

THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF ST TIMOTHY'S - MAPLE LAKE, MN

RULES AND REGULATIONS

St. Timothy's Cemetery, Hwy 55
St. Timothy's Cemetery, East Maple Lake
St. Charles Cemetery, Chatham

PURPOSE OF MONUMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

First and foremost, it must be remembered that Catholic Cemeteries are consecrated by the Roman Catholic Church and are therefore religious in nature. By their existence, Catholic Cemeteries make a faith statement. Any memorial of any type placed within Catholic cemeteries will be evaluated in this context.

The Cemetery Board reserves the right to specify the terms of purchase of all burial rights in graves or plots and to fix the number of interments allocated to a grave or plot. They also reserve the right to set minimum and maximum plot sizes in designated areas.

1. Right of Burial Easement

- a. Contact Parish Secretary for package of forms.
- b. Cemetery Easement Titles for cemetery lots may be purchased at the Rectory.
- c. Purchase must be paid in full within 30 days after selection of grave sites. The Cemetery Easement with parish seal may not be granted until payment is made in full. After 30 days have elapsed lot selections will not be held.
 - i. Cemetery Lot rates: \$625.00 for current parish members with active stewardship, \$725.00 for former parish members with inactive stewardship and \$1025.00 for non parish members or inactive parishioners. Purchases must be approved by the pastor.
 - ii. Purchaser of lots must agree to share monument with opposite lot owner. If opposite party uses monument they must agree to pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of un-engraved cost of monument.
 - iii. \$100.00 is due at time of burial to the Cemetery Fund.
 - iv. \$50.00 is due at time of burial for the Church Stipend
 - v. No interment of two or more bodies shall be made in one grave except in the case of a relative and infant.
 - vi. Cremation - Cost to bury on an existing full grave is $\frac{1}{2}$ of the current rates to buy an existing lot. Maximum of 3.

2. Monument

- a. Head/Foot Stone placement permits; contact Cemetery Sexton to secure permit required for installation of all monuments and foot stones.
- b. Purchaser of lots must agree to share monument with opposite lot owner if engraved. If opposite party uses monument they must agree to pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of un-engraved cost of monument.
- c. Headstones - the most suitable ornament is the cross, which accordingly, should be found on every memorial. Epitaphs and symbols on memorials should be in the spirit of the Catholic Church.
 - i. Maximum Dimensions'- 30" height - 42" width per site, up to 60" for shared site.
 - ii. Footing maximum 30" width - minimum of 6 inch border around base.
 - iii. Must be installed per rules approved by Cemetery Sexton.
 - iv. Granite stone recommended. Other materials must receive prior approval.
- d. Foot stones
 - i. Must be flat / flush to ground within dimension of gravesite.
 - ii. Granite and bronze material allowed.
 - iii. Foot stone thickness of 4 inch minimum.

3. Burial Vaults

- a. Caskets must be entombed in burial vault.
- b. Cremation urns must be encased in urn vault.

4. Flowers

- a. Artificial, cut flowers and plants are permitted if contained in an urn or vase secured to the headstone.
- b. Single post flower stands are acceptable.
- c. Flowers for Memorial Day must be removed within two weeks. Flowers remaining after two weeks will be disposed.
- d. No permission is given to individuals for planting flowers, shrubs, or trees.
- e. No "Shepherd Hooks" are allowed.

5. **Maintenance**

- a. Cemetery maintenance will care for the grass cutting and general preservation of the grounds.
- b. General maintenance does not include repair or replacement of monuments or any other objects placed upon or around the monuments or footstones.
- c. Cemetery does not accept responsibility for replacement of vases that are damaged or stolen.
- d. Snow removal only done at time of funeral.

6. **General**

- a. No driving on lawn - stay on roadway.

The Cemetery Board has approved and reserves the right to change or amend these rules and regulations.