

## **St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery**

### **PLEASE ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING GRAVE DECORATION REGULATIONS**

#### **REVERENCE AND RESPECT**

This Catholic Cemetery is a Holy Place. These are sacred grounds that have been blessed by the Church and are dedicated as a place of prayer and dignity for our faithfully departed. Lot holders and visitors are required to comply with these regulations so that all will enjoy the appearance of the cemetery. Please maintain a reverence and respect for all who are buried within this hallow ground and those who are visiting the graves of their loved ones.

We encourage the placement of decorations that reflect our Catholic beliefs and will be as careful as possible with our normal interment and maintenance.

The placement of natural and artificial flowers as well as plastic vigil lights are permitted on all graves as long as they are maintained and in good working order. They are to be only placed within **12 inches in front of the grave marker only**. They are not to be placed on the sides, behind, or extend beyond the grave marker and may not exceed 18 inches in height. Trees, bushes, or evergreens are not allowed. Flower beds are to meet these specifications and maintained. Fresh flowers are to be placed in plastic or metal containers and maintained or they may be removed by cemetery staff.

#### **DO NOT PLACE ON ANY GRAVE**

Metal or glass objects of any kind, shepherd hooks, statuary, fences, concrete, bricks, mulch, chips, gravel, or decorative stones are strictly prohibited. Any of these objects can be picked up and hurled by mowing equipment, making them a hazard to visitors and the cemetery staff.

Regular candles are not permitted. Cemetery candle lights must be maintained and in good working order. Broken candle lights will be removed and disposed of. Eternal lights must also be in good working order and maintained.

Between November 1st and March 1st, when the grass is not being cut, artificial or natural wreaths of less than 30 inches placed on stands are permitted but will be removed and disposed of on or after March 1<sup>st</sup>. Grave blankets must be removed by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **FUNERAL FLOWERS**

All funeral flowers will be removed 5 days after the funeral.

#### **COLUMBARIUM DECORATIONS**

Placing or attaching decorations to the fronts of the niches can cause damage to the granite and are unsightly. Nothing will be allowed to be placed or adhered to the niche.

**Any non-conforming decorations will be removed and disposed of immediately, without notice.**

#### **SPRING CEMETERY CLEAN UP MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>**

If you wish to save any decorations, please remove them by March 1<sup>st</sup> giving the staff the entire month of march for spring cleanup. Please do not place any decorations at the gravesite during the month of March.

**For more information or questions regarding these regulations  
call 219-322-4505, ext. 8220  
Regulations will be strictly enforced.**