

St. Patrick's Cemetery

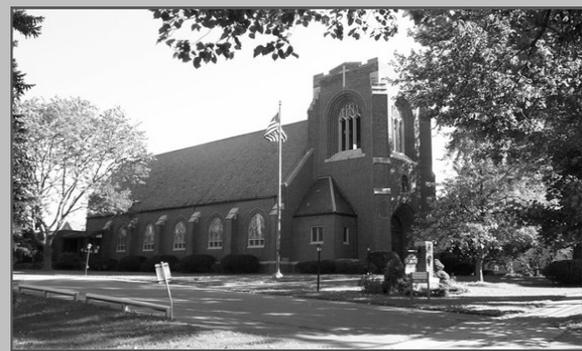
Monuments and Headstone Regulations

Monuments and Headstones

1. The lot holder or their successors in burial rights shall have the right to erect a proper memorial subject to the space on the lot and in accordance with the rules of the cemetery. Lots must be fully paid for prior to placing a memorial.

Final plans showing dimensions, lettering and designs for all memorials must be submitted to the Secretary or a Board member of St. Patrick's Cemetery Board of Directors for written approval. The monument dealer submits these plans by written application in order to construct the required foundation. The monument dealer agrees to hold the Cemetery harmless for any damage they may incur to the memorial being erected, other memorials or cemetery property. Both lot holder and memorial dealer also agree to abide By all the rules of the Cemetery. Management reserves the right to remove any memorials erected or altered without a written permit at the expense of the lot holder and the memorial dealer.

3. Foundations for monuments and headstones must be built to Cemetery specifications. Foundations will normally be constructed from April to October or when weather conditions allow stone and concrete work to proceed. The foundation must be paid in full before a monument or headstone is set. The Cemetery reserves the right to rebuild, re-set, or repair existing foundations.
4. Raised letters are not permitted on headstones set flush with the ground.
5. Inscriptions other than legal names and dates must have an immediately apparent religious significance. All words, pictures, or graphic inscriptions shall be of a religious nature or religious significance.
6. Should a monument or headstone become a safety hazard or unsightly, the Cemetery reserves the right to correct the condition at the expense of the owner.
7. Monuments or headstones may not be removed from lots or graves without permission from the Cemetery.
8. Monument dealers and contractors must provide a current Certificate of Insurance naming the Cemetery, the parish of St. Patrick's, the Roman Catholic Diocese of



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Rochester and Bishop of Rochester by name as also insured. The specific requirements and forms must also be obtained from the business office of St. Patrick's Parish. St. Patrick's business manager must approve all Certificates of Insurance before any work can begin.

9. Solicitation within Cemetery grounds by monument dealers or agents are forbidden.

Right Of Memorialization

Lot holders and their successors in burial rights have the right to erect a memorial subject to the space on the lot and in accordance with the rules of the Cemetery as to the dimensions and styles.

A Catholic Cemetery is A Sacred Place

Canon #1210 of the Canon Law of the Roman Catholic Church states,

“In a sacred place, only those things are permitted which serve to exercise or promote worship, piety and religion. Anything out of harmony with the holiness of the place is forbidden.”

Therefore, the Cemetery as a whole, as well as individual memorials, should fundamentally and primarily reflect these truths and complement the sacred nature of the cemetery and build up of the Body of Christ.

The universal and unchanging nature of our faith does not ignore the individuality of human beings and each person's uniqueness. Therefore, expressions of the uniqueness of the individual can also be a part of acceptable memorialization.



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Right Of Memorialization (continued)

A Catholic Cemetery is A Sacred Place (continued)

Both the lot holder and Cemetery share this responsibility. The lot holder, in concert with a professional monument dealer, will typically design a memorial that reflects the style and design desired by the lot holder. This design must be within the dimensions and material requirements specified by the rules and regulations of the Cemetery.

Monument and Headstone Design

Designs are submitted to St. Patrick's Cemetery Board for review. Designs are approved before a permit is issued to erect the memorial.

The Cemetery Board works hard to maintain the beauty and spiritual nature of St. Patrick's Cemetery. It is important to know when creating a design, that any existing monuments and headstones do not constitute a precedent. Designs must meet the criteria listed in this or future publications.

The following criteria will determine the final approval as to inscriptions.

