

Holy Apostles Parish Cemeteries, Ruth and Forestville MI Rules and Regulations

Grave Decorations and Upkeep

1. Flowering plants and potted plants are permitted, but will be removed at the discretion of the cemetery authority if allowed to become unsightly. No “flower beds” or other general spading of the grave area will be permitted. Flowers in urns or containers to be placed in front of monuments. Steel rods and wire are prohibited. All flowers to be placed in containers. No glass containers allowed.
2. The cemetery authority is not at any time responsible for any cemetery décor placed on the grave owner’s grave site.
3. Placement in the cemetery of crushed stone, wood chips, muck, curbing or fencing by lot owners, or their agents, is prohibited.
4. Artificial grass and plastic grave markers are prohibited.
5. Spring Cleanup will be April 1st and Fall Cleanup will be November 1st. Please refrain from putting flowers or decorations on graves until May 1st.
6. No rosebushes or creeping vines are to be planted
7. No *RoundUp* is to be sprayed around grave sites except by Cemetery Personnel.
8. Please do not drive on the grass.

Markers and Foundations

1. If any lot or grave needs special care such as raising or straightening of monuments or markers, removal of curbing, lot owners should contact the cemetery authority about the work to be done. Work to be done by cemetery personnel and billed to owners.
2. Burial must be in concrete, steel or other similar “permanent-type” vault.
3. Foundations for all monuments and markers must be flush with the ground, reinforced concrete, pier-type (when not placed over a vault) and must be 5 inches wider and 5 inches longer than the base of the monument or marker. It must be installed only under the supervision of the cemetery authority.
4. Mausoleums must have a 5 inch wide by 16 inch deep, flush, reinforced concrete curbing. Mausoleums placed so a lawnmower cannot be easily used to mow the space between them must have the flush concrete matching the curbing, between them. Payment for such concrete work will be included with the cost of opening the grave at the time the mausoleum is installed, and such concrete work must be complete within one year of the mausoleum installation. Concrete work must be done by person approved by cemetery authority.

Gravesite Purchase, Transfers, and Records

1. Before burial can be made, the grave to be used must be paid for in full and care assessments to be paid before grave opening.
2. Balance for any purchase of unused graves is due within six months of original purchase otherwise unused graves may revert back to the cemetery. Failure to pay any balance due of the original lot cost and perpetual care, or assessed charges for special care will constitute forfeiture of any unused portion of such lot, that portion reverting to Holy Apostles Cemeteries for resale.
3. No sale or transfer of any burial rights at Holy Apostles Cemeteries will be allowed without approval , in writing, by the pastor.
4. Perpetual care consists of cutting grass, filling, seeding and trimming of shrubbery by cemetery personnel.
5. There may be a \$25 administrative fee for all changes, replacements or new cards made after the original purchase.
6. All property of Holy Apostles Cemeteries will continue to be subject to any future rules and regulations promulgated by the cemetery authority, regardless of date of purchase or burial rights.

No burials December 1st through May 1st, unless approved by the cemetery authority.

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