

DIVINE GRACE PARISH  
CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Only currently registered and active members of Divine Grace Parish are allowed to purchase lots in St. Joseph or St. Patrick cemetery.

After purchasing the right of burial in either cemetery the right of burial MAY NOT be sold on the open market; it must either be donated back to the Parish or transferred.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Lot owners must immediately notify the Parish office upon a change of address so that accurate records may be kept.

DEATH OF LOT OWNER

In case of the death of a lot owner, the heirs must immediately notify the Parish office so that the succession of ownership may be properly recorded. If succession of ownership is not recorded within a period of one year, then lot ownership reverts back to the Parish. A burial will not take place in a Parish cemetery if the Parish office is unable to definitively determine ownership or succession of ownership. Lot owners must notify the Parish office whenever their contact information changes. There will be an administrative fee to transfer ownership of grave lots.

INTERMENTS

A maximum of two interments per cemetery lot will be allowed. Burials may consist of: one casket or one casket and one cremation urn or two cremation urns or one casket and one baby grave or one urn and one baby grave. Cremation urns will be placed in an existing lot and buried under a minimum of eighteen (18) inches of topsoil. Each interment will be subject to opening and closing costs.

CLEAN UP TIMES

A major Spring and Fall clean up to remove grave blankets and flowers will be done each year on March 15 and October 31. ***If you wish to keep anything from the grave site please remove it before clean-up time. The Parish will not be responsible for items not removed at the appropriate times.***

PERMITTED ITEMS

Due to the difficulty involved in proper cemetery maintenance, we ask that you limit the number of items placed on your loved one's grave. All graves shall be grass-covered. No digging or planting by lot owners is allowed. Fresh potted flowers, vigil lights and fresh cut or artificial flowers are allowed provided these items are securely fastened to a monument where possible or are placed in sturdy containers as close to the monument as possible. ***Grave blankets and winter wreaths will be permitted between November 1 and March 15.*** Veterans' flags are allowed year-round. If the placement of any allowed items interferes with cemetery maintenance, the care of the area around the monument will be the lot owner's responsibility. ***The Parish will not be responsible for damage done to owner supplied items in the performance of routine maintenance.***

ITEMS NOT PERMITTED

***Fences, borders, glass, cans, landscaping stones, statues, arts and crafts, gaudy displays or items not representative of Christian faith are not permitted.***

PLANTINGS

Trees and shrubs of any kind are to be planted or removed only in designated areas as determined by cemetery maintenance staff.

## MARKERS

Only flat or slant markers are permitted. No monuments are allowed. Markers are to be a maximum of fourteen inches (14") wide by twenty four inches (24") long by twenty two inches (22") high for a single marker and fourteen inches (14") wide by forty eight inches (48") long by twenty two inches (22") high for a double marker (including the base). The location of markers and vaults will be at the direction of the cemetery maintenance staff.

Only one burial marker per grave is permitted unless the marker is a ground level government marker or a ground level marker indicating a cremation urn. The second marker is to be placed in front of the first marker and may be a maximum of twelve (12") by twelve inches (12"). Where applicable, government -supplied veteran markers may be attached to the rear side of the first marker. Veterans' flags are permitted year-round.

All burials of adults and children require a vault *except* cremations.

All cemetery lots will be sold in a sequential, orderly fashion allowing greater ease of record keeping. Cemetery lots will not be sold according to personal preferences for specific locations.

## FOUNDATIONS

All markers must have a concrete foundation which allows for uniformity of markers, ease of maintenance and stability of the grave marker. All foundations must be installed by cemetery personnel only. To have a marker installed you must call the Parish office at 734-654-2500 so that we can arrange for the installation of the foundation. Foundation installation may be delayed due to weather or ground conditions. **The cost of this foundation will be the responsibility of the lot owner.**

***ALL HEAD STONES, FOOT STONES AND MONUMENTS ARE TO BE APPROVED BY THE PARISH OFFICE BEFORE THEY ARE ORDERED.***

Policy changes or revisions to these rules and regulations will be the responsibility of the Parish cemetery committee.

The above rules and regulations are effective July 1, 2021 and may be amended at any time. Copies of the rules and regulations will be available on the Parish website or at the Parish office.

Tax-deductible donations to the cemetery maintenance fund can be made at any time. Such donations are greatly appreciated as many older burials did not include funds for care and upkeep. Donations may be made to: Divine Grace Parish Cemetery Fund, 2996 W. Labo Road, Carleton, Michigan 48117.

### **CURRENT PRICING**

**Effective May 1, 2021**

Grave Plots	\$ 1,000
Grave opening and closing	\$ 1,000
Cremation Urn	\$ 400
Foundations:	Price varies by size
Transfer of ownership fee	\$ 50

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