



Grave and Grounds Decoration Rules {Established 1871}

St. Gregory Parish Cemetery is experiencing growing pains. The maintenance and perpetual Care obligations of our parish cemetery grounds has become a growing concern and expense as a single caretaker attempts to maintain them. Our limited parish budget only allows for one paid caretaker. We have found that many grave memorials and plantings left by the family have become a hazard and are found to be out of compliance with our long-established cemetery rules.

Rev. Patrick Nelson, SDS -Pastor of St. Gregory Parish, 2015

PURCHASE OF ALL GRAVE PLOTS AND BURIAL RIGHTS (Wisconsin Statutes ss. 157.1-7)

- 1.) Grave plot BURIAL RIGHTS must be purchased from St. Gregory's before interment.
- 2.) The term "grave plot" shall be the provided space for one adult burial, (13ft. x 4ft. 3in.)
- 3.) The term "SEXTON" is the chairperson of the parish Cemetery Committee, appointed by the Pastor.
- 4.) All BURIAL RIGHTS shall be paid for in full at the time of purchase.
- 5.) The purchase of a "grave plot" entitles the owner to BURIAL RIGHTS only. (Wis. Stat. 157.1)
- 6.) At the time of purchase, the buyer shall receive a copy of these regulations with emphasis on the following regarding size, materials, and location of markers.
- 7.) **THE PURCHASE IS FOR BURIAL RIGHTS ONLY! ALL GROUNDS AND PLOTS ARE PROPERTY OF ST. GREGORY PARISH.**
- 8.) Upon death of a right's holder, the family must show proof of BURIAL RIGHTS before interment.
- 9.) The parish office **MUST BE NOTIFIED** of all intents for burials of both coffins and cremations.
Parish Office: 920-773-2511 As soon as the burial plans are finalized, the grave diggers must be notified.
Mr. Gerald Augustine is the SEXTON for St. Gregory Cemetery.....
For Cemetery Association parishioners and burials:
(Gerald Augustine 920-773-2306, Eugene Riesterer 920-773-2585, Ronald Schnell 920-773-2638)
For cremations: Gerald Augustine 920-773-2306
For coffin burial: James Kohlmann 920-377-6237

PRICING SCHEDULES

- 10.) BURIAL RIGHTS for parishioners of St. Gregory Parish cost \$400.00 ea. and for non-parishioners \$800.00 ea.
- 11.) BURIAL RIGHTS for a child under 5yrs. (parishioner or not) in the children's section (Sec. 3) is \$200.00 ea. All BURIAL RIGHTS sold include the perpetual care of the grave plot (Wis. Stat. 157.7)
- 12.) Costs to dig and prep. a grave site is the obligation of the family, arranged by the undertaker or SEXTON.
- 13.) Grave soil covering and soil burial cost of \$50.00 will be paid to the SEXTON of St. Gregory Cemetery for cremation urn burial or for casket burial for parishioners and \$100.00 for non-parishioners.
- 14.) Cremation urns interment fee on top of an existing grave is \$150.00 for parishioners/\$300.00 for non-parishioners.
- 15.) Cremation urns can only be interred by permission of the SEXTON and are recorded at the time of burial.
- 16.) NO more than 3 cremation urns shall be interred on top of an existing grave or in any new "grave plot".
- 17.) **NO GRAVE OCCUPIED BY CREMAINS MAY BE OPENED FOR A CASKET BURIAL WITHOUT A COURT ORDER TO EXHUME.** (Wis. Stat. 157.7)
- 18.) Cremation urns must be made of unbreakable material that can withstand ground pressure and moisture, bronze is an excellent choice.
- 19.) NO BURIAL RIGHTS may be resold, except to the St. Gregory Cemetery Association for the original purchase price.

FOR THE MONUMENT/HEADSTONE INSTALLATION/ERECTION:

- 20.) NO headstone or marker shall be erected without the permission of the St. Gregory Cemetery Association.
- 21.) **Only one headstone/marker is permitted per grave plot.**
- 22.) ALL headstones/markers must rest on a solid concrete slab foundation that is flush with the ground.
- 23.) ALL historical and veteran marker additions must be flush to the ground and on the proper grave plot.
- 24.) The SEXTON must supervise installation of all grave headstones, markers and concrete slabs.
- 25.) ALL new headstones/markers for a single grave plot shall NOT be over 26in. x 30in. (height x length).
- 26.) ALL headstones/markers for double grave plots shall NOT be greater than 32 in. x 60 in. (height x length).
- 27.) The solid concrete slab foundation may not extend more than 6 inches from the headstone/marker (the slab apron) in all directions from the headstone/marker.
- 28.) Installer must follow the iron stakes, on each end of each row, and draw a straight line to line-up the monument with this line.
- 29.) When using heavy equipment or material, planks must be placed on the paths and grass to avoid damage to the lawn.
- 30.) The Cemetery Association or St. Gregory Parish is NOT responsible for vandalism of headstones or markers. The BURIAL RIGHTS holder should consult their personal homeowner's insurance for coverage.

MEMORIALS, PLANTS AND GRAVE DECORATIONS:

- 31.) NO trees or shrubs may be planted except by St. Gregory Cemetery Association.
- 32.) Flower plantings are permitted along the **FULL LENGTH OF THE FRONT OF THE HEADSTONE** and not more than **15 INCHES** out from the face of the headstone. **NOTHING MAY BE PLANTED OR PLACED ON THE SIDES OR BACK OF THE HEADSTONE.**
- 33.) ALL FLOWER PLANTS BOUNDRIES/BORDERS **MUST BE FLUSH WITH THE GRASS FOR THE PERPETUAL CARE.**
- 34.) **Flower planting should be annuals-ONLY!** (Please, no new plantings of roses, sedum, peonies, etc.) **Plants must be maintained or they will be trimmed back by the caretaker.**
- 35.) Sturdy artificial flowers or wreaths are allowed, if securely anchored in the ground. **THESE MUST BE REMOVED BY APRIL 15TH EACH YEAR FOR SPRING CLEAN-UP.**
- 36.) NO pots, jars, or containers are permitted unless they are mounted on the headstone/marker.
- 37.) NO toys, trinkets, loose pictures or other loose items may be left. **THEY WILL BE DISCARDED.**
- 38.) NO scooters, bikes, or snowmobiles permitted on the cemetery lawn. Vehicles are to stay on the roads.
- 39.) NO children are allowed in the cemetery without a parent or guardian.
- 40.) **NO PETS ARE ALLOWED ON THE CEMETERY GROUNDS, AT ANY TIME.**

*****THESE RULES MAY BE REVISED AT ANY TIME WITHOUT ADVANCE NOTICE.**

*****SEE THE BULLETIN BOARD IN CHURCH, OR THE PARISH OFFICE FOR A COPY OF THESE RULES.**