

Dear Families of Catholic Cemeteries,

Decoration rules and regulations are established to create a cemetery environment that is safe, maintainable and beautiful. We understand that your decoration is your own expression of love in memory for your departed loved one.

Many times the rules and regulations are overshadowed by your good intentions and disregard for the rules and regulations become the norm of acceptance. With our previous lapse in holding to the policy we ask your help.

Please familiarize yourself with the rules and regulations. We will become more diligent in adhering to the rules and regulations. So many beautiful and sentimental items are brought by you to the site of your loved one. Please understand that many of these expressions of love and remembrance may not fall within the decoration guidelines. Decorations that do not fall within the decoration guidelines will be removed.

Sincerely,
Catholic Cemeteries
Diocese of Joliet

PROBLEMS BEYOND OUR CONTROL—

Since the cemetery is open to the public, it is very difficult to control the activity of every visitor. We regret that we cannot guarantee items from damage or disappearance.

We'd advise you not to place any objects of sentimental value.

Regional Family Service Centers

DuPage County 815-838-8100 fax 630.597-9665

Family Service Center located at:

Assumption Cemetery
1S510 Winfield Rd Wheaton IL 60189

Serving Cemeteries located at:

- Assumption Cemetery & Mausoleum, Wheaton
- S.S. Peter & Paul Cemetery & Mausoleum, Naperville
- St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Winfield
- St. Mary Cemetery, Elmhurst
- St. Mary Cemetery, Lombard
- St. Stephen Cemetery, Carol Stream

DuPage County—Central 630.554.7591 fax 630.597-9588

Holy Family Cemetery
2501 Hobson Rd Downers Grove IL 60516

Note: there is not a Family Service Center office at this location. Please call to make an appointment.

Kendall County 630.554.7591 fax 630.597.9588

Family Service Center located at:

Risen Lord Cemetery
1501 Simons Rd Oswego IL 60543

Will County—North 815.473.5000 fax 815.604.8058

Family Service Center located at:

Resurrection Cemetery
200 W Romeo Rd Romeoville IL 60446

Serving Cemeteries located at:

- Calvary Cemetery, Lockport
- Holy Cross Cemetery, Crest Hill
- Mt. Olivet Cemetery & Columbarium, Joliet
- S.S. Cyril & Methodius Cemetery, Joliet
- St. Dennis Cemetery, Lockport
- St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Joliet
- St. Mary Nativity Cemetery, Crest Hill
- St. Patrick Cemetery, Joliet

Kankakee County 815.473.5007 fax 815.604.8081

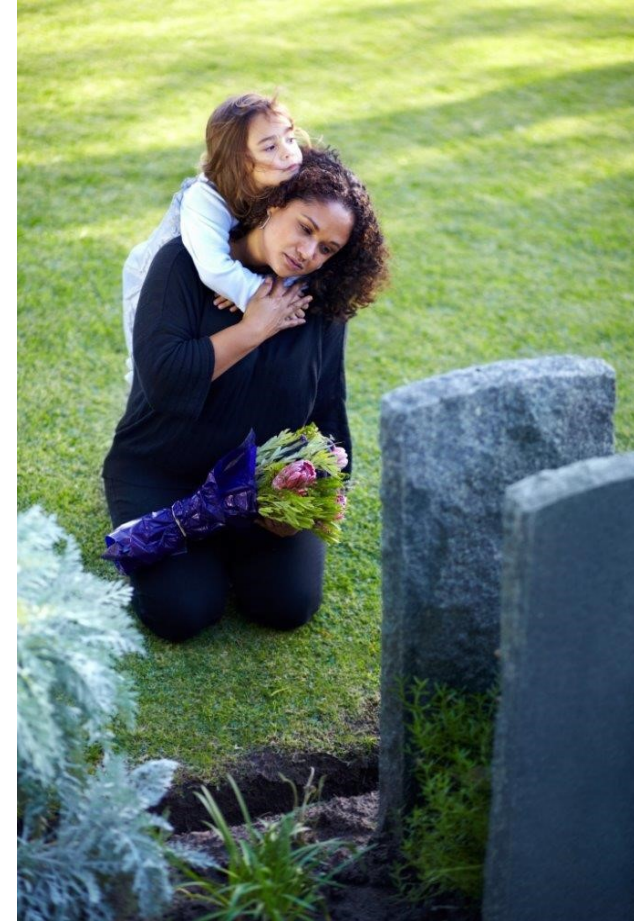
Family Service Center located at:

