

*Guidelines for St. George
Catholic Church Cemeteries
New Baden, IL*

Effective May 11, 2021

In compiling a policy, the parish has in mind only the better care and upkeep of the cemeteries, safeguarding to each and every lot user alike the same privileges and services from the parish. Experience has proven that guidelines are necessary and are to be enforced if the cemeteries are to be cared for as all lot users would wish. We trust, therefore, that all parish members will be interested in the successful enforcement of these rules to help ensure the desires of the parish.

The parish owns the cemeteries. When one purchases a gravesite, that person purchases only the right to be buried there. The purchase of a lot does not have the same meaning as purchasing real estate commonly understood in the business world.

Cost of Rite of Burial Gravesites (Effective October 2, 2012)

Infant Burials - \$100.00 + \$50 for Perpetual Care Fund (PCF) in *Infant Burial Section*. One infant per gravesite.

Level 1: Registered contributing members of St. George Parish, New Baden, IL., their spouses and/or dependent children, (Members of this parish, spouse, and/or dependent children, who have entered a long term care facility are still considered current members of St. George parish.) Price for a single Rite of Burial site - \$400.00 + \$50 for PCF

Level 2: Catholics who have moved away from St. George Parish, New Baden, IL. (excluding those who have entered a skilled care facility) who still have families registered in St. George Parish, New Baden, IL., or who have relatives buried in St. George Cemetery or Resurrection Cemetery. Price for a single Rite of Burial site - \$800.00 + \$50 for PCF

Level 3: Catholics with no ties to St. George Parish, New Baden, IL Price for a single Rite of Burial site - \$1,000.00 + \$50 for PCF

Rite of Burial Gravesites must be paid for prior to grave opening for burial. Payment for the gravesite is made through St. George Catholic Church.

Grave openings must be arranged through a local funeral home director. Grave payments must be arranged through St. George Parish office. Grave opening will be done only by a person designated by St. George Church.

One full body burial and one cremains, or two cremains per adult gravesite are allowed. It is understood that **EACH** burial is considered one Rite of Burial and follows the "Cost of Rite of Burial" schedule. Two full body burials **may not** be placed on top of each other.

ALL full body burials shall have an outside container, either concrete, steel, or material of equal strength. Cremains may be buried in the containers in which they are received from the crematorium. All full body containers must be covered with at least 18 inches of soil. Cremains require a minimum coverage of 8 inches of soil. **All burials must be approved by the Cemetery Committee.**

In no instance may parishioners provide grave Rite of Burial space to a non-parishioner. Rite of Burial space is not transferable without permission of St. George Parish. Any Rite of Burial space not utilized for its original use must be returned to the parish **without** compensation.

Permission must be obtained from the Cemetery Committee prior to the installation of a tombstone, monument, or any military markers. Total marker or monument height, including base, may not exceed 36 inches. Width is limited to 75% of width of grave space. No concrete or stone is allowed on top of graves other than immediately under the headstone. No aboveground burials are permitted. Veteran's markers, if in addition to the headstone, must be attached to the back of the headstone. **Only one marker per lot/gravesite.**

Any planting of shrubs, flowers, trees, grass or other permanent improvements will be done only by permission from the cemetery committee.

No fertilizers, herbicides or other chemicals may be used, except as authorized by the cemetery committee.

Flowers and containers should be placed so as not to interfere with mowing and trimming. With the exception of recent burials and holidays, decorations should be kept off the grass.

There will be periodic "clean up" days scheduled. These dates will be published in the parish Sunday bulletin, and the parish website: www.stgeorgefamily.org. Memorials for the cemetery fund can be made through the parish office. Guidelines are subject to change without notice. Please check the parish website for changes. For additional information call 618-588-4323.

Thank you for your cooperation.