

Graves and Niches

The purchase of a grave or niche entitles the purchaser only the right of easement to the said grave or niche. Radical ownership is retained by St. Mary Cemetery.

Interments

St. Mary Cemetery is intended for the interment of Catholics, who are entitled to ecclesiastical burial according to the rules and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church, and their spouses. Any question of the burial of any person shall be decided exclusively by the Pastor of St. Mary Church, DeKalb.

All Catholic interments, including those of cremated remains, shall be according to the norms of Canon Law. Non-Catholic burial service may be conducted only with the specific approval by the Pastor of St. Mary Church, DeKalb.

A vault approved by the Cemetery authorities is required for all burials. Cremated remains may not be separated, comingled, or scattered above ground.

Any disinterments shall be made in accordance with the general laws of the Roman Catholic Church and the laws of the State of Illinois. Written consent of the surviving spouse or the next of kin is required.

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Cemeterians' Prayer

Dear God,

*We ask you to bless our work
as we labor in this part
of your vineyard.*

*Please help us to remember
the souls of the faithful
departed for whom we work
so diligently to provide a place
of beauty and reverence
for their earthly remains.*

*We also ask for the gifts
of patience, comfort and
compassion in our assistance
to their bereaved families
as they journey
through their grief.*

We ask your blessings, Lord.

St. Mary Cemetery

DeKalb, Illinois 60115



Rules and Regulations

Cemetery: 531 Sycamore Road
Office: 302 Fisk Avenue

General Regulations

St. Mary Catholic Cemetery is owned and operated by St. Mary Catholic Church, DeKalb, Illinois. The Cemetery Commission, which is advisory to the Pastor, consists of representative parishioners and staff. The Cemetery Commission and the Pastor of St. Mary Church, DeKalb, shall collectively be referred to as Cemetery authorities. All persons holding a right of easement to grave(s) or niche(s) within St. Mary Cemetery, their families and their inheritors shall be subject to these rules and regulations and any amendments or alterations adopted by the Cemetery authorities. These rules and regulations are not considered to be all inclusive and are subject to change at any time without notice. If you have any questions or suggestions to help us serve you better, please call the cemetery office at 815-758-5432, ext. 6.

Cemetery authorities have the right to:

- Resurvey, enlarge, diminish, re-plot, alter in shape and size, or otherwise change all or any part or portion of the Cemetery.
- Lay out, establish, close, eliminate or otherwise modify or change the location and/or condition of roads, walks or drives.
- To lay or change pipe lines for drainage or water systems or to make whatever other changes are required for better administration of cemetery properties.
- Fix a charge and time of payment for each interment or disinterment and for the performance of any other service rendered by the Cemetery authorities.
- Move monuments to allow for grave placement and to correct any errors that may occur either in making interments or in the description, transfer or conveyance of any interment rights.
- Approve any resale of graves in St. Mary Cemetery.



Care of the Cemetery

St. Mary Cemetery sets apart and solemnly blesses this place in which the bodies of the Church's faithful departed await the day of Resurrection. It is a holy place and it should be preserved in good condition, free from unsightly objects.

Your cooperation with these rules and regulations is gratefully appreciated.

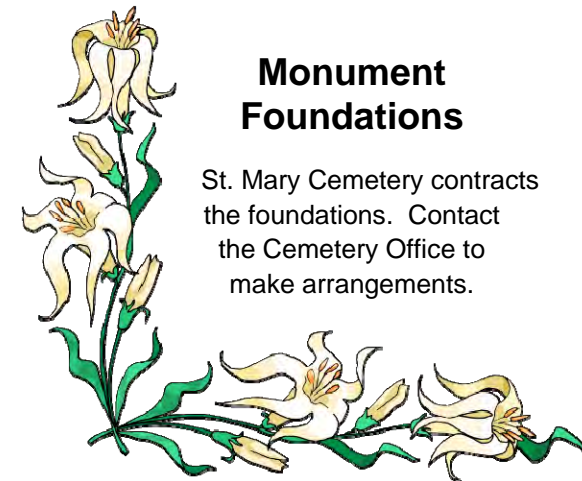
Decorations

The period from April 1st to May 15th is traditionally used by the cemetery to clean up the grounds and prepare the cemetery for spring. The cemetery will remove all fall and winter decorations as soon after April 1st as weather permits. Insofar as possible, we ask that you refrain from placing new decorations during this period. If you wish to save your winter decorations, please remove them before April 1st.

Flags may be placed in planters with the plants and also in approved permanent vases. Flags may not be just stuck into the ground on wooden sticks except with specific approval by Cemetery authorities. Please contact the Parish Office to ask for these rules and approval.

- **The only decoration allowed at the columbarium is in the permanent bud vases sold by the cemetery for this purpose.**
- Grave blankets (evergreen or otherwise), shepherd's hooks, and solar lights are **NOT** permitted.
- Statues are allowed if professionally installed and affixed to the cement platform. Statues must not be any taller than 36" and must be of a religious nature only.
- Wreaths, no more than 30 inches in diameter, on metal stands, are allowed after Nov. 1st until April 1st.
- **No glass containers are allowed.**
- No plantings of any kind are allowed.

We encourage the placement of decorations in approved permanent vases. We will try to be as careful as possible of the decorations during our normal interment and maintenance activities. However, we regret that we cannot guarantee that all decorations will be free from damage or loss, and we cannot accept responsibility for these occurrences.



Monument Foundations

St. Mary Cemetery contracts the foundations. Contact the Cemetery Office to make arrangements.

Memorialization

Monuments/Markers may be purchased from a monument dealer of the family's choice. **However, the family must contact the Cemetery Office for guidelines before contracting with a monument dealer.** Maintenance of monuments and markers are the responsibility of the easement holder, their family and their descendants.

Designs of a religious nature only are allowed on markers placed in the St. Mary Cemetery. They may **not** have designs of occupations, hobbies, politics, etc. Government bronze markers are allowed when attached to a marker.

The Cemetery authorities reserve the right, at all times, to approve and prescribe the kind, size, design, symbolism, craftsmanship, quality and materials of the memorials, monuments or markers placed or to be placed in St. Mary Cemetery.