 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 governance of its Cemetery. These regulations may be changed without notice and will be enforced.
- St. John Catholic Church reserves, and shall have the right, to correct any errors made by the Cemetery Staff 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 Staff.

BASIC CEMETERY RULES

- NO planting of trees, bushes, flowers or any other plants.
- NO mowing or fertilizing grass.
- NO garden hoses.
- NO glass jars, bottles, statuary, crockery, ornaments or paper mâché.
- NO pets allowed.
- NO alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs.

FOUNDATIONS AND MONUMENTS

- Foundations are **required** for all grave markers. All foundations will be installed by St. John Catholic Cemetery staff.
- The cost of foundations is \$.35 sq. Inch. (Subject to change without notice). Foundations must be 2 inches larger than the monument on all sides. Contact the Parish Office to purchase a foundation.
- Foundations will NOT be placed between November 1st – May 15th.
- Monuments are NOT to be delivered until the foundation is in place by St. John Catholic Cemetery staff.
- Maximum size of monuments: 4' tall x 4' wide over 1 grave; 4' tall x 6' wide over 2 graves.
- Monuments should be ordered from a local monument dealer, not from an online webstore.
- Monument benches, or benches in general, are not allowed.
- Monument placement, repair and upkeep, are the responsibilities of the grave owner
- No temporary marker or monument shall be placed on a lot or grave without the written approval of Cemetery staff.
- St. John is not responsible for the deterioration of temporary markers.

BURIAL 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

- Flowers are **ONLY** to be in pots and hung from shepherd's hooks or placed on the ground.
- Flower pots on the ground should be set on the lawn or the monument, and not dug into the earth.
- All plantings are strictly prohibited and will be removed without notice.
- 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.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

- Fall Clean-up: Begins October 1st (Please remove decorations by September 30th)
- Spring Clean-up: Begins March 15th (Please remove decorations by March 14th)