



Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Cemetery

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Our parish cemetery at 1001 Columbus Street in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, is cared for so that the faithful departed have a fitting and beautiful resting place. A dedicated cemetery board oversees the day-to-day operations and maintenance of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Cemetery. Because we often receive inquiries about the cemetery, we offer this brochure to help answer your questions.

Sacred Hearts Cemetery offers:

- Full burial sites
- Cremation burials
- Columbariums
- Christmas Wreath Decoration program

Whom do we contact to purchase a grave site?

You may contact the Sacred Hearts Parish Center at (608) 837-7381, or via e-mail at sacredhearts@sacred-hearts.org, and they will direct you to the correct person on the Cemetery Board.

How much does this cost?

Cost information is available upon request from members of the Cemetery Board. Contact the Sacred Hearts Parish Center to receive the most current information regarding cost.

The cost for members of the three Catholic parishes of Sun Prairie is the same, (this includes Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Saint Albert the Great, and Saint Joseph in East Bristol). Non-member Catholics and non-Catholics are welcome, and grave sites are priced accordingly.

Grave sites are required to be memorialized with a monument. This may be purchased wherever you like, but you must secure final approval of the monument and its content by the Sacred Hearts Cemetery Board.

What about cremation?

Cremation is allowed in the Catholic Church. Several years ago, the Church began to allow cremated remains in the Church. We follow respectful, Church-sanctioned rituals when handling the cremated remains for final disposition. Most families opt to bury the remains in the cemetery in a grave with a memorial stone or by entombing them within a columbarium. (Scattering the ashes or keeping them at home does not meet Church requirements.) Two cremation urns may share a burial grave.

What are the policies regarding decorations?

When choosing decorations, please remember that this is a Catholic cemetery. Christian symbols are the most appropriate. Choose items that are dignified and noble. Decorations around a grave site should be kept simple and selected in good taste.

Spring/Summer

- All decorations must be removed from grave sites for the annual clean-up three weeks before Easter Sunday. (Decorations are allowed from Easter Sunday until October 1st.)

- They should be fastened to monuments or placed into the foundation vases. They should never be placed on the ground. This helps to make mowing and trimming more efficient and less costly.
- Permanent planting of flowers or shrubs on the grave sites is not allowed.
- There is a dumpster located onsite for discarded decorations.

Autumn/Winter

- All decorations must be removed from grave sites for Fall clean-up by October 15th. (*Christmas decorations are allowed beginning November 1st.*)

Spiritual Benefits

Your loved one, buried at Sacred Hearts Cemetery, will always be remembered and prayed for. Every year on Memorial Day, Mass is offered at the cemetery in honor of all those who are buried there. Also annually on All Souls Day, the parish holds a prayer service at the cemetery to pray for all who have died in the past year, and in remembrance of those buried in the cemetery.

How can I help the cemetery?

As you think about eternity, we invite you to remember Sacred Hearts Cemetery. Donations to our operating and perpetual care funds are greatly appreciated and help to ensure the beauty and continuance of the cemetery. Thank you for your support.

—Sacred Hearts Cemetery Association

