

Saint Isidore the Farmer Parish Cemetery Rules

St. Isidore Parish cares for three cemeteries: Holy Cross Cemetery in Mount Calvary, St. Cloud Cemetery in Saint Cloud and St. Joseph Cemetery in St. Joe. These rules apply to all three cemeteries except where noted.

Burials

1. Burials are permitted year round in St. Cloud and St. Joseph cemeteries. In Holy Cross Cemetery, burials will normally not take place from December 1 thru March 31. A burial requested under exceptional circumstances will be subject to all additional costs, over and above the usual rate.
2. All burials, except cremains or infant burials, must be in a steel, concrete or polystyrene (hard plastic) burial container.
3. All burials (including urns) must be done under the direction of a cemetery committee member.
4. One grave lot may be used for up to three cremation burials with one above ground headstone and two flush markers permitted. One grave lot may be used for a traditional burial with casket and up to two cremation burials. Cremation urns must be non-biodegradable.
5. One grave lot may be used for two baby burials providing the burial container size does not exceed 18 inches by 36 inches. One above ground and one flush marker or two flush markers are permitted.
6. The cemetery shall in no way be liable for any container, receptacle or urn of cremated remains placed in any lot. A small steel, concrete or polystyrene (hard plastic) burial container is recommended for interment of cremated remains. The scattering of cremated remains over a family lot is prohibited.

Green Burials

1. A “green” or “natural” burial is a highly personal alternative to a conventional burial. The body is placed directly in touch with the soil. Members desiring this option are those who may say, “Just put me in the ground.” Those desiring a “green” or “natural” burial need to discuss this with loved ones and their preferred funeral director in advance so their wishes are granted at the time of death. Decisions on embalming, type of caskets, and time line for the funeral need to be addressed before death.
2. Saint Isidore the Farmer Cemeteries permit a “green” or “natural” burial within these guidelines:
 - a. Due to the short time line needed between death and a natural burial, notice is needed so that the excavation contractor can be notified and available.
 - b. We do not require a specific casket or type of wood. Burial in a shroud is permitted.
 - c. A burial container over but not under the body is required, to prevent soil from caving in on the body causing landscape concerns for cemetery maintenance staff. The burial container is also needed for those rare cases where a future exhumation order of the body is received.
 - d. Boulders, large stones, or trees and shrubs may not be used as memorial markers.

Monuments, Headstones or Markers

1. All monuments, headstones or markers require a foundation. The cement foundation shall be a minimum of six (6) inches thick with a six (6) inch gravel or sand base beneath it. Said foundation shall extend five (5) inches in length and width on all sides on the base of the stone and be flush with the ground. All monuments, headstones & markers must conform to specifications on reverse side.
2. Wooden, metal or plastic crosses and other art forms are not permitted as a substitute for monuments.
3. In Holy Cross Cemetery a monument may be installed on a grave that has been opened for burial after 6 months or one freeze/thaw cycle. Monuments may be installed in St. Cloud and St. Joseph cemeteries immediately after burial. A monument or permanent marker must be installed within a year after burial.
4. All markers must be installed under the direction of a cemetery committee member.

Cemetery Decorating

1. Spring, Summer and Fall decorations may be placed on graves beginning with the first Sunday in May. All decorations are to be removed by family or friends by the second Sunday in October in order to facilitate the Fall Cemetery Clean-up.

2. One metal cone shaped vase with artificial flowers will be permitted. No paper-mache (except at the time of funeral), glass jars, or tin cans will be permitted and will be discarded. No artificial flowers may be placed directly in the ground because of the hazard of wire stems getting into power mowers.
3. No flowers or shrubs of any kind may be planted in the burial area. No curbing or fencing may be placed around graves.
4. Decorations of the kind that are placed directly on the concrete base of the monument (not on the turf) are permitted, as long as they are not breakable (glass, crockery, etc...); do not have the possibility of staining the monument; and remain in presentable condition.
5. Solar powered lights are limited to one and must be anchored into the concrete base of the monument.
6. One flag per veteran may be placed on graves; conforming to the rules for the public display of flags.
7. Winter decorations may be placed after November 15th and must be removed by April 1st to facilitate the Spring Cemetery Clean-Up. Winter decorations are limited to one artificial or real wreath that is not more than 30 inches in diameter per monument.
8. Cemetery maintenance workers have the authority to remove decorations that hinder the maintenance of any grave. Decorations will be removed when they do not conform to size, material, or other limitations listed above or they become unsightly, rusted, withered, etc.

Driving in the Cemetery

1. Driving in the cemetery during the winter season is not permitted. You will be responsible for any damage caused by your vehicle. The cemetery accepts no responsibility for damage to your vehicle.
2. ATV's or snowmobiles are not allowed in the cemetery at any time.

Guidelines for Grave Markers

Holy Cross Cemetery Graves Sizes

- 1 grave is 40 inches wide
- 2 graves are 80 inches wide
- 3 graves are 120 inches wide

Holy Cross Grave Marker Size & Placement Specifications

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| A. Maximum overall height of marker permissible | 34 inches |
| B. Maximum width of footing permissible (1 burial space) | 26 inches |
| C. Maximum width of footing permissible (2 burial spaces) | 60 inches |
| D. Maximum width of footing permissible (3 burial spaces) | 78 inches |
| E. Minimum thickness of footing permissible without steel reinforcement | 6 inches |
| F. Minimum thickness of footing permissible with steel reinforcement | 3 inches |

Saint Cloud & Saint Joseph Cemeteries Graves Sizes

- 1 grave is 48 inches wide
- 2 graves are 96 inches wide
- 3 graves are 144 inches wide

Saint Cloud & Saint Joseph Grave Marker Size & Placement Specifications

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| A. Maximum overall height of marker permissible | 34 inches |
| B. Maximum width of footing permissible (1 burial space) | 42 inches |
| C. Maximum width of footing permissible (2 burial spaces) | 72 inches |
| D. Maximum width of footing permissible (3 burial spaces) | 78 inches |
| E. Minimum thickness of footing permissible without steel reinforcement | 6 inches |
| Minimum thickness of footing permissible with steel reinforcement | 3 inches |