St. Mary Catholic Cemetery
Russell, Kansas

Policy

In order to promote a safe and reverent environment for the families and friends of the deceased, and for the mutual protection and benefit of the Owner of the Right of Interment and his/her successors and assigns, the following rules and regulation have been adopted.

The Pastor/Pastor Designate reserves the right to correct any errors made during performance of its duties regarding interments, inurnments, placement of headstones or transfer or conveyance of property within the cemetery.

No "double depth" full burials will be allowed in our Catholic Cemetery. The term double depth refers to a second burial on top of a previous burial. Burial of Cremains may occur on an existing full/traditional burial, however only one Cremains will be allowed on such site. Two Cremains will be permitted to be buried on an open space.

The Pastor/Pastor Designate will reserve the right to enlarge, reduce or change the boundaries of any cemetery section or sections. Including the right to modify, eliminate or change the locations of roadways, drives, trees, shrubs, flowers, landscaping walkways or alleyways.

Except otherwise set forth, no person, other than duly authorized persons appointed by the Pastor/Pastor Designate, will be allowed to perform the duties of marking graves, digging of graves for both full burials or cremains, or headstone placement.

Planting by individuals or families of live trees, shrubs, or flowers on or within the cemetery is prohibited. Placement of walls, fences, curbing of any lots or plots is prohibited, except as approved by the Pastor/Pastor Designate. Placement of artificial lighting is prohibited. The Pastor/Pastor Designate or cemetery board reserves the right to remove any such plantings, curbing, walls, fences or lighting.

Any and all disinterment's will be under the direction of the Pastor/Pastor Designate or such person designated by the Pastor/Pastor Designate. The Pastor/Pastor Designate or designated person shall not be held liable for stated disinterment.

Placement of memorials, headstones or markers will be under the direction of the Pastor/Pastor Designate or other person appointed by the Pastor/Pastor Designate. The Pastor/ Pastor Designate reserves the right to remove any memorial, headstone or marker that bears an inscription or other embellishment that the Pastor/Pastor Designate or cemetery board finds offensive or inappropriate.

Each full or traditional burial must be placed in an outer burial container, also known as a grave liner which may be plastic, concrete or a steel box or vault. This requirement of a grave liner, reduces the cost of up-keep, and will, after initial settling of the grave, keep the grave from cave-ins in the future. No wooden "Rough Boxes" are allowed.

The Pastor/Pastor Designate will review the cost of plots or lots within the cemetery and adjust them accordingly to maintain the cemetery in a proper manner. The Pastor/Pastor Designate or cemetery board will maintain a separate, self-supporting cemetery maintenance fund. A perpetual care fund shall be established whereby the Cemetery will invest funds with the Salina Diocese. Interest will be paid on said funds and principle maybe withdrawn as requested by the Cemetery Board.

In order to maintain dignity and serenity that Catholic Cemeteries are meant to have, St. Mary Catholic Cemetery prohibits the following items: figurines, plastic flags, Mom/Dad signs, windmills, wind chimes, balloons, toys, rosary beads, crosses, statues, candles, shepherd's hooks, etc.

All flowers not contained in a permanent vase, including Memorial Day flowers, must be removed 10 days after the holiday or being placed.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name and address, please print:

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