



HOLY TRINITY PARISH CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Grave, Grounds & Decoration Rules

11928 MARKEN ROAD, KIEL, WI.

[Established 1871]

WELCOME TO ALL

PLEASE BE ADVISED: The rules established for our cemetery come from our traditions and the laws of Wisconsin Statute §157. We ask that families respect the graves of all our beloved dead and help us maintain a place of pride and peaceful reverence. This is Holy Ground blessed by Bishop Xavier Krautbauer, D.D. and Fr. Steven Belinger in 1875.

See: PURCHASE OF ALL GRAVE PLOTS AND BURIAL RIGHTS in (Wisconsin Statutes §157.1-7)

DEFINITIONS AND BURIAL STATUTES BY LAW AND PRICING:

1. Grave plot BURIAL RIGHTS must be purchased from Holy Trinity Parish Office before interment.
2. Catholics and Non-Catholics are welcome to bury their dead here according to these rules.
3. The term "grave plot" shall be the provided space for one (1) Traditional Burial, [13 ft. X 4 ft. X 3 in.] OR one (1) Cremation Burial, [4 ft. X 16 in. X 16 in.]
4. The term "SEXTON" is the chairperson of the parish Cemetery Association, appointed by the Pastor.
5. ALL BURIAL RIGHTS shall be paid for in full at the time of purchase.
6. The purchase of a "grave plot" entitles the owner to BURIAL RIGHTS only. (*Wis. Stat. 157.1*)
7. ALL grounds and plots are property of Holy Trinity Parish.
8. At the time of purchase, the buyer shall receive a copy of these regulations with emphasis on the following regarding size, materials, and location of markers.
9. Upon death of a rights holder the family must show proof of BURIAL RIGHTS before interment.
10. The parish office and Sexton MUST BE NOTIFIED of all intents for burials of both coffins and cremations. Parish office: 920-773-2380 and Mrs. Lois Albright (Sexton) As soon as the burial plans are finalized, the grave diggers must be notified.

Holy Trinity Parish Cemetery Association members are:

Gary Mueller, Committee Chair; Thomas Knier, Secretary; Lois Albright, Sexton.

11. BURIAL RIGHTS for parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish \$300.00 each and for non-parishioners \$500 each.
12. BURIAL RIGHTS for additional cremation burial in the adjacent plots for parishioners \$300.00 and for non-parishioners \$500. (ONLY can have one (1) extra cremation burial per plot)
*[25% of Grave plot's sale price is held for the perpetual care of site. (*Wis. Stat. 157.7*)]
13. Costs to dig and prepare a grave site are the obligation of the family, arranged by the undertaker or SEXTON.
14. Holy Trinity Parish Cemetery Committee will provide digging for Cremation plots for parishioners \$150 and for non-parishioners \$250.
15. All burials incur an internment fee of \$100, for seeding and site marking.
16. Cremation Urns can be interred ONLY by permission of the SEXTON and are recorded at the time of burial.
17. NO more than one (1) Cremation Urn shall be interred on top of a Traditional Casket Burial. The grave stone must then identify who is buried on top.
18. NO GRAVE OCCUPIED BY CREMAINS MAY BE OPENED FOR A CASKET BURIAL WITHOUT A COURT ORDER TO EXHUME. (*Wis. Stat. 157.7*)
19. All Cremation Urns must be placed in a cremation vault. One exception would be if the Cremation Urn is made of marble. A cremation vault can be purchased from a funeral director or an approved vault can be purchased online.
20. All Traditional Casket Burials must include a cement vault.
21. NO BURIAL RIGHTS may be resold, except back to the Holy Trinity Parish Cemetery Association (minus \$50) for the original purchase price. At that time all living family members must sign an agreement form to abandon Burial Rights.



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FOR THE MONUMENT/HEADSTONE INSTALLATION/ERECTION:

22. NO headstone or marker shall be erected without the permission of the Holy Trinity Parish Cemetery Association.
23. Monument Installers must notify and be supervised by the Cemetery Sexton to line-up the monument.
24. **Only one headstone/marker is permitted per grave plot.**
25. ALL headstones/markers must rest on a solid concrete slab foundation that is flush with the ground.
26. ALL historical and veteran marker additions must be flush to the ground and on the proper grave plot.
27. The Cemetery Sexton must supervise installation of all grave headstones, markers and concrete slabs.
28. ALL new headstones/markers for a single grave plot shall NOT be over 42 inches height by 42 inches in length.
29. ALL headstones/markers for double grave plots shall NOT be over 42 inches height by 60 inches in length.
30. The solid concrete slab foundation may not extend more than 6 inches from the headstone/marker (the slab apron) in all directions from the headstone/marker.
31. When using heavy equipment or material, planks must be placed on the paths and grass to avoid damage to the lawn. Any damage must be repaired or compensated to the Holy Trinity Parish Cemetery Association.
32. The Holy Trinity Parish Cemetery Association or Holy Trinity Parish is NOT responsible for vandalism of headstones or markers. The BURIAL RIGHTS holder should consult their personal homeowner's insurance for coverage.

MEMORIALS, PLANTS AND GRAVE DECORATIONS:

33. NO trees or shrubs may be planted except by the Holy Trinity Parish Cemetery Association.
34. Flower plantings are permitted along the full length of the headstone, NOT more than 15 inches out from the face of the headstone. The plants must be maintained or they may be trimmed back by the caretaker.
35. ALL FLOWER PLANTS BOUNDRIES/BORDERS MUST BE FLUSH WITH THE GRASS FOR THE PERTETUAL CARE.
36. **Flower planting should be annuals – ONLY!** (Please, No new plantings of roses, sedum, peonies, etc.)
37. Sturdy artificial flowers or wreaths are allowed, if securely anchored in the ground. (Loose decorations will be discarded. THESE MUST BE REMOVED BY APRIL 15TH EACH YEAR FOR SPRING CLEAN-UP.
38. FUNERAL FLOWERS MUST BE REMOVED IN 5 DAYS OR THEY WILL BE DISCARDED.
39. FLOWERS MAY BE PLANTED OR RE-PLACE AFTER MAY 1ST EACH YEAR.
40. NO pots, jars, or containers are permitted unless they are mounted on the headstone/marker.
41. NO toys, trinkets, loose pictures or other loose items may be left. THEY WILL BE DISCARDED.
42. NO scooters, bikes, ATVs or snowmobiles are permitted on the cemetery lawn, Use the Paved Road Only!
43. NO children are allowed in the cemetery without a parent or guardian.
44. **NO PETS ARE ALLOWED ON THE CEMETERY GROUNDS, WITHOUT A LEASH. OWNERS WILL BE EXPECTED TO CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR PETS.**
45. **THESE RULES AND FEES MAY CHANGE AT ANY TIME WITHOUT ADVANCE NOTICE.**
46. SEE THE BULLETIN BOARD in church or the PARISH OFFICE FOR A COPY OF THESE RULES.
47. These rules become effective at the time they are posted by the Holy Trinity Parish Cemetery Association and Holy Trinity Parish.

Revised: December 2019

Approved by: The Holy Trinity Parish Cemetery Association and
Rev. Anthony Ibekwe – Administrator/Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish