

## **Rules and Regulations for The Churches of All Saints, Immaculate Conception and St. Columbkille Cemeteries**

The Churches of All Saints, Immaculate Conception and St. Columbkille aspire to have a sacred space for your loved ones to rest. We want all who visit to experience a prayerful space that intensifies your faith. To ensure the best care for your loved ones, and to maintain your Catholic cemetery in a presentable and respectful manner, the following guidelines have been established and will be enforced.

### **General Cemetery Rules**

- The All Saints-Arban, All Saints-St. Hedwig, All Saints-St. Mary, Immaculate Conception and St. Columbkille Cemeteries are intended for the burial of the parishioners of the Churches of All Saints, Immaculate Conception and St. Columbkille who are entitled to Christian burial according to the rules and regulations of the Roman Catholic Church.

### **Plots**

- Non-Parishioner burials are allowed. Non-Catholic spouses have the right to be buried next to their spouse.
- With the purchase of a grave, the purchaser receives only the right of burial, not the actual physical property as in a real estate transaction. Burial in said grave is granted to the designated person only. Transfer of graves must be made through the facilities manager.
- No special sites may be selected at All Saints or Immaculate Conception cemeteries. The next available space on the row is used at the time of death or at the time of purchase of burial right. At St. Columbkille Cemetery a specific spot may be chosen. A Right to Burial Certificate will be issued for each paid burial space noting the Row and Lot number and sealed with the official corporate seal of the respective church. No spots are reserved until payment is made in full and a Right to Burial Certificate has been issued.
- Grave plots will only be sold in pairs to husband and wife according to Church teachings (male and female and married in the Church.)
- Parents may choose a plot in the baby section for a baby or a plot next to their own. If the latter option is chosen, the parents' plots must be purchased at the same time as the baby's.
- No grave will be opened until payment is made in full.

### **Vaults**

- A concrete vault or a concrete grave box is required for ALL full body burials.
- All cremation burials require an approved concrete, plastic, or stainless steel urn vault.
- Cremation burials on top of a previous ground burial are required to be in a nonbreakable, nonbiodegradable urn and require no vault.

### **Burials on the Same Plot**

- One ground burial and one cremation may be on the same grave, except when their child dies, then three urns may be purchased on one grave plot. The burial must come first and cremated remains second. Cremation burials on top of a previous ground burial are required to have an urn or vault no larger than 8" high to allow for 12-14" of top soil.

- Two cremations may be buried on the same plot.
- A monument of the dimensions for a single grave will be allowed on the cement ribbons provided. If a separate marker is desired for the second burial, a lawn level marker is allowed on the grass in front of the ribbon. It must be flush to the ground to allow the lawnmower to drive over the top.

#### **Regarding Catholic Teaching for burials**

- All burial ceremonies/services shall be in the presence of a Catholic priest, a Catholic deacon, or the priest's appointee and must be in keeping with the permitted ceremony of Christian burial defined by the Catholic Church. No private or personal burials of any kind are allowed.
- Commingling, scattering, and/or dividing of cremains is not permitted per Roman Catholic Church Doctrine. Cremated remains are to be interred, in their entirety, in graves only.
- No interments will occur on the following religious and federal holidays, Nativity (Christmas), the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (New Year's Day), the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15<sup>th</sup>), All Saints (November 1<sup>st</sup>), the Immaculate Conception (December 8<sup>th</sup>), The Easter Triduum, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, or Thanksgiving Day.

#### **Additional Regulations**

- Firearms are not allowed in the cemetery and any Church grounds owned by the Parish surrounding them except by military escort accompanying a veteran's funeral.
- Pets must be on a leash and must be cleaned up after.
- No snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, and other types of recreational vehicles are allowed on cemetery grounds unless approved during the service or they are visiting a gravesite.
- No advertising or soliciting of any kind is allowed in the cemetery.
- No dumping of any kind on cemetery grounds; violators will be prosecuted.
- The cemetery board reserves the right to remove anything that is deemed inappropriate, unsafe, or unnecessary at any time.
- No alcohol or intoxicated persons are to be on cemetery property or in attendance at a graveside service. No beer or alcohol memorabilia left on the grave for decoration is allowed.
- If a plot is purchased by a parishioner ahead of time, and they are no longer registered members at time of death, they will be charged the remaining amount for non-members.
- Only approved gravediggers will be allowed to dig for caskets.
- Only approved gravediggers are allowed for an urn at Immaculate Conception. At All Saints-Arban, All Saints-St. Mary's, All Saints-St. Hedwig's, and St. Columbkille individuals may dig the grave for an urn only with permission and directions from the gravedigger and facilities manager.

