

GRAVE DECORATION REGULATIONS

St. John - St. Joseph Cemetery DIOCESE OF GARY

Quality, NOT Quantity

makes for a beautiful cemetery. Please limit decorations to one per grave.

The placement of Natural and Artificial flowers is permitted on all graves. They are to be placed only within 15 inches of the front of the monument or marker, never on the sides or behind the monument or marker. Trees, bushes or evergreens are not allowed. Flower beds may be edged by a vinyl border set flush to the ground.

DO NOT PLACE ON ANY GRAVE

Metal objects of any kind, shepherd hooks, glass, statuary, fences, concrete, bricks or decorative stones are strictly prohibited. Candles of any kind are not permitted. Any of these objects can be picked up and hurled by mowing equipment, making them a hazard to visitors and the cemetery staff. They will be removed and disposed of immediately, **without notice**.

Between November 1st and March 1st, when the grass is not being cut, artificial or natural wreaths of less than 30 inches placed on stands are permitted. Evergreen blankets or grave coverings are not permitted at any time.

FUNERAL FLOWERS

To prevent damage to the lawn, all funeral flowers are removed 48 hours after the funeral.

SPRING CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

The entire month of March is used to clean up the grounds and prepare the cemetery for Spring.

All decorations will be removed and disposed of at this time.

If you wish to save any decorations, please remove them before March 1st. Please do not place any decorations during the month of March.



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**MAUSOLEUM - COLUMBARIUM
DECORATIONS**

Attaching decorations to the fronts of the crypts or niches can cause damage to the granite. Please place decorations in the decoration boxes or in the designated areas, ONLY.

REVERENCE AND RESPECT

We encourage the placement of decorations. We will be as careful as possible with our normal interment and maintenance activities. We regret that we cannot guarantee that all decorations will be free from damage, loss or theft, and we cannot accept responsibilities for these occurrences.

This Catholic Cemetery is a Holy Place. These sacred grounds have been blessed by the Church and dedicated as a place of prayer and dignity for our faithfully departed. Lot holders and visitors are required to comply with these regulations so that all will enjoy the appearance of the cemetery. Please maintain a quiet reverence and respect all who are visiting the graves of their loved ones.

PLEASE ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING

- Proper attire at all times -
- Proper behavior at all time -
- No alcoholic beverages -
- No picnics -
- No pets -

SAFETY RULES

Travel with someone to the cemetery. Lock your purses and other valuables in the trunk. Be AWARE of your surroundings. Keep your cell phone in your hand. Dial 911 for emergencies.

**For more information or questions
regarding these regulations call
219/844-9475**