All Saints Cemetery
1839 W State Rt. 102 Bourbonnais IL 60914

Serving Cemeteries located at:

- All Saints Cemetery & Mausoleum, Bourbonnais
- Maternity BVM Cemetery, Bourbonnais
- Mt. Calvary Cemetery & Mausoleum, Kankakee
- St. Rose Cemetery, Kankakee

Cemetery Decoration Guidelines



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Please keep the below dates in mind as it will be your responsibility to retrieve your items before the cleanup dates.

SPRING CLEANUP—Each year beginning March 15th thru March 31st or immediately thereafter, is the traditional time used by the cemetery to clean the grounds and prepare the cemetery for spring. If you wish to retain your items, it is your responsibility to have them removed before March 15th of each year. ALL remaining items, including planter boxes, will be removed and disposed of. Permanent floral vases may be turned upright after April 15th.

FALL CLEANUP—Each year beginning October 15th thru October 31st or immediately thereafter, is the traditional time used by the cemetery to prepare the grounds for winter. If you wish to retain your items, it is your responsibility to have them removed before October 15th of each year. ALL remaining items, including planter boxes, will be removed and disposed of. Permanent floral vases will be inverted into their ground well by our staff to prevent damage during the winter months of operation.

MEMORIALS & VASES; BENCHES & SEATING—

Only approved cemetery memorials, benches and other seating, and ground vases are permitted. Any unauthorized products brought into the cemetery are subject to removal without notice.

ITEMS— will be removed without notice when they become unsightly, withered, or if they fail to comply with the rules and regulations.

PLANTINGS— Only Cemetery Authorities have the rite to remove and plant; trees, bushes, and perennials.



FUNERAL FLOWERS— will remain at the grave for a minimum of three days, after which time they will be removed and disposed. Any floral urns, vases, ribbons, etc. that the family desires to keep should be removed immediately following the funeral service.

Families with an UPRIGHT or SLANT MONUMENT
*In addition to a floral arrangement, you can plant annual flowers directly in front of the monument.

A flower bed planting may extend 2 feet out from the front of the monument only and can be mulched. Please refrain from placing stone, rock and edging borders.



Permissible in the flower bed: annual flowers, mulch, solar light, and stick-in item such as a pinwheel.

Items prohibited in the flower bed: Rocks, glass, ceramics.

Paver Stone is permissible: in front of a UPRIGHT OR SLANT Monument when installed 2 feet in Front and FLUSH to the ground ONLY

Example:



If any Paver stone is simply resting on top of the ground and is wrapping around the rear side of the Upright or Slant Monument, it WILL BE REMOVED.

VIOLATIONS

Should any decoration policy be identified by Cemetery Personnel such as, but not limited to plastic edging, rock or stone placement, every attempt will be made to notify the family of such violations. The Family will be given (14) FOURTEEN days to remove the violation Otherwise, the cemetery authority will remove the violation (s).

Families with a FLUSH LAWN LEVEL MARKER

Planting is not allowed in these areas.

Example:



*In addition to a floral arrangement, a wood or plastic planter box may be placed at the flush lawn level memorial. The planter box is not to exceed 18” in height and 12” wide.

Permissible in the planter box:

artificial or annual flowers, solar light and stick-in item such as a pinwheel.

*Families are to provide regular care of plants, otherwise removal will be necessary should unsightliness prevail.

For safety of operations and maintenance the below listed items are PROHIBITED in our cemeteries and will be removed and disposed of without notice:

- Raised edging and materials of that kind
- Fencing material of any kind
- Boulders, Rocks, Decorative Rocks, Stones
- Glass Items, Glass Candles, Ceramic Items
- Metal Objects, Shepherd Hooks, Bird Feeders
- Decorative Lighting, including battery operated
- Grave Blankets, Christmas Trees or likewise
- No Outlining of graves or memorials with any object or material
- Temporary Crosses or Nameplate stakes are allowed for 30 days

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- NO Alcohol, littering, grilling, tents, picnics, or loud music at any time
- NO bushes or perennials of any kind, including rose bushes.
- All DOGS must be always kept on leash and cleaned up after

Please be respectful of our Consecrated Sacred Grounds