#### **Monuments**

- All lots must be paid in full before a monument can be placed and/or final dates added to the existing monument.
- Permanent headstone placement needs to happen within one year from reserving the plot. If no marker has been placed with the year, the facilities manager has the right to revoke your spot and move it somewhere else.
- A rendering is to be submitted to the facilities manager prior to manufacture.
- All monuments are to be set by the approved monument company.

- A temporary marker will be permitted for up to one year.
- A monument can be no taller than 42" with a reinforced slab a minimum of 4" deep with a 6" border on all sides.
- The last name must appear on the front side of the monuments.
- For name and dates to appear on a monument, the person must be buried on the gravesite (with the exception of miscarried babies) and have burial rights to the grave.
- Symbols on the monument must be deemed appropriate for a Catholic Cemetery. We encourage at least one Christian symbol per monument.
- To avoid any hardship, consult with the facilities manager prior to ordering any monument.
- Military markers are allowed, and will be placed by the facility manager per approval by the cemetery board.
- The facilities manager is to be notified before any monument work is performed.
- The maintenance of any monument is the responsibility of the monument permit holder; not the churches or its employees.
- Cremation Urn Monuments are permitted on the cement ribbon for up to two cremains per plot.
- Monuments for urns not on the cement ribbon must be lawn level - flat and flush to the ground to allow a lawnmower to drive over the top.

## **Flowers**

- Flowers permitted only on monument and/or in vase on monument.
- Flowers placed on the grave at the time of burial will remain up to one month, but may be removed due to weather, another burial in the immediate area, and/or at the discretion of cemetery staff.
- No flowers are to be planted on any grave.
- No decorative arrangements are to be permanently affixed to the top of monuments.
- Monument vases are encouraged.
- Monument vases are for floral arrangements. Styrofoam liners are permitted to anchor artificial flowers into the vases, no dirt, rocks, or other materials are permitted. Please contact the cemetery board if you would like holes drilled on the concrete ribbon for solar lights or flags.
- There is to be no planting of any trees, shrubs, or flowers at any time other than by cemetery staff.
- No artificial trees will be permitted.
- No glass, ceramic, or clay pots/vases/containers are permitted in the cemetery. Non-breakable containers accepted but must be set on the cement ribbon.
- No balloons are permitted in the cemetery.
- No food or alcoholic beverages are permitted on the cemetery grounds.
- All flowers and objects not glued or cemented to the monuments need to be removed by October 1st. Anything left will be removed.
- Nothing is allowed on the grass. Decorations are only allowed on the cement ribbon or attached to the monument.
- Our goal is to have the cemetery easy to maintain by those mowing the lawn, clean, and neat.

## **Perpetual Care**

- Perpetual care includes the cutting of the grass, raking, and cleaning of the grounds at reasonable intervals. It shall also mean the maintaining and general preservation of the lots, grounds, walks,

roadways, boundaries, and structure, to the end that said grounds remain and be reasonably cared for as cemetery grounds permanently. Such permanent care shall in no instance mean the maintenance, repair, or replacement of any memorial marker or structure of any kind erected upon a lot or lots. Nor does it mean the reconstruction of any marker or monument damaged or destroyed from whatever cause; such as vandalism, theft, invasions, insurrections, riots, strikes, or order of military, or otherwise.

- Graves will be filled after burial and may need to be done 2 or 3 times before seeding of grass is done.

### **Disclaimers**

The Churches of All Saints, Immaculate Conception, and St. Columbkille disclaim all responsibility for loss or damage beyond their reasonable control. The Churches of All Saints, Immaculate Conception, and St. Columbkille reserve the right at any time to change, amend, alter, repeal, rescind or add to these rules and regulations of any party thereof, or to adopt any new rules or regulations with the respect to its cemeteries or anything pertaining thereto.

It shall be the duty of the lot/plot holder to notify the parish office of any changes in his/her post office address. Notice sent to a lot/plot holder at the last address in the parish office's records shall be considered sufficient and proper legal notification.

All Saints, Immaculate Conception, and St. Columbkille Cemetery Boards

### **Facilities Managers**

All Saints -Arban - Gerry Heitzman

All Saints- St. Mary's - Gerry Heitzman

All Saints-St. Hewig's - Bob Jarnot

Immaculate Conception - Doug Eli

St. Columbkille - John Huls

### **Per Person/Per Lot Fee for Right to Burial as of July 1, 2024**

Parishioner (must be currently registered with the parish and have been for one year to qualify for this rate)	\$300.00
Parishioner/Child of 8 years or younger	\$100.00
Non-Parishioner	\$1,500.00 + \$300.00 perpetual care
Babies lost to miscarriage/stillborn	No cost

**All of the above rates include Perpetual Care**