



St. Mary

Immaculate Conception Parish

Cemetery Rules & Regulations

St. Mary Immaculate Conception Parish is a Catholic Cemetery operated by the parish. As a Catholic Cemetery, St. Mary Immaculate Conception Parish Cemetery is intended for the burial of the remains of deceased Roman Catholics and of members of their families who may not have been Catholic. The following rules and regulations have been approved by the St. Mary Immaculate Conception Parish Cemetery Committee.

1. Burial Rights may be sold to Roman Catholics only. The lot/grave holder may assign burial rights to non-Catholic family members. Receipt of Rights is not made available until entire purchase price is paid.
2. The holder of burial rights is known as the lot holder. The lot holder has title only to the burial rights on a given lot, but not the land itself. The title to all cemetery land remains with the parish and the Diocese.
3. Lot holders who wish to relinquish burial rights are to sell them back to the Cemetery. The Cemetery reserves to itself the right to resell lots according to its own criteria. A filing fee will be charged.
4. The price of lots shall be determined by the Cemetery Association, taking into account the prices of lots at other cemeteries in the area.
5. The purchase price of each grave includes perpetual care.
6. Memorials may not be installed on lots until the full purchase price has been paid.
7. St. Mary Immaculate Conception Cemetery has been blessed and is considered a sacred place as a Catholic Cemetery. Any ornamentations on monuments and markers must be in keeping with the sacred character of the cemetery. Nothing offensive to our faith is permitted. All inscriptions and ornamentation, apart from the name of the individual, the date of birth and the date of death, must be submitted to the Cemetery Committee for approval before they can be permitted. Please note that only flush or flat ground headstones may be used in the cremation burial section or when placing out of the traditional row spacing.
8. Vaults are required for all burials.
9. No trees or shrubs of any kind may be planted on an individual lot at any time. Shrubs that were previously planted must not exceed 3 feet in height or 20 inches in diameter. Shrubs that are overgrown may be removed.
10. No decoration of any sort is permitted in the cremation burial section or by flush or flat ground headstones not located in the traditional row spacing.

11. All approved removable items are allowed only from April – October. All decoration must be removed for Fall cleanup by October 15 of each year. Holiday decorations, artificial wreaths, crosses and the like are permitted during the non-growing season, November--March. All decorations placed during non-growing season must be firmly attached to the headstone. All holiday decorations are to be removed for spring cleanup by March 31. **see #10 for exception.*
12. Flowers are permitted in urns & vases, two per stone and placed to the left and/or right of monument. Wreaths & artificial flowers not in urns or vases must be tied to the monument. Glass jars, bottles, cans, crockery, wood or other similar objects are not permitted. **see #10 for exception.*
13. Shepherd poles and solar lights are permitted to the left, right, or rear of a stone. Not to exceed a total of two. **see #10 for exception.*
14. Plantings or other decorations will be removed by management if through oversight these rules are not observed. **see #10 for exception.*
15. No pets allowed.
16. Any business relating to the purchase of lots or setting of markers shall be handled by the Cemetery Committee and/or parish office staff.

St. Mary Immaculate Conception Parish assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to any articles placed or planted on lots.

The above listed rules and regulations were approved by the St. Mary Immaculate Conception Parish Cemetery Committee on October 26, 2017. These rules & regulations were created with safety and maintenance concerns in mind.

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