- The application must be submitted in writing and include dimensions, lettering, and all designs. The design, inscriptions, and overall appearance must maintain the sacred nature of the Cemetery.
- The dominant theme must be of a religious nature, as characterized by a Christian Cross or other readily recognized religious theme. Other than the name and date, all inscriptions and designs must have an immediately apparent religious significance. Epitaphs must be briefly worded, not secular in nature and in harmony with theology of the Roman Catholic Church.
- The design must edify and encourage those who view it.
- Names should be clearly visible. Designs must be in good taste and should have a positive meaning for persons who knew the deceased in his or her lifetime.



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Right Of Memorialization (continued)

Monument and Headstone Design (continued)

- The design must not detract from the nature of the cemetery.
- Designs and inscriptions can reflect the human spirit and character of the deceased but must have no negative connotations which can be construed by anyone, acquainted with the individual, or not, as other than complimentary and charitable. Likewise, depictions of hobbies, pets, sports, or other such elements of a person's life are properly reflected in memorabilia and pictures passed onto descendants and are not to be inscribed on monuments since they can detract from the sacred nature of the cemetery. Providing they meet all the requirements for monuments and headstones, depictions that express the unique character of the individual will be considered by St. Patrick's Cemetery Board. The depiction must be no bigger than a four inch by four inch square. It must be located in the bottom left hand corner of the face of the monument, one inch from the bottom left edge of the face of the monument and once inch from the bottom edge of the face of the monument.
 - The only exception is that the face of the monument is the only acceptable place for any designs or inscriptions. The one and only acceptable place for any designs or inscriptions. The one and only exception begin that the last name may be inscribed on the back of a monument.
- Veteran plaques may be mounted on the back of the monument, but no other plaques or attachments, may be mounted anywhere on the monument.
- Other than the monument itself, nothing may be attached to or inscribed on the base.

If there is a design feature request that is not covered in this publication, it will be considered in light of the spirit of the rules and regulations that are listed here.



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Steps for Memorial Application

1. The lot owner contacts a monument dealer. Funeral Directors can help the lot owner choose a dealer in the area.
2. Both the lot owner and dealer complete a design and send it to St. Patrick's Cemetery Office.
3. St. Patrick's Cemetery Board reviews the design and either approves it or makes written comments and sends it back to the monument dealer to be corrected.
4. After the lot is paid for, the Cemetery Board's secretary arranges to have the foundation constructed.
5. When the foundation is complete the monument dealer is notified and billed. The foundation must be paid for before the monument may be set.

Designs and Dimensions of Memorials

- Designs must comply with the rules and regulations in this publication.
- Any past deviations of memorial work, design or regulations are not a precedent for future memorials.
- Monuments must fit on the lot leaving a two (2) inch border on the foundation.
- Any subsequent lettering or inscription work, after the monument is set, requires an application be submitted to St. Patrick's Cemetery Office.



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Some Approved Religious Inscriptions

Listed here are some inscriptions that are approved by the Board of Directors. Inscriptions other than these shall be reviewed and evaluated by the Board when the design is submitted for approval.

- **CHRIST BID YOU WELCOME**
- **COME, LORD JESUS**
- **GLORY TO THE FATHER, TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**
- **GOD IS GOOD**
- **GOD SHALL WIPE AWAY ALL THE TEARS**
- **HOLY MARY, PRAY FOR US**
- **ST. _____, PRAY FOR US**
- **I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE**
- **IN LOVING MEMORY**
- **IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**
- **LIFE IS CHANGED NOT ENDED**
- **MAY SHE (HE) SLEEP IN PEACE**
- **MY GOD AND MY ALL**
- **OUR OWN LITTLE SAINT**
- **OURS FOR A LITTLE WHILE**
- **PEACE BE WITH YOU**
- **REQUIESCANT IN PACE (SINGULAR)**
- **REQUIESCANT IN PACE (PLURAL)**
- **THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD**
- **THY WILL BE DONE**
- **TO JESUS THROUGH MARY**
- **WE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**
- **YES, LORD, I BELIEVE**
- **YOUR BROTHER (SISTER) WILL RISE AGAIN**



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Materials and Workmanship

The material for monuments and headstones must be of first quality granite and carry at least a five (5) year guarantee.

Memorials are the personal property of the lot holders. The Cemetery will be held harmless for all acts including, but not limited to, vandalism and acts of God.

In addition, being responsible for the safety of visitors and employees, the Cemetery will take action, at owner's expense, to correct hazardous situations caused by damage, loose or tipping stones.

For more information or questions about the regulations of monuments and headstones, contact the Cemetery Office at 924-7111.