

## Proposed Cemetery Decorating Regulations

The Catholic Cemetery is a Holy Place. These sacred grounds are blessed by the Church and dedicated as a place of prayer and dignity for our faithful departed. We respectfully request your cooperation in following these Rules and Regulations, which apply for the mutual protection and benefit of all.

1. Fresh flowers and live plants may be placed at a grave any time of year. Artificial flowers and plants may be placed November 1 to March 31 and from the Friday before Memorial Day until the weekend following Czech days.
2. Consistent with the rules at other local cemeteries, except for approved Christmas wreaths and American Legion flags and markers, all grave decorations (e.g. flowers, plants, urns, planters, flags, statues) must be set on the grave's foundation. Plantings in the ground are not allowed. Decorations must be in good taste and good condition. Non complying decorations will be removed and discarded.
3. Live flowers/artificial tributes must be placed in vases permanently attached to the tombstone, in saddle arrangements, or in urns/pots of unbreakable material (such as concrete, granite, or resin) on the foundation or concrete extension in line with the monument and out of the way of maintenance equipment. Concrete extensions are available in 8"x16" and 16"x16" sizes at a cost of \$3.00 and \$6.00, respectively, and must conform to cemetery rules.
4. Consistent with the rules at other local cemeteries, no urn or planter, or any other type of flower or plant container, may be set on the ground; they must be set on the grave's foundation or a concrete extension constructed for that purpose.
5. A new foundation must provide for a 4" to 6" concrete or granite wash around the memorial, with the exception of matching duplicate work on an adjoining grave in good condition.
6. The following decorations are permitted if permanently attached to the tombstone or surrounding concrete: mementos, figurines, solar lighting, peace lights, and memorial light candle holders. **If unsure of what decorations are allowed, please ask a parish council member or parish priest.**
7. The following decorations are NOT permitted: metal stands, boxes, easels, shepherd hooks, candles, border edging, fencing, rocks, gravel, bricks, mulch, glass receptacles, glass decorations, balloons, wind socks, toys.
8. Flags and commemorative markers placed by the American Legion are permitted.
9. No plants, including annual flowers, perennials, shrubs, and trees may be planted in the ground at any time.
10. Live flowers, artificial tributes, and decorations may be removed by cemetery staff if/when they become weathered, unsightly, or broken.
11. Water and equipment left unattended will be removed.
12. All monuments and placements shall conform to cemetery standards. All unauthorized decorations will be removed and placed in a designated area for visitor retrieval.
13. **We will not be held responsible for broken items.**

### Seasonal Decorations:

Artificial flowers, decorations or other ornaments and memorials are allowed to be placed in the ground during the week immediately before Memorial Day through the weekend following Czech Days. No ground is to be removed or alteration of the landscape made. Decorations not removed following this decoration period will be removed and placed in a designated area.