

Prayer for the Deceased

Gracious God, we entrust to your beloved care all of our beloved family members and friends who have gone before us. Even as we mourn their passing we rejoice in the life they have shared with us and in the new life into which they have been born. Grant them a place in your heavenly home with all the saints you have found faithful. May their love and goodness live on in us inspiring us to holy living and selfless loving, so that one day, reunited with them and all your holy ones, we might sing your praise forever.
Amen



Included in this brochure is pertinent information regarding cemetery policies and procedures.

Since the establishment of the Saint Mary Catholic Cemetery in the mid 1800's, the cemetery has encouraged individuals and families to make cemetery arrangements in advance of need, thus relieving other family members from having to make serious decisions when death has occurred, a time of great emotional stress.

Without obligation, the cemetery office will provide any information requested. An appointment can be made by calling the Saint Mary Parish Office at 616.677.3934.

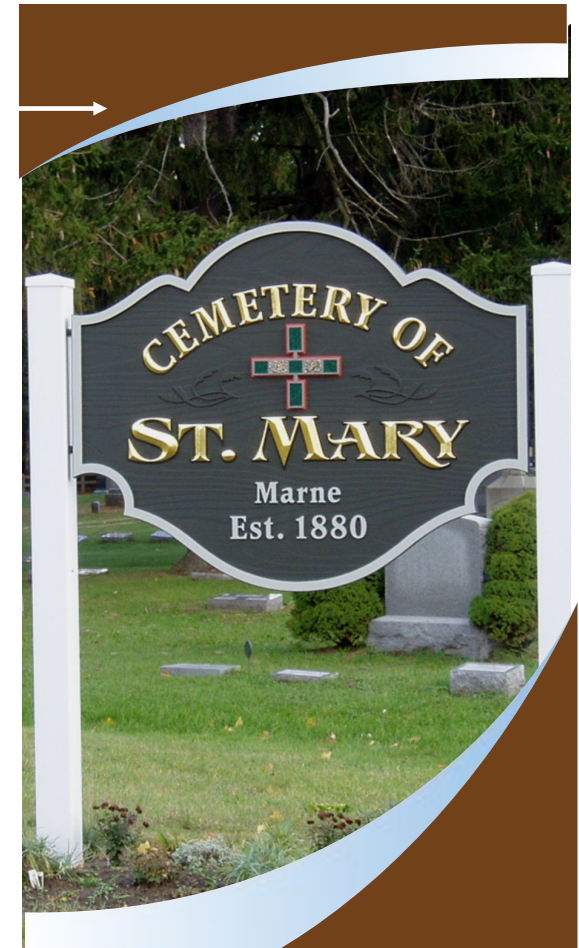
Please Note: This leaflet is for general information purposes only; Pricing information is subject to change without notice.

To arrange for an appointment, or for current pricing, please call the Cemetery Director at The Saint Mary Parish Office at 616.677.3934 or email: businessmanger@saintmarysmarne.org



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Saint Mary Catholic Cemetery Mission Statement

We, the Roman Catholic Community of Saint Mary, acknowledge that the Catholic Cemetery is established to carry out the sacred religious function of the burial and care for the resting places of the deceased. We proclaim through our words, work and example, the sacredness of the human body, our belief in the Resurrection, and the Christian virtue of Hope. We are dedicated to the respectful care of the people of God, who even in death, remain a part of our Christian Community.

Interment Rights

What does a person buy when a lot is "purchased" in a cemetery? The purchaser does not buy the lot or own the piece of property; the legal title remains with the cemetery. The purchaser of a lot acquires an easement right of interment for one or more persons in the lot according to the terms of the purchase agreement.

Subject to those terms and the cemetery's bylaws, the purchaser (or other legal lot holder) also acquires certain ancillary rights including access to the lot for purposes of visitation, and installation of approved memorials. The purchaser acquires no other right or interest in the roads, paths, common areas, gardens, buildings, etc. of the cemetery.

Other persons have access over graves to reach the grave of their deceased. The cemetery, in fulfilling its responsibilities and duties in operating the cemetery, has unfettered passage for its personnel and equipment over any grave to access any other grave.

Pricing Information

Cost of Single Gravesite:
\$400.00* Parishioner
\$750.00* Non-Parishioner

*pricing for gravesite only. The cost for gravesite opening and closing, foundation/footings, headstones and other misc. fees are additional (*pricing subject to change)

Burial Site Information

Lot size: (8 graves) 16ft x 16ft
Gravesite size : (1 site) 4ft wide x 8ft long

One burial gravesite may be used for (2) cremation burials or (1) casket and (1) cremation but only one marker will be allowed.

Additional Fee Information

Gravesite Opening and Closing:
Traditional Burial- \$550.00*
Cremation- \$300.00*
Infant Burial- \$300.00*
* all pricing subject to change

Burials will take place April 1 through October 1 at the discretion of the Sexton.

Monument Base and Footing Information

Footings- Cost for the cement slab is \$.45* cents for square foot or minimum of \$100.00 * all pricing subject to change

All footings will be installed by the Cemetery Sexton. Headstones and flush markers must be at least two (2) inches smaller on all sides than the given size of the base marker for the headstone or marker.

Width of monument base can be 40in.
Cement slab would be 44in.

Width of monument base between 2 graves can be 48in. Cement slab would be 50in.

Burials

Casket Burial-The body is to be buried lying east and west with head on east end of grave. Headstone is to be placed at the head.

Cremation burials: All ashes must be buried in the cemetery (none scattered).

Decoration Information

To maintain cemetery grounds in a manner befitting the memory of loved ones, as well as to insure visitor and employee safety, compliance with the following guidelines is expected:

All monuments and decorations should promote and reflect the Christian understanding of death and our hope in the Resurrection, and contribute to the prayerful atmosphere of the cemetery.

Decoration Information continued

April 15 - Spring Clean-Up. All winter decorations are to be picked up by this date. Whatever remains will be gathered and disposed of by Cemetery personnel.
May 15 - Memorial & Summer decorations may be put in place at this time
Nov 1 - Winter decorations will be permitted until Apr 15.

Basket urns are preferred. Ground flowers may be planted by the headstone and dirt worked up around them so that the grounds keeper can cut the grass. No stones are allowed around the markers. No trees or shrubs can be planted at the site. Any in-ground plantings will be removed if they interfere with a neighboring lot or the maintenance of the grounds in that area

Fencing, hedging borders or enclosures of any kind are not permitted around any lot or grave.

Glass containers, trinkets or decorative items not attached to a monument will not be permitted due to safety concerns for those who mow the cemetery.

Families must take responsibility for decorations; failure to do so could lead to removal or loss of these items.

The cemetery staff reserves the right to remove decorations that have deteriorated, along with decorations that do not meet the above guidelines, to maintain the beauty, dignity, and safety of the cemetery.

The cemetery staff cannot be responsible for decorations, plants, vases, etc., left on the grounds.

