

VISITATION & DECORATIONS

WELCOME!

Your Catholic Cemeteries, owned and operated by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee on behalf of parishes, give witness to a faithful community of Christ's disciples — the deceased, the living, even those yet-to-be born — of all walks & stations in life.

We are committed to your family, those deceased and those living. We invite you to come, to laugh, to cry, to remember, to smile and to love.

Your Catholic Cemeteries are holy places for prayer, for memory, for service, for renewed purpose. These are sacred environments where...

*LIFE is remembered,
LOVE is deepened,
HOPE is rekindled and
FAITH is awakened, renewed
and strengthened.*

WE ALL BELONG HERE TOGETHER!

**Archdiocese of Milwaukee
Catholic Cemeteries**

A Tradition of Comforting Concern Since 1857

Visitation Policy

THIS IS HOLY GROUND... GOD'S ACRES...

Through the years, the burial places of those awaiting the Resurrection have been viewed as "sacred sleeping places." A sense of reverence is always expected while visiting these sacred grounds.

Every decent human act that enhances the human body and spirit, such as walking or riding a bicycle, can be considered wholesome and holy. Thus, we see no contradiction in using the Cemetery for these and other similar activities. We do, however, respectfully ask those using these sacred grounds to extend the following courtesies:

- ❖ Assume the good intent of everyone on our grounds and presume their respect of the sacredness of these premises.
- ❖ Walkers, runners, riders and the like should remain on the roadways.
- ❖ Pets must be kept on a leash and not allowed to run free among the graves, but always remain on the roadways. Cleaning up after one's pet is essential, so be prepared.

The Cemetery is committed to public safety and security. The police, as well as private security companies, have access to our grounds and modern security practices are employed for our buildings.

REVERENTIAL ATTITUDES AND RESPECTFUL ACTIONS ARE ASKED AT ALL TIMES.

Hours of Operation – Telephone Numbers

Cemetery Grounds & Exterior Mausoleum

Every day from dawn to dusk

Interior & Courtyard Mausoleum and Counselor Service in Office

(sales, locations & general help)

Appointments with Family Service Counselors available anytime.

Monday — Friday	8 am—4:30 pm
Saturday	8 am—4:00 pm
Sunday & Holidays	10 am—4:00 pm

Cemetery Business Office

(full account services, burial
scheduling & administration)

Monday — Friday	8 am—4:30 pm
Saturday	8 am—12 Noon
Sunday & Holidays	Closed

*No access to Interior Mausoleum, Counselor Service or Business Office
on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. All other days we are open.*

HOLY CROSS	(414) 438-4420	SAINT ADALBERT	(414) 483-3663
MOUNT OLIVET	(414) 645-0611	HOLY TRINITY	(414) 483-3663
CALVARY	(414) 438-4430	ALL SAINTS (Kenosha)	(262) 694-2040
SAINT JOSEPH (Waukesha)	(262) 547-4927	RESURRECTION (Mequon)	(262) 242-3850

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Special Decoration Consideration

Special decoration consideration may be given around holidays, including Easter, Mothers Day, Memorial Day, Fathers Day, Veterans Day and Christmas. We suspend regular secondary cleanings around these days.

General Rules

- ❖ Use of the Cemetery shall, at all times, be subject to the limitations, restrictions and conditions of all Church Canons, rules, regulations, laws and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Catholic Cemeteries, either now in force or hereafter enacted.
- ❖ The Cemetery reserves the right to correct or remove at any time any decoration or planting that is unsightly, overgrown or violates any decoration policy.
- ❖ This brochure highlights some of the important rules, regulations and policies of the Cemeteries, *but does not present all of them*. If you have a question, which is not specifically answered here, please check with the appropriate Cemetery office.

We all have a common purpose—memorializing our beloved deceased at their graves, crypts and niches while maintaining the overall order, beauty and tidiness of our Cemetery grounds and buildings.

We thank you for your continued cooperation.

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Cemetery Cleaning Periods

MAIN CLEANING PERIODS — Spring / March 15th to April 15th Fall / October 15th to November 15th

The Cemetery staff totally cleans the Cemetery twice a year. In this process, they will remove and discard all artificial decorations from the previous decorating period. Perennial or annual plantings will be trimmed flush to the ground during the fall cleaning period. You must remove artificial decorations that you want to save before the beginning of each cleaning period. We are unable to retrieve a decoration once the Cemetery staff has removed it.

No decorations are allowed until cleaning is complete. Once a specific area has been cleaned, (even if the cleaning period has not expired) the next decorating period's regulations will prevail.

SECONDARY CLEANING PERIODS — Twice a month

Cemetery staff cleans violations twice a month during the spring, summer and fall months except in periods of *Special Decoration Consideration*. (see above to left)

Cemetery Decoration Privileges

SPRING, SUMMER AND FALL DECORATING PERIOD — April 16th to October 14th

- ❖ **Vases**—permanently installed and Cemetery-approved vases are permissible at any occupied grave. Other vase placement must meet the approval of the superintendent. Decorations must be placed in the vase. At FLUSH MARKERS, a vase is the only decoration option. No other decorations, except flags or flag standards, may be placed in or on the ground. Vases must be turned down during cleaning and winter decorating periods. If vases are not turned down, Cemetery personnel will do so. We will not turn vases up, however, in the spring.
- ❖ **Annual and perennial floral plantings** — permitted only at RAISED MARKERS extending a maximum of 12-inches from the marker on the front and sides. During the Fall Cleaning Period, all plantings will be trimmed flush to the ground.
- ❖ **American Flags** alone or American Flags in standards may be placed at any grave, as close as possible to the marker, **from May 1st until July 15th**. Nothing else may be placed in or on the ground. Smaller American Flags may also be placed in crypt or niche vases these same days.

WINTER DECORATING PERIOD — November 16th to March 14th

- ❖ **Wreaths, crosses or other decorations** are allowed at any grave on an approved stand at least 24-inches high; a tripod is best for stability. Vases must be turned down all winter.

Other Decoration Regulations

- ❖ **Bushes and trees** — may be planted only with the prior approval of the superintendent.
- ❖ **Edging, fencing, curbing, special stones** — and the like are **not** allowed.
- ❖ **Wooden crosses no taller than 18-inches** — are allowed to **temporarily** mark a new grave with the approval of the superintendent. When a permanent grave marker is placed, the wooden cross is removed. We will provide such a cross when a marker is ordered through us.

Mausoleum Cleaning & Decoration Privileges

- ❖ In order to maintain consistency and beauty throughout the Mausoleum areas, as well as abstain from day to day subjective memorialization approval, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee has developed placement standards and only allows crypt and niche memorialization (including flowers and lettering) that are obtained for use through the offices of the Catholic Cemeteries.
- ❖ Violations will be corrected on a daily basis.