

# St. John the Baptist Parish – Waunakee, Wisconsin

## CEMETERY REGULATIONS

**3/1/2024**

The parish cemetery is a beautiful, sacred final resting place for the beloved deceased of our parish family. Please help us maintain these grounds by adhering to the following guidelines:

1. For the safety of our employees and visitors, metal stakes, fences, wire fasteners of any kind, and glass containers are not allowed.
2. Rods, such as shepherd's hooks, solar lights, and flag holders that are not part of a monument, monument base or marker, are not allowed. These rods tend to fall over and impede mowing. Unless they are secured in the monument or its foundation, they will be removed and set aside in a safe place for you to retrieve. Edging and/or stones placed within the gravesite are also very difficult to mow and trim around, and will be removed.
3. Planting anything directly into the soil near or around a grave is prohibited. Flowering plants, shrubs, and small trees can quickly grow out of control, which makes mowing the lawn difficult. Overgrown trees can cause damage to the grave and monument, and are expensive to remove.
4. The majority of the graves measure 12 feet by 4 feet and will accommodate one casket and one urn. These graves will also accommodate two urns. Some graves, in a designated area, are 4 feet by 4 feet and will accommodate one or two urns. Only flush monuments, that are 28 inches by 18 inches and have a 2-inch wash on all four sides, may be placed on the smaller graves. Upright monuments are allowed on the larger graves.
5. No decorations or flowering plants may be placed on the smaller (4' X 4') graves or the monuments on those graves.
6. Flowering plants, either natural or artificial, in non-breakable containers are allowed on upright monuments, but must be placed on the monument or monument base so as not to interfere with mowing. Fall, Winter, and Christmas decorations must be removed by April 1<sup>st</sup> and summer flowers by October 15th. Decorations not removed will be disposed of by cemetery staff.
7. The price for all graves is the same, except that non-parishioners of Saint John the Baptist Parish of Waunakee pay a higher price. Grave prices are reviewed by the Cemetery Board on a regular basis and periodically adjusted to ensure adequate funding for future cemetery maintenance.
8. Prior to placing any monument on a lot, approval must be obtained from the cemetery management. As stated in the cemetery contract, monuments are NOT the property of the parish or cemetery, but are owned by the grantee or grantee's heirs. Therefore, it is the responsibility of grantee or grantee's heirs to keep the monument in a safe and proper state of repair. In the event of damage, the monument shall be repaired at the expense of the grantee or grantee's heirs. Any insurance coverage is the responsibility of the grantee or grantee's heirs.

9. Workers engaged in setting or maintaining monuments must obtain permission from the cemetery management before commencing work, and they shall be subject to its control. All other services requiring labor shall be performed by employees of the cemetery.
10. Prior to opening any grave, the lot must be verified by the parish and only authorized personnel, as approved by the parish administrator or his representative, are allowed to open/close the grave.
11. Please do not drive or park on the lawn and/or grass.
12. Parties seeking lot information must contact the parish office.

Thank you for respecting these regulations and helping preserve the beauty of this cemetery.